

MINUTES OF GILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 2021

A Meeting of Gillingham Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 7th July, 2021 at 7:30pm.

Parish Ten - parishioners slot. Approximately 40 members of the public attended the meeting at the village hall (which was held in the car park) regarding the Villages Cluster Housing Development Consultation. Councillors Barry Stone and James Knight also attended and spoke on the subject dealing with questions and comments put forward. The clerk will ask for the Planning Policy department at SNC to attend a public meeting* but will also respond on behalf of the parish council that they do object to the proposed site. The reasons are as the original objections for the new development now taking place:

The roads in Gillingham are narrow and already have problems with the cars that use it as a rat run to Kirby Cane and Geldeston.

Cars parked on one side of the road, due to the limited parking for the terraced houses on The Street means that it is at times a single track road with no room to widen it, resulting in more traffic on an already overloaded road.

Flooding, on the corner opposite no. 108 The Street, will worsen because there is less surface area to soak up the excess water, affecting nearby houses and backgardens.

The village school is at full capacity with nowhere to extend and if further capacity was made available this would impact on The Boundaries residents who are already overwhelmed by cars at drop off and pick up times at the school.

Once the majority of the attendees had left the meeting moved inside the hall for the duration.

Apologies - none

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

Declaration of Interests none.

Village Matters

Insurance claim – ongoing

Marsh Lane Right of Way - ongoing

Playground – ongoing concerns about the playground were discussed, suggestion of using some of the CIL money to install rabbit proof fencing and generally improve the surface along with a new gate.

Kings Dam hedge in need of cutting – Cllr Warman said he would find the owner. Despite its condition it is likely no progress will be made until the nesting season is over.

Correspondence

Loddon Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting of the local Safer Neighbourhood Team set local priorities as: Speeding; Burglary/theft; Anti-Social Behaviour – local police would be happy to hear from anybody on these matters on SNTLoddon@norfolk.police.uk

Planning Matters

South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan

Consultation Document – for discussion – see above, as well as individual councillors input clerk to input objections online on behalf of the parish council as a whole.

Finance

Clerks tax 2 of 4 – £195.60 2nd of 4

Clerks Expenses - £95.48 (new laminator and pouches, Training and ink).

Any Other Business

The clerk was asked to make sure that SNC have the correct locations for the dog bins as one seems to be occasionally missed out.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1st September, 2021 at 7.30pm.

Councillors will be available from 7.15pm. Please check for late notices as this may change with regards to Covid regulations.

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