

MINUTES OF GILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 2021

A Meeting of Gillingham Parish Council was held via Zoom on Wednesday, 3rd March, 2021 at 7:30pm. One member of the public attended. Mrs Jane Black informed the council that she was reluctant to hold the usual Litter Pick this year due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation. However, she is happy if people would like to contact her to borrow litter pickers, hi-viz vests and bin bags and do individual litter picks or with a friend. Posters and details will be on the notice boards and in the Tidings magazine.

Apologies – Councillor's, Mrs Thrower, Mrs Foreman & Mrs Brown; all consulted by telephone prior to the meeting. Also County Cllr Margaret Stone & District Cllr James Knight.

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

Declaration of Interests – none.

Village Matters

CIL Money – Ideas that have so far been received are:

Speed signs near St Michael's School – Cllr Ward offered to look into the type of signs that the school would prefer and obtain some quotes.

The clerk is still awaiting a response from Highways regarding speed reduction on Gillingham Dam and a short path to the playground/allotments.

Playground Safety Inspection -The council agreed that David Bracey Playground Inspection would do the work for the same price as last year.

Cllr Warman asked when the willows on Kings Dam were next due for pollarding – this will be carried out sometime in March.

Correspondence

District Cllrs report received and distributed in general file

County Cllr Margaret Stones report on local flooding and the way forward also in general file (both on the parish council website)

Planning Matters

2021/0374

Location: Mcdonalds Restaurant Norwich Road Gillingham Norfolk NR34 0HF

Proposal: Installation of 4 no. new digital freestanding signs, 1 no. digital booth screen and 1 no. "Play Land" sign to play frame

Application Type: Advertisement Consent

2021/0384

Location: Mcdonalds Restaurant Norwich Road Gillingham Norfolk NR34 0HF

Proposal:

Installation of 7 no. internally illuminated fascia signs

Application Type: Advertisement Consent

Finance

Clerks Expenses – £167.00 (home allowance + poppy wreath)

Reimbursement from Octogenarians Fund £24.44

Any Other Business

The clerk contacted the Romanian Orthodox church regarding the apparent gatherings taking place. The council have been assured that these are genuine occasions of worship and are being monitored to make sure that no other social activities are taking place.

South Norfolk Council have a list of emergency sources for sandbags on their website. This may change as sandbags are not considered to be environmentally friendly.

Date of Next Meeting: Please note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th April, 2021 at 7.30pm. The meeting will probably be held via Zoom, please check the website or with one of the councillors to confirm this.

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