

**GIMINGHAM
PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES* of the Parish Council
Meeting held at The Village Hall,
Gimmingham, Norfolk
on
**Monday, 12th January 2026 at
7.30pm.**

Clerk: J Collingwood.
Tel. 07703 129173



1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present: Alan Gotts, Richard Lee, Daniel Gotts, Kate Drake, and District Councillor Roy Macdonald.

Apologies: Ali Cargill and Ed Maxfield.

Absent: Michelle Englestone.

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 Nov.10th were accepted as correct and approved. Proposed Cllr Alan Gotts and seconded by Cllr Lee.

4. PUBLIC FORUM: no members of the public attended to raise any queries.

5. CORRESPONDENCE. District & County Councillors' reports:

CC Maxfield had already sent his County Council report which was also available here this evening.

DC Macdonald reported that the Local Plan had been updated. The Parish Settlement boundaries are being discussed. It had been planned that around one thousand new homes will be built each year in North Norfolk, but that figure has been reduced to c.600. These figures apply from when the Local Plan came into effect in December. Most developments of at least ten houses will have a Section 106 agreement which helps towards local facilities including healthcare and education. He added there are presently around one hundred homeless people in North Norfolk living in temporary accommodation. There are currently no illegal migrants in the constituency.

District Councillor Macdonald left the meeting at 19.55hrs.

The clerk has received notification from Gladiator Events of the Pier 2 Pier Norfolk event on June 6th 2026, starting at Cromer Pier and finishing at Great Yarmouth Pier, in aid of EACH.

Cllr Lee reported that the recent Christmas Tree festival at the church in December raised around £2,090.

6. PLANNING:

No new applications.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Allotments – the Clerk had written to/emailed allotment holders explaining there would be no immediate increase in fees as had been previously planned, instead when invoices are due to be sent in October 2026, allotment holders would be informed that fees would be increased from October 2027 to assist with the required improvements which need to be made to both allotment sites. The clerk has obtained quotes for a skip to clear rubbish left on the allotment sites. Cllr Drake suggested looking at a skip comparison site which may be cheaper than the quotes already received. The clerk will seek prices for a sealed skip which was agreed would be the most suitable type to hire.

b. Update re No Parking signs for Slaughter Lane junction – this will be discussed at the next meeting when it is hoped Cllr Cargill will be present.

c. Beech Close street light and parking – the clerk contacted Flagship Housing who confirmed that they had sent the streetlight query to their electrical compliance team to adjust the light in question but they did not receive a response so will chase them up about it. As regards to speeding drivers around Beech Close, there is nothing Flagship can do about this as it is beyond their remit. The clerk was asked to chase up with Highways and/or County Councillor Maxfield, regarding the parking issue by the bus shelter opposite the Village Hall.

d. Harvey Estate overgrown hedge by pavement - Flagship have sent details to their grounds maintenance team to action.

e. Clubhouse and field – no further contact had been made by MADRA. Cllr Lee reported damage to the former brick spectator stand on the edge of the playing field. The Chairman will inspect the damage and report back regarding any repair work required.

f. Parish precept for 2026 – 2027 – the precept was discussed and it was agreed that there will need to be an increase in the precept of 7.5%. Proposer: Cllr Lee. Seconder: Cllr Alan Gotts.

8. HIGHWAYS

The clerk informed the council of the roadworks in Church Street during the coming week when road closures will be in place on behalf of Openreach. Notice of this has been placed on the Parish Council website.

9. FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTS

M Kinder – maintenance jobs:	£368.00
Clerk wages (8 wks) to 31.12.25:	£533.44

& stamps :	£ 6.96
Total:	£908.40

Bank balances after above payments:

Treasurer's account (community current a/c) £6,199.25.

Access account (deposit a/c) £5,212.65. The present gross interest rate is 0.60%. The account has earned £7.88 interest for November to January.

The clerk has received an invoice from Fosters for the Village Hall legal fees. Allowing for the £830.00 already paid by the Parish Council and held on account with Fosters, there is a balance due of £599.60. The Village Hall had previously agreed to contribute half of the total cost.

10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

To discuss the request given to the Parish Council this evening for a £600 donation towards the grass cutting and maintenance of the cemetery at All Saints Church, Gimingham, for 2026.

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th February 2026 at Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.25 hrs.

DANIEL GOTTS – CHAIRMAN

Date:

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