

Minutes of Gillingham Parish Council Meeting March 2022

Councillors Present: Cllrs M. Brown, C. Hoare, R. Massingham, J. Ward and B. Warman

Apologies: Cllr Foreman and County Councillor Stone.

Also Present: Retiring Clerk and new Clerk.

1. Parish Ten - parishioners slot. 7 members of the public attended.

A member of the public provided the Parish Council with another poster to go up on the noticeboards, regarding coffee mornings.

In the recent storms where was a tree down, which blocked the road to Geldeston. Before someone could have reported it to Norfolk Highways, the tree was removed. Mr Bramley offered his number for the future and will help where possible.

It was noted that someone is living in the woods and has been for some time.

The new car park idea for the school was discussed. This is not straight forward; the easier solution would be to move the school! Access to the school in this location was never going to be great. An idea would be to move the school to a more central location in the village. The church owns the school, Mr Bramley will be speaking to them.

Has the idea of a neighbourhood plan been discussed? Could be a possibility to implement one.

Julia showed an old book to the meeting. The Gillingham Hall Advowson was dated 1829. Mr Bramley had borrowed this to show his parents.

2. Co-op a Councillor Vacancy: It was RESOLVED to appoint Sandra Webber as a Councillor. Sandra signed the Declaration of Office form and joined the Council.

3. Apologies Received: Cllr Foreman and County Councillor Stone.

4. Declarations of interest: None were declared, other than those registered with the South Norfolk Council.

5. Minutes of Last Meeting - Minutes approved by the parish council as being an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

6. Village Matters

School Signs – it was noted that the school sign had been moved 3 inches, so no chance of hitting your head.

Platinum Jubilee Event – no update received.

Playground Inspection – await Safety inspection, in April.

Gillingham junction bollards – This has been reported to Highways, and they think there is nothing wrong. **Action** Clerk to reply to them and ask them to re-consider.

Hedge needs cutting, hiding a road sign, in Kings Dam. **Action Clerk** to write to the owners of the hedge.

Playground – David Reynolds has looked around the site with Cllr Warman and is happy to provide a quote for the work and maintenance needed. Mr Bramley thought that we may be able to get some funds to maintain the playground from McDonalds. He will have a word with them.

7. Correspondence

General correspondence circulated.

8. Planning Matters - None

9. Finance

The ex clerk said that she had mandates for new signees of Barclays Bank and NS&I Mr Massingham would remain, Mr Hoare and Mr Warman to become the additional signees.

The internal audit is booked for week commencing 16th May 2022.

No payments this month to be approved.

10. Any Other Business

To note the retirement of the Clerk Julia Punt. Leaving 28th February 2022 and to note the appointment of the new Clerk/RFO Tina Newby, starting 1st March 2022.
The Chairman thanked Julia for all the hard work. Julia has been Clerk for 14 years.

Date of Next Meeting.

There is an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council meeting booked for 15th March, 2022 at 7.30pm.
The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 5th April, 2022, at 7.30pm in the village hall (councillors available from 7.15pm).

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Items for next agenda Drainage on the Boundaries.

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