

GIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9th October 2023 – 7.30pm @ Gimingham Village Hall

Present: Daniel Gotts, Jocelyn Pike and Alan Gotts

Others: Duncan Baker-MP, Roy MacDonald-NNDC, Ed Maxfield-NCC and
1 member of the public

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| As Ady Phillips - was unable to attend - the Vice Chair Daniel Gotts chaired the meeting. |
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- 1. To consider apologies for absence - To note and approve apologies received by the Clerk prior to the meeting**
Apologies were received by Ady Phillips - personal - accepted by the Council.
- 2. To receive declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations - interests in Agenda items and authorise individual dispensations**
There were no interests declared or dispensations authorised.
- 3. To approve Ordinary Parish Council Minutes - 18th September 2023**
Resolved that these be approved by the Chair.
- 4. To receive report from Duncan Baker MP**
Duncan Baker - MP the Chair welcomed Duncan Baker to the meeting and he spoke about his dialogue with Highways on the drainage within Gimingham and that he was more than happy to assist as required. Other topics discussed covered:
Speeding within the rural area - during Duncan's County tour where he attended 30 various locations with his pop up tent the biggest complaint raised was that of speeding. A meeting was held at The Atrium in North Walsham which was attended by approximately 127 people together with the Police and Highways. Highways confirmed that they are working with Westcotec to invest in engineering to develop and improve SAM2 equipment. The Police committed to spending more funding on enforcement with additional traffic patrols. Improvements to highways - costs are an issue as labour, materials, regulations and the standards required are expensive and these are escalating.
Dentistry - discussions have taken place with the local ICB to awarded local contracts and now dentists are signing up to the scheme to supply emergency work via dental hubs. The North Walsham BUPA/Oasis business has now been purchased by a regional provider who has other practices. North Walsham should by the end of November have two NHS dentists who will also offer private work. The new contracts now being offered to dentists should have the impact of additional provision in the area; this does take time and after COVID will take a number of years for the service to fully recover.
Flooding - the recent deluge of rain caused heavy flooding in certain parts of the region and this was primarily due to drainage. This issue is being taken up with Highways to try and resolve the localised problems.

Banking - there have been large banks closing their branches over the last 3-6 months. Banking hubs are a way forward however, the criteria to have one is out of date and discussion in parliament to alter this is taking place. There are only 6 banking hubs in the whole Country. It is suggested that the Post Office could be part of the network. There are 13,000 residents in North Walsham and 8,000 in Cromer and the most likely location for a hub would be North Walsham.

Mobile phone/broadband signal - Discussion took place on the poor provision of signal in certain areas. The difficulty was the siting of masts and the random way in which the various companies select their locations for installation. The mapping system is improving for this and it helps that providers can share other operators' masts. Norfolk does have 95% coverage however, everything slows down in the summer due to the volume of visitors and broadband width weakens as more people are working from home; together with downloading of TV programmes and information. There is a rollout with County Broadband and City Fibre with Eastern Norfolk getting the major share of the Government's funding.

5. Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation - NNDC and County Councillor Reports (10 minutes allowance)

Resolved to open the meeting to the public

Ed Maxfield, NCC - Discussion took place on the pot holes along the Trunch Road and the time it has taken to make the repairs. The Clerk confirmed that clearer information had been supplied to Highways together with co-ordinates; it was understood that these works had been programmed.

A member of the public expressed that they were unhappy with the proposals for the new grass cutting specification to be implemented on the playing field. It was clearly explained by the Council that there was no alternative as the Council needed to direct its funding to where it was needed. If the new proposed system did not work it would be reviewed again.
Resolved to close the meeting to the public.

6. To consider and agree the formal rental document for the Clubhouse to CoastalMktastic on a month by month basis for 12 months from 1st November 2023

The Clerk had circulated the draft document and amendments were made to take into consideration the requirement for their own insurance of items. The rental document would be forwarded to CoastalMktastic for their consideration. EP

7. To agree date for legal representative from Fosters to brief the Council on the registration with the land registry of Gimingham Village Hall

The Clerk had been in liaison with the Solicitor and the date and time agreed for the Council and 2 Trustees from the Village Hall to attend. The hall had been booked for 25th November at 2pm. All would be sent a reminder. EP

8. To review and consider Planning if received

No new planning had been received

9. Matters Arising and Monthly updates and for information only:

9.1 Caretaker additional jobs

Further reduction of the hedge by the bus shelter needed to be completed. EP

9.2 Gimingham Village sign - it was agreed that this be coated with clear varnish by a Councillor. Members upon review of the sign decided to take no other action at this time.

9.3 Clothes bank - the credit had been received.

9.4 Highways

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| Pot holes Trunch Road 900223784 - with Rangers | Photos resent directly to Engineer/EM |
| Maintenance of village drains - emails sent to Mr Bygraves, Ed Maxfield and Duncan Baker MP with map of drains. | Email sent to KR/EM and DB Response received and Clerk to clarify |

9.5 Replacement item of play equipment for children's play area
A selection of see saws had been circulated and it was agreed that this be placed onto the next Agenda for a decision. Agenda

9.6 Hedges along playing field and allotments

The contractor had been instructed.

9.7 Grass cutting tender - sent out to local contractors for quotation by 1st December 2023. If anyone knew of anyone else who would like to quote they needed to inform the Clerk.

9.8 Clubhouse - replacement of tile - completed.

9.9 Tree maintenance at the Grove - contractor instructed

10. To appoint Councillor to move and download the SAM2 statistics

It was resolved that the SAM2 continued to be moved every 4 weeks and the battery charged. A solution needed to be found to download the information from the unit however, it was not Apple compatible. It maybe that the Council selects not to action this as over the last few years the figures have shown that there is not a speeding issue in the Parish. There are blips but the overall figures for the average speed is below the parameters of the speed regulation.

11. To consider and agree new charges for Agricultural allotments and re-allocation of 1 acre not rented

The Council agreed to re-allocate the 1 acre to a local farmer and to increase the yearly rental to £90 per acre. The Clerk would inform the leaseholder of this and report back. EP

12. To consider and agree formal application to the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme to provide a bus shelter at the Mundesley Road

The Clerk had sought quotations from Westcotec and two options had been proposed and the information circulated to members. The cost of the purchase and installation of the unit excluding VAT varied between option (A) £3,489 and (B) £4,017. It was resolved that Option B is put forward to the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme. Ed Maxfield had confirmed that he would contribute £3,000 towards this from his Highways Budget. The balance of £1,017 would be split between the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme and the Council; the VAT element would be reclaimed by the Council. Agenda

The Clerk would complete the paperwork for signing at the next meeting. EP

13. To consider and review correspondence

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| Karl Rands, Highways re village drainage/feasibility study | Clerk to respond |
| Duncan Baker re support for drainage in the village | Noted |
| Highways re pot holes along the Trunch Road | Responded |
| Ed Maxfield - A County Deal | Circulated |
| The Play Inspection Company - Inspection Report | Contents noted - Agenda |

14. To consider Financial Matters

14.1 To receive bank reconciliation and note receipts and review reserves

The bank reconciliation was discussed, reserves reviewed and noted.

14.2 To agree payment schedule and approve payments

| Payee | Amount |
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| NEPC | 150.00 |
| Secret Gardens | 95.00 |
| Elaine Pugh | 220.05 |
| HMRC | 3.00 |
| The Play Equipment Co | 89.94 |
| NNDC - refuse emptying | 218.40 |
| JBG Roofing (Clubhouse) | 50.00 |

Resolved to pay enbloc

14.3 To agree new bank signatories - Dan Gotts and Jocelyn Pike and to remove Colin Hart

It was resolved that Dan Gotts and Jocelyn Pike be added and Colin Hart removed.

EP

15. To Receive Reports from Councillors and items for the next Agenda

Play Inspection report and remedial actions to be taken
Removal of the dug-out and brick shelter from playing field
Editorial for Parish Newsletter

16. To confirm date of the next Meeting

**Gimingham Ordinary Parish Council Meeting -
Monday 20th November 2023 - Gimingham Village Hall @ 7.30pm**

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 8.50pm.