

GIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes* of the Parish Council Meeting, held at Gimingham Village Hall.

Monday 18TH NOVEMBER 2024 at 7.30pm

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present: Daniel Gotts (Chairman), Alan Gotts, Michelle Englestone, Richard Lea, Donna Drake, County Councillor Ed Maxfield, District Councillors Roy MacDonald and Peter Neatherley, Roy Dickinson - Vice Chairman of Mundesley Parish Council, and Hayley Nicholson (Deputy Director, Southern Hill Hospital) and Mark Hallam (Director of Clinical Services).

Apologies were received from: Cllrs. Donna Drake and Wendy Fredericks.

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 October 14th were accepted as correct and approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

The hospital representatives gave an update on Southern Hill Hospital. Their last CQC inspection had been in April and it was rated as 'Good'. There had been an incident at Southrepps Shop and the situation regarding the woman on the field discussed at the Parish Council's September meeting had been resolved. Cllr Dickinson asked how many calls the hospital had received from the public since the last meeting, to which Ms Nicholson replied four or five. The hospital only reports to the CQC if there has been an incident. Cllr Alan Gotts asked if their patients who had been admitted voluntarily, were covered by the hospital's insurance, particularly in light of the extensive damage caused by a patient at the Links Chalet Park in Mundesley. Ms Nicholson said that as Deputy CEO, she had met with site management, but hasn't yet seen the insurance report; it is still regarded as an ongoing incident. Cllr Daniel Gotts asked if there would be a contribution towards the cost of the damage; Ms Nicholson said she has never received the report. Cllr Dickinson recommended the hospital to revert to the Chalet site management and ask again for the report.

Ms Nicholson said there were currently 46 residents, their maximum is 53. There are more local patients now, with more detained there than on an informal basis. Mr Hallam reported that on 2/3 occasions during the last 2/3 months, they had refused to allow one patient to leave the premises. He explained that if a patient had not been admitted under the Mental Health Act the hospital cannot stop patients leaving. If patients are there informally, and regarded as being mentally stable, the hospital cannot stop them from going out. Cllr Daniel Gotts asked how many patients went out each day; Mr Hallam replied that it could be between 5 and 30 - 40 per day.

Mr Hallam and Ms Nicholson were thanked by all those present for attending the Meeting to give an update which had been gratefully received, whereby they left the meeting. Mundesley Cllr Roy Dickinson also left.

5. PLANNING:

There was one planning application to consider for which the Parish Council supported and had no objections:

Sedum House, Sandpit Lane, Gimingham. NNDC Planning ref.: PF/24/2310.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Ed Maxfield, County Councillor had submitted his report as had Roy Macdonald, District Councillor. Cllr Macdonald also discussed the problem with the suspected pollution in the water flowing from Gimingham into Mundesley. Anglian Water had informed Cllr Macdonald that there had been no pollution in the water. He had a meeting with AW's Regional Manager in Beccles who said the pump at Gimingham had been running for 62 hours, but the pumps were not on for as long as AW had claimed. It had firstly been regarded as an unrecorded event and the AW staff had not been fully truthful about it. A survey has been carried out and more ammonia has been detected in the water; it has subsequently been officially reported as a pollution event which results in AW being fined by the Environment Agency.

Cllrs Macdonald and Maxfield then left the meeting at 20.10 hrs.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Southern Hill – covered in Item 4 above.

b. Graffiti on bridge – the Councillors decided they will try and remove the graffiti themselves. Cllr Englestone said she believed her father had some suitable paint remover and would therefore ask him.

c. Gimingham Clubhouse – the clerk has advertised the building on the internet/Facebook sites as a storage unit but no responses to date. Cllr Englestone said she will speak with Jackie Thornton who is involved with Norwich City F.C. Community Foundation as she may have suggestions for use of the playing field by local football clubs. The beech hedge adjoining the field needs to be cut back which Cllr Cargill had offered to get done from October. The Council was reminded that the building still had a broken window which had been like it for about two years.

Sam of East Anglian Construction & Maintenance had contacted the clerk to ask if he could quote for grass cutting on the playing field. He is meeting Cllr Alan Gotts on site soon.

d. Allotments – the clerk and Cllr Alan Gotts had been working together to compile an accurate up-to-date plan of the sites and allotment holders, which was a time consuming project as there were no site plans or records of allotment holders on file from the previous incumbent, so they were having to start from scratch, but this was now nearing completion to enable invoices to be sent out to holders.

e. 2025 Norfolk Marathon meeting – Cllrs Dan Gotts and Richard Lea were meeting with Steve Hitcham, Marathon organiser, on November 23rd to provide guidance and suggestions for the event on its route through the village.

f. Annual Inspection report – this had been carried out in October by The Play Inspection Company. The Clerk had not been made aware that the inspection was going to be carried out until after it had been done.

g. Street light at Harvey Estate – Mrs Innes contacted the clerk on October 22nd regarding one of the street lights by her home at no. 22 in Harvey Estate, as it was not working. Mrs Innes had reported this to Highways Dept., Victory Housing and Flagship Housing Association but nobody had been to repair it yet, despite it adjoining a disabled car parking area. The clerk has reported the matter to Flagship who said they will be replacing the bulb soon.

8. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

a. A request had been made via Cllr Lee from Mrs Heather Lee, for the Parish Council to donate £600 to Gimingham Church to help with the cost of hedge and grass cutting. The Parish Council agreed and this was proposed by Cllr Daniel Gotts and seconded by Cllr Alan Gotts.

b. Payments due:

M Kinder: grass cutting & maintenance.	£312.00
Secret Gardens: playing field grass cutting.	£300.00
Clerk wages (6 weeks: Oct. 2 nd – Nov. 13 th).	£400.08
TOTAL:	£1,012.08

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Potholes on Trunch Road – no further progress: clerk still waiting to hear from Highways.

b. Norfolk County Council has set out its savings proposal plan, where they are having to make savings of £44.7m.

c. On October 21st the Clerk received complaints from Mr & Mrs Phillips on Hall Road regarding the mayhem along Hall Road caused by traffic during the cable installation along the Southrepps/Mundesley Road. Damage was being caused to the verges outside all the properties adjacent Hall Farm where cars, vans and lorries try to pass each other on this single track quiet lane. No sufficient signage had been put in place.

11. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Monday 13th January 2025 – Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The dates for 2025 Parish Council meetings were confirmed as:

January 13th

February 10th

March 10th

April 14th

May 12th including the Annual Parish Meeting

June 9th

July 14th

September 10th

October 13th

November 10th

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.50 hrs.

DANIEL GOTTS - CHAIRMAN

30th November 2024

** These are draft minutes only until agreed at the next meeting.*