

GIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 14th April 2025 at 7.30pm

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present: Daniel Gotts (Chairman), Alan Gotts, Richard Lee and County Councillor Ed Maxfield.

Apologies were received from: Michelle Englestone, Ali Cargill and Donna Drake. Three members of the public attended.

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

County Councillor Ed Maxfield arrived at 7.40pm.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

Two members of the public discussed their options for hiring the clubhouse and playing field to form a football club. They measured the building today and their plans are to have works carried out which will include a slight redesign to incorporate some changing rooms which will be required. Another member of public said that if the facilities are good they would be hired out easily, especially as there is no football club in Trunch, Mundesley or Southrepps. There could also be a possibility of forming a darts club. Cllr Alan Gotts said that they would need help to achieve their plans. The Chairman stated that he was not sure if the building was insulated and asked at what stage of the renovation work can they reach financially, as they would need to apply for a grant. The Clerk advised the possibility of grants available, some of which might require match funding. Quotations will be sought to price up the required works and at that point appropriate grants could be researched and applied for. They will email the Clerk by April 28th with plans and quotations.

5. PLANNING:

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

The County Councillor's report has been received, copies provided.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Allotments – Cllr Gotts explained that allotments of a holder who hadn't paid have been relet. Two other vacant plots have also been relet but as they appear to have been abandoned and required considerable work to bring them back to a

productive state again, it was agreed that the new allotment holder would have six months free of charge in return for doing the work, with rent then becoming due in October in line with the remaining allotment holders. Cllr Gotts will ask Vaughan Bumfrey if he will clear the Christmas trees growing by an allotment as this would aid the clearing of one particular plot. This arrangement was proposed by Cllr Lee and seconded by Cllr Gotts. Another holder had now paid for two of his plots but has given notice that he will not renew in October due to family commitments. Cllr Gotts has compiled a new plot holders' plan. Another holder had rung the clerk today explaining he had found rubbish dumped on his plot and wanted to make clear it was not of his doing: the rubbish included a mattress and other household waste. The Clerk has received further enquiries for allotments and will ask NNDC if they will clear the rubbish left on site, as it is fly tipping.

Cllr Lee queried the situation with the farmer who rents some land from the Parish Council. Cllr Gotts explained that some of it was free of charge for a short time more as had been agreed between the farmer and the previous clerk.

b. Potholes – Cllr Alan Gotts reported that potholes had still not been seen to, despite promises to the contrary made by someone from Highways who had been in the village recently. Cllr Gotts asked why the delay, and expressed his dissatisfaction with the evident waste of money when Highways had painted around the holes, as the paint will wash off or fade away before the holes have been filled in. The Clerk said she has previously reported the potholes on two or three occasions to both Highways and on FixMyStreet but to no avail. Cllr Maxfield informed the Council that NCC has contracted out more and more work to businesses; there are still a few Heads of Dept however who earn £££,000s. The Clerk asked how much the daily interest bill is at NCC, bearing in mind they are millions in debt. Cllr Maxfield agreed to find out.

The Chairman raised the problem regarding drainage. As per the Highways report, which they agreed to have done by the end of April, it does not look promising. They wanted to put drains all the way through starting at the bottom of Slaughter Road, but they don't have the money to do it. Cllr Maxfield will chase them for an update.

c. SAM2 – Cllr Alan Gotts reported that he had fixed the SAM2 camera in place but as yet it had not been connected to an Android phone to check the speeds of vehicles passing through. The Clerk will contact Cllr Drake to ask if it could be connected to her phone as discussed in a previous meeting.

d. Clubhouse/playing field - use of the field and unit was discussed in the Public Forum.

e. Recycling bins – an invoice for £80.40 had been submitted to NCC for reimbursement of the glass recycling. Half of these proceeds would be donated to the Village Hall. It was agreed to discuss the viability of keeping the recycling bins at the next meeting when it is hoped more Parish Councillors will attend. It has become obvious that people use their own green bins for recycling rather than the bin outside the Hall. Textile bin: NNDC had informed the Clerk that they “usually charge Parish Councils in tonnage” and “that all textile payments will be sent out to Parish and Town Councils next week commencing 14th April”. Clerk to ask them for clarification on this.

f. Village hall registration update – the boundary has been measured by Parish Councillors; to progress further a digital format showing the plan of the Hall is being obtained from Ground Design architects.

ANY OTHER MATTERS requiring consideration before the next meeting: the Clerk informed the Council that the late Jacqueline Norman's service will be held tomorrow at the church at midday; this information is on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Maxfield left the meeting at 8.25pm.

8. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

a. Payments due:

JW Gardening services for two cuts in March:	£240.00
Countrystyle Glass Recycling:	£45.00
Clerk's wages for 5 weeks to 16 April and printer cartridges @ £82.90	£416.30
TOTAL:	£701.30

Payments of above proposed by Cllr Lee and seconded by the Chairman.

b. Bank balances as at today April 14th 2025: Treasurer's account (community current a/c) £5,095.52. Access account (deposit a/c) £5,186.03.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Lee reminded the Parish Council that a £300 donation to the Church will be due when the next precept is received as had previously been agreed. Grants of £2,500 and £4,000 have been received towards the cost of repairs of £29,000, plus a legacy of £10,000 from someone in Australia. Works commence April 22nd and include masonry on the bell tower and on the floor. Mobile toilets and a skip will be on site for 6 weeks.

10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

None.

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 12th May 2025 at Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm which follows the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.35 hrs.

DANIEL GOTTS - CHAIRMAN

Date: