

MINUTES OF GILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING **FEBRUARY 2021**

A Meeting of Gillingham Parish Council was held via Zoom on Wednesday, 3rd February, 2021 at 7:30pm. The Waterloo representative asked if the McDonalds litter picking extended as far as Waterloo. Cllr Knight said that he hoped it did but it is obvious that litter is left in a much wider area than just around the vicinity of McDonalds. The planning application to extend the McDonalds area included a path to village and a staff car park with ample parking and parking restrictions on roundabout. Timing on this was an issue and the parish council are pushing for no restrictions to take place until the staff parking is provided as there is a real concern that staff would leave their cars in the village and Church Road. Cllr Knight said that the restrictions were not necessarily imminent and had 2 years to take place. Cllr Stone gave an overview regarding current council topics.

Apologies – Councillors Mrs Thrower, Mrs Foreman, Mrs Brown. All consulted by phone prior to the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting – Minute's approved by the council, signed by Cllr Massingham.

Declaration of Interests - none

Village Matters

Cllr Warman asked if there had been any reply to the question of a path from The Street to the playground. The clerk replied there had been no answer to that or the other question regarding speed restrictions on Gillingham Dam. Clerk to follow up.

Cllr Brown reported that the drains on Loddon Road by the bus stops were not taking the excess water away. Probably due to so much rain but clerk to report for cleaning.

There would be a Hemmant Way footpath closure 8th – 19th February for resurfacing.

The buried plastic on a Kings Dam field is still resurfacing - initial reports failed to be actioned on, further action to be taken.

Correspondence

Highways advised of changes to their current plans. In addition to the closure of Gillingham Dam on 1st and 2nd March 2021, they will also be kerbing out the carriageway during the 25th & 26th February. No closure will take place, but they will be using 2-way traffic lights to keep the site safe for works to take place.

Letter from local resident regarding Flooding issues.

Planning Matters

None

Finance

Clerks Expenses – Octogenarians gift account - £29.44 (expenditure over income)

Cllr Hoare agreed to audit the Octogenarians accounts for 2020.

The council agreed to appoint Tina Page as auditor for the parish council 2020/2021 accounts.

Any Other Business

The clerk advised that there were problems with the parish council laptop. The councillors agreed that she should purchase a new one if the old one could not be sorted out satisfactorily.

Cllr Knight advised that he still has a small amount of money left for any projects that qualified.

Date of Next Meeting: Please note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd March, 2021 at 7.30pm. Please check the website or with one of the councillors to confirm this.

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