

GIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 9th June 2025 at 7.30pm

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

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

Apologies were received from: Ali Cargill. Absent: Michelle Englestone. One member 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 May 12th 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 had been vandalised. The member of public mentioned this to the bus driver using that route. Two days later a replacement had appeared so it was presumed to have been replaced by Sanders as it was their timetable. The bin opposite is waiting for repair/replacement. Clerk has sought prices for a replacement.

5. PLANNING:

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

The clerk had received contact from Parish Councillor Donna Drake who has tendered her resignation due to work and family commitments. The clerk will advertise the vacancy on the Parish Council website and with NNDC and NPTS. The clerk has arranged for the removal of the glass recycling bin from the grounds of the village hall, as previously discussed.

County Councillor Ed Maxfield reported on the drainage issues in the village and his actions to remedy the problem. The Chairman said that something must be done to prevent the silt being washed off the fields which is clogging up the drains and exacerbating the problem. There had previously been a meeting on site about this. Councillor Maxfield suggested asking Ben Hanlon from Highways to the next Parish Council meeting (clerk to action), and in the meantime will find out the cost of works in Trunch by comparison.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Allotments – Cllr Alan Gotts reported that more allotments had been let to new tenants but some were still available. The Clerk will advertise these on Facebook online groups.

b. Footpaths – as raised at the last meeting by Cllr Cargill. This matter to be deferred to next meeting.

c. Clubhouse/playing field – it was apparent that the previous enquirer for the building and ground was no longer intending to pursue this and there were no other interested parties at present. Cllr Maxfield offered to look into the possibility of any available grants. A member of public suggested creating an orchard for the benefit of the parishioners and would be happy to look into any community grants for such a scheme. Cllr Lee said that when the building had been destroyed by fire in 2008 when used by the former football club, the club paid Norgate Builders money to rebuild it but it had never been finished. The clerk was asked to readvertise the building as a storage unit at £250 pcm.

d. Recycling bins - The clerk has arranged for the removal of the glass recycling bin from the grounds of the village hall, as previously discussed and agreed.

e. Village Hall registration update – Cllr Alan Gotts reported that the Land Registry did not accept the plan which had been obtained from the architect. Therefore the plot will have to be remeasured.

f. Litter bins – the clerk has received quotes for the litter bins and will forward these to Cllr Alan Gotts.

g. SAM2 mobile connection – no progress.

h. Bench on Sandpit Lane – the wooden bench has been destroyed by vandals. The clerk was asked to check out the insurance for it. It was agreed to look out for a solid second-hand replacement if necessary.

Any other matters requiring consideration before the next meeting: the Clerk is creating a Facebook page for the Parish Council which can be used to advertise the availability of allotments.

8. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

a. Payments due:

JW Gardening services: May 22 nd and 30th)	£240.00
Gimingham Church – donation.	£300.00
Clerk's wages (5 weeks to June 25th) and one printer cartridge @ £34.99:	£368.39
Norfolk Parish Training & Support subscription	£103.50

Total: £1,011.89

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

b. Bank balances as at today June 9th 2025: Treasurer's account (community current a/c) £5,117.93. Access account (deposit a/c) £5,189.58.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Alan Gotts reported potholes by no.18 School Lane and by the bungalow at the top of Windmill Road; the bus shelter at The Pound needs tidying with a heavy cut back; and The Pound needs a tidy up with a weedkiller, and its gate needs checking as it keeps opening. The clerk will ask Mick Kinder to carry out the necessary works.

The possibility of a footpath alongside the hedge line of Church Street was discussed, and in the interest of community safety if the landowner would allow a footway to be made on his land from the end cottage towards the bus shelter at The Pound, as this would prevent pedestrians having to walk on an unlit road. Cllr Alan Gotts would give the landowner's address to the clerk for the request to be made to him.

Cllr Lee updated the Council regarding the works underway at the church. The original estimate was £29,000 but it has already exceeded that figure, as the cost so far has reached £34,000. This was due mainly to crumbling brickwork, half the floor having to be replaced with new timber and the arch is bulging out. A cherry picker is now needed to sort out the slates and guttering on the complete roof. The work is now expected to finish in July.

10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 14th July 2025 at Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.50 hrs.

DANIEL GOTTS - CHAIRMAN

Date:

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