

**GIMINGHAM  
PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES\*** of the Parish Council  
Meeting held at The Village Hall,  
Gimmingham, Norfolk  
on  
**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm.**

Clerk: J Collingwood.  
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- 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:**  
**Present:** Alan Gotts, Richard Lee, Kate Drake, Ali Cargill (Acting Chairman) and District Councillor Roy Macdonald.  
**Apologies:** Dan Gotts.  
**Absent:** Michelle Englestone, County Councillor Ed Maxfield.  
No members of the public were present.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**  
None.
- 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING and ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THEM:**  
The Minutes from the previous meeting held on March 9<sup>th</sup> were accepted as correct and approved. Proposed by Cllr Kate Drake and seconded by Cllr Lee.
- 4. PUBLIC FORUM:** no members of the public attended to raise any queries. On behalf of the public, Cllr Lee asked District Councillor Macdonald about NNDC's assistance with heating bills. DC Macdonald said this help is for those on benefits but would send the Clerk an application form to forward to the Parish Councillors.
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE. District & County Councillors' reports:**  
District Councillor Macdonald said there was nothing new to report. No report had been received by County Councillor Maxfield who was standing down shortly.
- 6. PLANNING:**  
Permission granted for erection of dormer roof extension and associated alterations at 9 Southrepps Road.
- 7. MATTERS ARISING:**

**a. Allotments** – The car which an allotment holder left on site is still there. Clerk will contact MP Law at NCC regarding its removal.

Two Highways representatives met on site recently regarding a proposed new driveway in/out of the Blakelock site but they explained any application would likely not to be approved by Highways. Cllr Cargill asked everyone to think of a better option. Subsequently the clerk was asked to contact the allotment holder interested in taking the plot adjacent to the driveway, but to explain that it will be reduced in size to allow for a widened gateway. Cllr Drake suggested having a new entrance/exit at the North Walsham end of the site. Clerk to contact Highways about this.

**b. Hedge cutting near Harvey Estate** – this still hasn't been cut so the Clerk will contact Flagship to remind them again.

**c. Playground equipment plans** – the Clerk is waiting for two quotes for this work from local tradesmen.

**d. Clubhouse** – A meeting on site decided that the collapsed brick wall by the dugout needs to be cleared; a skip would be required for the rubbish in the clubhouse – clerk to obtain quotes for an 8 yard skip. Cllr Cargill offered use of his teleporter if required; he had asked Anglian Water if they could contribute towards the cost of repairing the clubhouse but nothing was forthcoming. Cllr Drake said plans for future use of the clubhouse and playing field should be made and that perhaps allotments could be put at the top end of the field. District Councillor Macdonald said there could be a fund available from April from which he could make a donation to help with funding. Cllr Lee reported the grass had not been cut since the end of March. Clerk will ask the contractor to do another cut as soon as possible. Cllr Cargill said he has sheep which could graze on it if necessary, but added that we should think of how money can be raised to make improvements for its use.

District Cllr Macdonald left the meeting at 20.08 hrs.

Cllr Gotts felt the Parish Council should concentrate on the update of the clubhouse. Cllr Lee said he was concerned that an allotment site on the playing field would make it look like a shanty town. Cllr Cargill said the Blakelock allotments were on about 3.7 acres and that it should be considered for the farm land to be put back into allotments, sell the Blakelock site and use the money to fund the clubhouse.

## 8. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Cargill reported that no potholes have been filled on Heath Lane. Cllr Drake added that there is a big pothole near no.31 Harvey Estate.

## 9. FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTS

Community Heartbeat for new defibrillator batteries @ £250 plus vat and postage:	£318.00
Clerk wages 6 wks to 19.03.26 (4 wks @ £66.68 pw and 2 wks @ £74 pw):	£414.72
Total:	£732.72

Proposer for payment: Cllr Cargill. Seconder: Cllr Drake.  
Bank balances as of today 13.04.26:  
Treasurer's account (community current a/c) £5,960.56  
Access account (deposit a/c) £5,219.23

Cllr Lee reported that two quotes have been received by the Church committee for cutting down a tree in the churchyard, one was for £2,250 and the other £2,350. Cllr Cargill will contact a tree surgeon he knows to obtain another quote. Cllr Lee also reported that two young men were seen recently in the churchyard and porch smoking drugs. Cllr Drake added that drug dealing is going on in Harvey Estate.

With no response to the requests made to Mundesley Hospital to attend a Parish Council meeting for an update, Cllr Cargill suggested visiting the hospital instead.

**10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:**

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at Gimingham Village Hall for the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm, followed by the usual Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.40 hrs.

DANIEL GOTTS – CHAIRMAN .....

Date: .....

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