

**GIMINGHAM
PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES* of the Parish Council
Meeting held at The Village Hall,
Gimmingham, Norfolk
on
Monday, 8th June 2026.

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present: Daniel Gotts, Alan Gotts, Richard Lee, Kate Drake, Ali Cargill, Michelle Englestone, District Councillor Roy Macdonald and County Councillor Callum Ringer.

One member of the public was present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Cllr Cargill declared his planning application in Item 6.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING and ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THEM:

The Minutes of both meetings, including the Annual Meeting, held on May 11th were accepted as correct and approved. Proposed by Cllr Gotts and seconded by Cllr Drake.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE. District & County Councillors' reports:

Village Hall report from Colin Hart: Mr Hart reported that in the accounts for 2025 – 26 there was an excess of expenditure over income of £188.45. This was due to lack of fundraising activities – there were four Quiz Nights less which would normally have raised between £300 - £400 each. It was disappointing that two had to be cancelled due to lack of support as fundraising is very important to maintain the hall. There were no large expenses as there had been the previous year. Cllr Drake suggested the fundraising events be more widely advertised. Mr Hart said that members of the Village Hall Committee had become tired and jaded so they advertised for more helpers. The response was disappointing so a Friends of Gimmingham Village Hall group was set up and two new people were brought on board as a result. He hopes the Village Hall Committee will now become more rejuvenated. In the past year lettings had increased but it was still

insufficient to keep the hall going. A Quiz Night will be held in two weeks' time and there will be a Race Night in November. Cllr Drake suggested promoting the events weekly. The Clerk said the Parish Council now has a Facebook page and a Village Newsletter is planned, both of which can be used to help promote village hall events. Cllr Gotts asked if prizes need to be improved to encourage more people to attend. Mr Hart said that as of April 1st the Deposit Account stood at £10,600 and the Current Account £805, plus £189 was held as Cash in Hand. Mr Hart said that he had volunteered at the Hall for twelve years and had wanted to step down from his role. Councillors thanked Mr Hart for attending the meeting.

District Councillor's report: Roy Macdonald explained that North Norfolk Community Transport is operating in the area and brought leaflets about it to the meeting. It is a door-to-door minibus transport helping people get to their destinations, where the drivers also carry shopping to peoples' doors if needed. The Clerk will post this information on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page. The Chairman asked why the Parish Council was neither invited or informed of the meeting District Councillor Wendy Fredericks recently had with Mundesley Hospital. Cllr Lee said that he too was surprised at her actions, especially as the hospital was actually in Gimingham. DC Macdonald informed the meeting that Wendy Fredericks had emailed him after the meeting had been held explaining that she had contacted the hospital and was told that she could visit right away. DC Macdonald was not available at such short notice and she had not informed anyone else of her pending visit. She reported to DC Macdonald that there were staff in the hospital and was told that it would resume its usual service to patients after works had finished being carried out at the hospital. Cllr Gotts asked why she didn't tell Gimingham, Trunch or Mundesley Parish Councils of her visit as there would have been councillors available to go even at such short notice, and she should not have taken it upon herself to have any such meeting without at least informing Parish Councillors. Cllrs Gotts and Lee said they were very disappointed that she simply took it on herself not to inform anyone else, especially as the hospital was not even in the parish she covers as a District Councillor. DC Macdonald said he didn't know why she hadn't informed anyone else.

County Councillor's report: the newly-elected County Councillor Callum Ringer was welcomed to the meeting. He explained that he has a Local Member's Fund which is Highways related and having heard the challenges of the village hall this evening, there is a Rural Funding Report which could be of interest to the Village Hall committee to assist in obtaining funding. CC Ringer added that there are now less than fifty pupils at Southrepps & Antingham School – he remembers it having over a hundred when his father taught there. Church schools tend to do fine. Erpingham School is now in special measures with its future, along with Northrepps School, in jeopardy. Corpusty School needs signing off by the Secretary of State and summoned our M.P. Steff Aquarone to a meeting. Cllr Ringer told the meeting he would chase Highways about the 'bus cage' promised to be placed by the shelter on the Hall Road corner. Cllr Englestone said she is concerned about the parked vehicles there impeding vision of other road users, especially those leaving Hall Road.

The Chairman informed CC Ringer of the flooding concerns in the village, explaining that these problems have been going on for about twenty years and the Parish Council is sick of it because nothing ever seems to be done about it. Cllr Gotts referred to a meeting held in January 2024 when there was a meeting at The Mill about it and Councillors, accompanied by the then County Councillor and some NCC employees, were walked through the village and shown where the problems were happening and are still happening to this day.

CC Ringer and DC Macdonald then left the meeting.

6. PLANNING:

- NNDC Ref. PF/26/0748 for Home Farm in Slaughter Lane. Repair and rebuild of existing triple garage.
- NNDC Ref. PF/26/0628 for Bunk Barn in Heath Lane. Part retrospective conversion of barn to dwelling (self-build). Cllr Cargill was present when this application was discussed.

It was agreed that both applications would be supported by the Parish Council with no objections.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Clubhouse & playing field – the clerk explained there is no wayleave for the pole by the clubhouse and she could find no record of payment from UK Power Networks for it. Cllr Gotts had met an engineer from UK Power Networks on site who had told him that the pole isn't leaning enough to be a problem, but that the cable is not high enough. Cllr Lee reported that Npower took the cable away today from between David Page's house and the clubhouse. This means that if we want the clubhouse to be connected to electric again the Parish Council will have to pay for a new supply and a new pole. The Clerk will get a quote for reconnection. A transformer would not be needed but we would need an external box. Quotes can be obtained online.

The clerk has purchased four No Dog Fouling signs as requested, and it can be decided at the meeting with CC Ringer on June 18th where the signs can be placed. Cllr Englestone said she has seen many dog walkers allowing their dogs to run free on the field when they are meant to be on leads and some owners shut their dogs inside the play area if they are using the equipment. Cllr Cargill asked if we could have a specific dog run area but it was felt the fencing required would be too much of an expense for the council.

Quotes to replace the windows and doors damaged recently will be obtained from three local suppliers/fitters. Cllr Englestone knows someone who does that type of work and will ask him to quote for it. The clerk will contact Nigel Cutting and another tradesman.

b. Allotments – the clerk has written to Brian Thurston asking him to remove his car trailer and other rubbish which he left on site when he gave up his allotments. The possibility of moving onto one allotment site was further discussed and this idea will be offered to current allotment holders, inviting

them to the July meeting for their thoughts on the matter. Cllr Cargill offered to measure the Blakelock site and the size of the allotments there.

c. Parish Newsletter – the clerk suggested that a newsletter would be beneficial for the village. Cllr Drake said that Parish Councillors' contact details should be included. Clerk will include councillors' names and email addresses so parishioners will know who they are and where and when the Parish Council meets. It was agreed that it will be a quarterly magazine printed in-house.

8. HIGHWAYS

Temporary road closure order – works to facilitate gully and cover works will take place on June 16th/17th on Hall Road to the junction with Church Street.

Cllr Englestone said she had reported reckless driving on the car park by Beech Close, to NNDC and Flagship Housing. She understands the driver has been given an ASBO.

9. FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTS

JW Gardening (4 x grass cuts) @ £160	£640.00
Clerk wages 5 wks to 28.05.26:	£370.00
Purchase of 4 x dog fouling signs for playing field:	£ 15.98
Total:	£1,025.98

The 2025 – 2026 Parish Council accounts were also discussed and agreed.

Proposer: Cllr Drake. Seconder: Cllr Lee.

Bank balances as of today 08.06.26:

Treasurer's account (current): £9,703.24. Access account (deposit): £5,221.52.

A date for the Asset Register renewal was set for Saturday 11th July, 10.30 hrs at the Village Hall.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 13th July 2026 at Gimingham Village Hall for 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.15 hrs.

DANIEL GOTTS – CHAIRMAN

Date:

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