

# **GIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GIMINGHAM VILLAGE HALL.**

**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMENCING @ 7.30PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:**

**Present:** Ali Cargill (Acting Chairman), Alan Gotts, Richard Lea, Donna Drake, County Councillor Ed Maxfield and District Councillor Roy MacDonald.

**Apologies were received from:** Daniel Gotts.

No members of the public attended.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

None.

County Councillor Ed Maxfield had already sent in his report and with no queries arising from it, left the meeting. District Councillor Roy MacDonald also left as he had nothing to report.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING and ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THEM:**

The Minutes from the previous meeting held on July 15th were accepted as correct and approved unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Not applicable as no members of the public were present.

**5. PLANNING:**

There were two planning applications to consider for which the Parish Council had no objections:

a. **Hillside Barn, Slaughter Lane, Gimmingham** - erection of pergola in rear garden. NNDC Planning ref. PF/24/1805.

b. **The Bye, Church Street, Gimmingham** - single storey rear extension to dwelling, external alterations including insertion of rooflights to front and rear. NNDC Planning ref. PF/24/1804.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**7. MATTERS ARISING:**

a. **Caretaker** - It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to the Caretaker Mick Kinder who was continuing his work for the Parish Council. Cllr Gotts asked if Mr Kinder could cut and tidy the inside of The Pound again, which the Clerk will arrange.

b. **Playing Field grass cutting** - The Parish Council had paid £1,350 to Secret Gardens for nine cuts carried out in June, July and August. Cllr Cargill asked the Clerk to contact the contractor to ask if rates can be amended as we will be tendering to other contractors for the work.

**c. Village Hall and Fosters** - Need to check if all ThirdFort online forms have been completed for the first registration of the Village Hall. Clerk will chase Fosters for an update on progress.

**d. SAM2 replacement and insurance** - A claim is being made to replace the SAM2 which was stolen in June. The Parish Council's insurance is due for renewal on October 1<sup>st</sup> which will cost £989.86. The Clerk will provide Parish Councillors with copy of the insurance policy.

**e. Southern Hill Hospital.** The Parish Council would like to continue dialogue with the hospital, following the meeting with hospital representatives which preceded this Parish Council meeting. It was felt that the quarterly meetings with the hospital as agreed earlier with them, would be beneficial for all. Mundesley Parish Council would be invited to attend those meetings also.

Concerns were raised about the hospital's Public Liability Insurance and what it covered. Members of the public attending the earlier meeting with the hospital had raised their own concerns about this, given there had been criminal damage in the area caused by patients, for which victims had claimed from their own insurances.

**f. Gimingham Clubhouse.** It was hoped that MADRA would still be interested in renting the clubhouse and playing field. Cllr Daniel Gotts is speaking with a contact of MADRA and an update would be given at the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Drake suggested that her partner Des has water diviners and she would ask him to use them to identify the whereabouts of the stopcock at the clubhouse or the feed to it.

The Clerk had received an enquiry from the Valuation Office Agency asking if the building was in use for possible rates valuation. The Clerk responded explaining that the building is empty.

**g. Allotments.** A new draft plan is being compiled with up to date details of allotment holders. One allotment holder is now renting one allotment instead of two, and another holder has given up both her allotments. The Clerk will contact all those who enquired previously to see if they are still interested. Otherwise they will be advertised.

The Clerk explained that new DEFRA rules coming out on October 1<sup>st</sup> means that any allotment holders who keep any number of birds/hens must register their poultry.

**h.** The Norfolk Marathon is being held on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and the route will again include Gimingham. Concerns were raised about the manner in which vehicles had been parked in the village, particularly along Hall Road, blocking in some residents. The Clerk will contact the organisers to find out what they will be doing next time in the village regarding correct signage, sufficient marshalling and parking.

## **8. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

**a.** The Parish Council's insurance with Zurich is due for renewal in October.

**b.** Bin emptying - NNDC is being paid to empty the bins in the village but the Clerk will ask Mick Kinder to confirm which bins he empties as we don't want to pay NNDC to do this if they're already being emptied. NNDC would continue emptying the dog bins.

**c.** Notification had been received from PKF Littlejohn, external auditors, of an exempt status for the Parish Council.

**d. Payments made since the last meeting:**

Gimingham Village Hall hire	£72.00
Secret Gardens (playing field grass cutting for June, July & August)	£1,350.00
NNDC (litter & dog bins)	£226.20
MK Garden Maintenance Services	£184.00
Clerk wages (July 8 <sup>th</sup> - Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	£533.44
TOTAL:	£2,365.64

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr Cargill informed the meeting that the Woodland Trust has a substantial number of UK nursery stock trees available and if anyone in the parish are interested, to contact him where he can put them in touch with a supplier. All trees, guards and stakes are paid for, but not the planting of them. Cllr Lea said that the beech hedge near the playing field needs cutting. It is about 100m long. Cllr Cargill offered to get it cut from the beginning of October.

**11. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

**Gimingham Parish Council Meeting -  
Monday 18th November 2024 - Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

ALISTAIR CARGILL - ACTING CHAIRMAN

16<sup>th</sup> September 2024