

GIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.30pm

1. 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 who has another parish council meeting to attend this evening but will try and come here later. **Absent:** Michelle Englestone.

One member of the public attended.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

The Chairman owns the property referred to in the planning application on the agenda and therefore has no input on its discussion or decision.

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

The Minutes from the previous meeting held in April were accepted as correct and approved. Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Alan Gotts.

4. PUBLIC FORUM: A member of the public reported that the timetable in the Bus

Shelter has been vandalised and the litter bin has been pulled off. Cllr Alan Gotts said there needs to be two replacements and asked the Clerk to get quotes for two cage-type bins for both bus-shelters at The Pound.

The member of public expressed concern about pedestrians using the road between The Pound and Beech Close and asked if it would be possible to form a working party to help form a footpath on the adjacent field and also between The Pound and Trunch Social Club area.

Cllr Cargill informed the meeting that new laws are coming into force soon regarding the locations for footpaths. The Clerk will look into this.

5. PLANNING:

One planning application to consider: Martha's Cottage, Mill Street.

<https://idoxpa.north-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=STTM38LNKW100>

There were no objections to this and the Parish Council agrees to and supports the application.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

County Councillor Ed Maxfield's report has been received and copies provided at the meeting although he has informed the Clerk that he has a few updates to his written report which he will be sending. He also reported that Norfolk County Council has changed contractors for Highways maintenance but extraordinarily learnt of this from a Parish Councillor of another parish and not from NCC.

Based on the content of Cllr Maxfield's report, the Clerk was asked to lodge a concern about the possible closure of the North Walsham Recycling Centre.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Allotments – Cllr Alan Gotts reported that more allotments had been let to new tenants but there were still plots available. The Clerk will advertise these on Next Door and Facebook online groups. There had recently been a case of fly-tipping on one of the sites. Cllr Cargill asked if a spreadsheet of all plot holders could be made available to Council members.

b. Potholes – Some potholes had been filled in but there were still some near the church and cemetery which need to be done. Councillors expressed their surprise as to why they hadn't all been filled in at the same time.

c. SAM2 – It still needs to be connected to an android phone to check on vehicles' speeds as they drive through the village. To defer to next meeting.

d. Clubhouse/playing field – The Clerk has heard nothing back from the group who were interested in renting the field and building but will chase for an update.

e. Recycling bins – A credit of £97.13 has been received from NNDC for the textiles recycling bin. NNDC informed the clerk that it is emptied weekly which surprised the Parish Council. It was discussed as to its feasibility and agreed to give it another year before making a decision on keeping it or not. Cllr Cargill asked the Clerk to promote the textile recycling bin on the Parish Council website. It was unanimously decided to get rid of the glass recycling bin as there had been large items of glass left dumped beside it and most people now use their own green bins wherever possible. Clerk to arrange for its removal.

f. Village hall registration update –

The Chairman has had the plan digitised to submit to the solicitors who will then forward to Land Registry. Cllr Cargill suggested using local contacts for any professional services required in the future as this could be more economically viable for the Parish Council.

Any other matters requiring consideration before the next meeting: none.

8. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

a. Payments due:

JW Gardening services: April 11 th , 18 th & 27 th)	£360.00
Westcotc (b/fwd)	£3,810.00
Clerk's wages (5 weeks to May 21 st):	£333.40
Total:	£4,503.40

Payments of above proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Alan Gotts.

b. Bank balances as at today May 12th 2025: Treasurer's account (community current a/c) £9,897.58 (before above payments of £4,503.40 are made). Access account (deposit a/c) £5,189.58.

The Clerk has arranged for the annual internal audit to be carried out by Jim Graves, ready for submission to external auditors PKF Littlejohn.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Lee asked about grass cutting on the playing field as it has yet to be cut to one level. It was explained that as only one half of the field had been cut in previous years, it would take a few cuts to bring the whole field to the same level.

The Environment Agency's Norfolk Asset Performance had sent information and a map showing locations of its work in the area.

NCC has cancelled a Temporary Closure of the Gimingham Road towards Trunch where drainage and carriageway patching works had been due to go ahead; a new date for the works will be listed in due course.

10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th June 2025 at Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

DANIEL GOTTS - CHAIRMAN

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