GIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.30pm

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present: Daniel Gotts (Chairman), Alan Gotts, Richard Lee, Ali Cargill, Kate Drake, District Councillor Roy Macdonald.

Apologies: County Councillor Callum Ringer.

Absent: Michelle Englestone.

Six 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 June 8th were accepted as correct and approved. Proposed by Cllr Kate Drake and seconded by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

Allotment sites were discussed with members of the public here this evening who are allotment holders. One plot holder on the Buxton site said the entrance needs improving. The heavily overgrown plots are concerning – they need to be tidy to appeal to new plot holders. Cllr Cargill offered to take a tractor there to tidy them up. Cllr Gotts felt the plots on the Blakelock site are too big. It was agreed that the centre of the driveway into the Buxton site could be levelled. It was discussed if a CCTV camera could be put on site to monitor illegal dumping. It was agreed that a skip will be placed on site to help clear the rubbish. The Chairman said not all the rubbish on site could be put on a skip. The clerk will email allotment holders asking if any of them could find use for a bath, e.g. for growing potatoes, etc. as some baths had been dumped on site some years ago and were still there. When asked if plot holders on the Blakelock site would move across to the Buxton site, they unanimously wanted to stay where they were as they have put a lot of time into their plots at Blakelock. Cllr Cargill explained the Parish Council's idea of moving to one site. There was a concern about the lack of water supply at Blakelock. Clerk to look into a grant to help connect water on site.

There are 30 plots at Blakelock and all those plot holders who have responded said they want to stay at Blakelock. The Parish Council will consider by their next meeting what its decision will be regarding moving to Buxton site. One allotment holder asked if security will be increased.

The clerk was asked to contact the former allotment holder who left the site leaving behind his old car trailer and various items of rubbish, and confirm that if not moved within 14 days the Parish Council will move it and send him the bill.

The Village Hall Treasurer, Colin Hart, asked for progress on registration of the Village Hall. Clerk to enquire with Land Registry.

The defibrillator pads at the hall expire at the end of August. CH is the point of contact for this.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

District Councillor report: DC Roy Macdonald reported that he has heard nothing about Mundesley Hospital reopening. As he was due to attend an urgent meeting regarding a man who had been trampled to death today on National Trust land at Felbrigg, he left the meeting at 8.20pm.

County Councillor report: This has been received by email and sent to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

6. PLANNING:

None.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Allotments – discussed in Public Forum earlier.

b. Loose tile on roof of clubhouse – the Chairman will do this. A quote has come in from UK Power Networks confirming that reconnection charges to the clubhouse will start from £7,579. The County Councillor will be asked for the name of the grant available for installation of solar panels, an invertor and batteries. If the clubhouse becomes up and running again, it was suggested that dance clubs could use the facility. A member of the public offered his help with events. Cllr Lee asked if the quotes received so far for replacing the doors and windows that were smashed in, should include for a full solid door and not a glass one. Specification can be changed to a solid door.

c. Police response to clubhouse vandalism – Cllr Drake has received a message saying the police are not taking this any further but have given the lads involved an antisocial warning. The woman who witnessed the incident told Cllr Drake that she has heard no more from the police and not had an official statement taken, so the police must have based their conclusive action on the initial online report.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should send a thank you card and flowers to the lady who reported the incident. It was agreed that a complaint about this should be made to the Chief Constable and the PCC highlighting the fact that the lady who reported it said she won't be reporting any future offences due to the police's lack of activity.

d. Playground equipment - the clerk has had no progress in finding someone who will paint and carry out any jobs on the playground equipment. One person has not responded, another isn't interested in doing it, and another has just retired. Cllr Drake suggested contacting a Mitzi Bradshaw in Mundesley as she has contacts who may help. A member of the public expressed his concern at the amount of dog fouling along Hall Road and asked if another bin can be placed at the far end of that road.

e. Cllr Drake reported that the overgrown hedge at Harvey Estate has been trimmed back only a little. Clerk will contact Flagship Housing saying the Parish Council is very disappointed at the state of it still and that parishioners have complained.

8. HIGHWAYS

Information needs to be sent to CC Ringer about the flooding and drainage problems in the village as the problem has been going on for years and the problem continues. The Clerk will contact Environment Agency asking for the river to be cleared as it is overgrown and clogged up with weeds. It has not been cleaned out for years and the Parish Councillors think there has been a water diversion.

Cllr Cargill reported that someone has been making a mess along the footpaths by the river since around four months ago. Paston Way between Heath Lane and Hall Road have been affected by this. It was discussed about placing signs in the area.

9. FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTS:

JW Gardening (2 grass cuts @ £160):	£320.00
Clerk to 25.6.26:	£296.00
WIX Annual website plan July 2026 – 27:	£129.60
TOTAL:	£745.60

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

A VAT refund of £979.40. has been received.

Bank balances as of today 13 July 2026: Treasurer's account (current a/c) £9,396.41. Access account (deposit a/c) £5,225.74.

The Clerk explained about the local elections due in May 2027 and the possibility that the Parish Council may have to pay the costs involved in holding it.

10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

Skip with lockable cover for allotment site.

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 14th September 2026 at Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.25 hrs.

DANIEL GOTTS - CHAIRMAN

Date:

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