

GIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES* of the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Gimingham Village Hall.

Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.30pm

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present: Richard Lee, Daniel Gotts, Ali Cargill, Alan Gotts and District Councillor Roy Macdonald.

Apologies were received from: Donna Drake, Colin Hart and County Councillor Ed Maxfield. Absent: Michelle Englestone.

One member of the public attended.

1. CHAIR'S REVIEW/REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2024 – 2025:

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Gimingham Parish Council's AGM 2025. As Chairman I am pleased to give you a brief summary of our work and achievements over the past year.

As a council we have had a some difficult challenges in the last 12 months. Our most difficult was the resignation of our previous clerk. This left us with a very difficult handover with a lot of missing information which included banking, business rate issues and allotment problems. All of these have cost the parish unnecessary time and money. But onwards and upwards, we have pushed through these challenging times with the determined help of both the parish council members and our new clerk. We have been working closely with both the district and county council representatives to work through challenges and achieve our goals.

Potholes in the village have been addressed and fixed to what seems a good standard. Hedge cutting has been appointed to a new contractor who I am pleased to say made a very good job. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ali Cargill in going above and beyond with his hedge cutting in the village, again to a very high standard. Our surface water drainage cleaning has been put on a higher agenda, with Highways recognising our need for this as a low lying village.

Our Sam 2 was unfortunately stolen last year but we have thankfully received our new one which is in place through the parish council's insurance. As many of you know we frustratingly have had ongoing problems with a section of our surface water drainage system, our long term plans are moving forward although not as fast as we would like despite promises from Norfolk County Highways.

Allotments were left in a very poor state and with little knowledge of finances. There has been a tremendous amount of effort to get them back on track and I would like to thank Alan Gotts and our clerk for their time in doing so. We still have a long way to go but a great deal of progress has been made.

There has been some very keen interest for the formation of a Gimingham & District Football Club and we are currently in talks with a group of young footballers. We are dearly hoping this comes to fruition. We continue to support our dearly loved church and village hall. I look forward to a progressive year ahead and would like to thank all of our hard working parish council members and of course our clerk.

Thank you,

Daniel Gotts – Chairman
Gimingham Parish Council.

2. TO ELECT CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Cllr Cargill proposed the current Chairman to continue for the coming year and Cllr Lee seconded this. Cllr Cargill was unanimously proposed as Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Alan Gotts.

3. TO AGREE ANNUAL PARISH MINUTES MAY 2024:

The Minutes from the previous Annual Meeting held in May 2024 were proposed by the Chairman as correct and unanimously approved.

4. TO RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS:

Cllr Lee submitted a report sent by Heather Lee regarding the church. The work at the church is ongoing. Stonework over the arch is bulged and this was not accounted for in the original quote for works. The electrics on the floor had rusted through and is having to be replaced.

The bingos at the village hall have raised a total of £6,687.15 for various charities in the last twelve months, bringing the total raised since they started to over £100,000.

Colin Hart, who was unable to attend the meeting, provided a report from the Village Hall committee which explained there was an excess of expenditure over income for the second year running due to expenses for decorating, electrical safety certificate, etc, adding that the accounts are in a sound financial position as long as rigorous fundraising activities continue to take place. Mr Hart said he would attend the next Parish Council meeting to answer any queries which may arise.

5. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM:

A member of public queried the sewage problem in the village and if it had been resolved. The Chairman explained the problems faced adding that someone from Anglian Water hadn't been checking the float switches resulting in them getting caught up which prevented the pumps from working properly. The Environment Agency fined Anglian Water which resulted in a cost to AW of approx. £35,000.

There being no further business the meeting concluded and was followed by the Parish Council meeting

DANIEL GOTTS – CHAIRMAN

Date:

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