

**GIMINGHAM
PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Parish Council
Meeting, held at The Village Hall,
Gimingham, Norfolk
on
Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.30pm.

Clerk: Mrs J Collingwood.
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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present: Richard Lee, Daniel Gotts, Michelle Englestone, Ali Cargill and District Councillor Roy Macdonald.

Apologies were received from: Cllr Alan Gotts.

Peter Neatherway, District Councillor for Trunch was also in attendance.

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 June 9th were accepted as correct and approved. Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Lee.

4. CORRESPONDENCE: DC Macdonald reported on the incident of sewage overflowing from a drain in Beech Close. He had visited the site himself and reported it to Anglian Water where he was told that another department was dealing with it. The drain is owned by Flagship Housing. Cllr Macdonald was informed that a device is going to be fitted which will warn of the likelihood of flooding. Cllr Englestone said that the drains are full of soil and debris. Cllr Macdonald reported seeing sewage on the pavement during his visit and is in the process of speaking with Flagship.

The clerk reported that she had received correspondence from 'GLEAM', an organisation who strives to preserve unsurfaced highways, to end recreational driving on green lanes by motorbikes, quad bikes and 4x4s. They are asking for evidence of how such motor use hinders others exercising their public access rights. It was felt that the Parish Council could not be of help.

5. PUBLIC FORUM:

Cllr Neatherway asked what was the reason of a meeting again with Mundesley Hospital representatives, as the Parish Council had previously planned. Cllr Cargill explained that the Council would like to know how they are getting on and

that we would like close integration with them following previous incidents.
The clerk will invite them to the next meeting in September.

8.05pm: Cllrs Macdonald and Neatherway left the meeting.

6. PLANNING:

None.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Allotments – The clerk reported some new allotment holders had been taken on although there were still some allotments available. Cllr Cargill kindly offered weedkiller for allotments in need of it. Cllr Lee reported the gate to the Blakelock site is open but ought to be kept closed. Cllr Cargill suggested a ‘Close the gate’ sign is fixed on to it. Clerk to get prices for this.

b. Footpaths – Cllr Cargill reported the Government’s planned scheme regarding footpaths has had its deadline scrapped indefinitely for Rights of Way, so there is nothing further for the Parish Council to do in this regard.

c. Clubhouse/playing field – The clerk had contacted James Buhlemann of the Norfolk Football Association but he was not due back in his office until July 21st. The clerk will ask him for a site visit. Cllr Lee asked what the cost would be to finish off the building work on the clubhouse. Cllr Cargill suggested we look into lottery funding as it could be used as a community shop, as well as a Football clubhouse. Clerk to contact NNDC to enquire as to any assistance they may be able to give.

Cllr Lee said he felt the grass on the playing field was not being cut regularly enough, adding it is 24 days since the last cut.

Cllr Cargill will speak to the landowners regarding the possibility of a footpath towards Trunch, and when they plant the fields this September if they would leave a metre from the hedge line for a footpath.

d. Recycling bins - The clerk has asked on two separate occasions for the glass recycling bin to be removed but it is still in place. An invoice for £9.00 has been received. Councillors agreed for this not to be paid as the suppliers had already been asked to remove the bin. The clerk will contact them again.

e. Village Hall registration update – The Chairman reported that Cllr Alan Gotts had met with the Love family who owns the land adjoining the hall. The Chairman felt that, in his personal view, it should never have got to this point. The transfer of the village hall from the Parish Council to the village hall committee had become a huge expense to the Parish Council and was still ongoing, particularly with legal fees which had been, and still were, being accrued; he was sure that villagers would not be happy to see their precept payments rise to contribute towards it, especially when it resulted in no benefit to anyone.

f. Litter bins – the clerk has shopped around for prices and the most competitive price for an appropriate bin is £64.95 for a lid top resin outdoor bin on Amazon. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with purchase.

g. Bench on Sandpit Lane Cllr Cargill will speak with KW Farm Services of Southrepps to get a price for the replacement bench which had been vandalised recently.

h. Grants for bus shelters/repairs – the clerk reported that a grant from NCC is available for bus shelters which include renovation work. She will investigate further and make the necessary application for the repairs needed and will contact Peter Emery for a quote for works. The Chairman asked the clerk to arrange a meeting between himself and Mr Emery on site. Cllr Englestone said the shelter needs to have the window at the back replaced/repaired.

i. Parish Council vacancy – this has been advertised on the Parish Council website and on the village notice board for over three weeks but there have been no enquiries. The Parish Council can now co-opt a suitable member.

8. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

WIX for one year's Plan for website:	£129.60
NNDC for emptying of bins:	£250.38
Total:	£379.98

A statement of accounts from 2024-2025 was given to councillors and discussed. There is a VAT refund of £1,329.24 which has been applied for. Cllr Cargill proposed the authorisation of payments due and the accounts' submission to the internal auditor, and this was seconded by the Chairman. Bank balances as at today July 14th 2025: Treasurer's account (community current a/c) £3,723.39. Access account (deposit a/c) £5,196.03.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Cargill offered to speak with someone he knows at NFU Mutual Insurance to obtain a quote for the Parish Council's insurance when it comes due in October. The clerk will also obtain a quote from another insurance company. Cllr Lee reported that most of the repairs to the church had been completed, but another £600 is needed to do work on the tower. The village church committee had received a quote for £1,000 to do repairs on a window which would involve about two and a half hours' work. A tree in the cemetery is having to be felled. Cllr Cargill suggested they contact Louis de Soissons of Southrepps whose son is a tree surgeon.

Cllr Cargill asked the clerk to obtain a local police report as they have not been to any of the Parish Council meetings for some time. He also asked if we can provisionally book a fete for August 2026 as he felt it would be a good fundraising event to hold for the village.

10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 8th September 2025 at Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.45 hrs.

DANIEL GOTTS – CHAIRMAN

Date: September 8th 2025.

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