



Minutes of Gillingham Parish Council Meeting 1st November 2022 Gillingham Village Hall

Councillors Present: Cllrs J. Black, M. Brown, C. Hoare, B. Warman, J. Ward, and S. Webber
Also Present: Clerk.

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence received:** Apologies were received from Cllr Rymer, District Cllr Knight and County Cllr Stone. 10 members of the public attended.
3. **Declaration of Interests other than those registered with South Norfolk Council.** Cllr Webber declared that she is now a Trustee for the Village Hall.
4. **Parish Ten - parishioners slot.**
 - Footpaths 9 and 10, work has been done on the fields and now the footpaths are not lined. Member of the public will provide a map.
 - Parking in The Street, cars are parked on one side and can hold the traffic up. Maybe consider double yellow lines a little further down The Street. There is no parking enforcement in the village. A few days ago, a lorry blocked The Street.
 - At the brick bus stop the drain is blocked. When it rains the people waiting get wet by the vehicles driving through the puddle.
 - Two more drains are blocked at 1 The Boundaries. Also the ditch has been filled in and this will flood the neighbouring houses. The Clerk has frequently tried to contact Saffron Housing, with no joy.
 - Problems with Anti-Social Behaviour and speeding.
5. **To approve the minutes of 4th October 2022:** The minutes were approved as being an accurate record, proposed by Cllr Webber and seconded by Cllr Hoare, all in agreement.
6. **To receive an update Barclays:** The previous Clerk still has banking paperwork being sent to her. The mandate needs to be sorted as soon as possible.
7. **To discuss the outstanding matters arising from last meeting:**
 - Clerk to contact the police over the rubbish and Nitrous Oxide Gas bottles being dumped – The Clerk reported that the local policeman, knows the issues and is keeping an eye on it. The member of the public reported that there has been medical equipment dumped there, some used and some new.
 - Clerk to update on lower the speed limit at Gillingham Dam – the Clerk is trying to arrange a site visit with the Highways person.
 - Update on the Land Registry – ongoing Clerk to chase this.
8. **Village Matters – to discuss and agree.**
 - Discuss and agree issues with the Marsh Lane footpath – continued from last month – The Clerk is trying to arrange a site visit with the trails person for their guidance.
 - Update of the Highways representative visit – ongoing, Clerk is trying to communicate with the representative.
 - Receive an update from the Playground Site Visit: Cllr Warman reported that it was a positive meeting with Sovereign Playgrounds. The representative advised the group that they should move the pedestrian gate towards the corner of the playground, nearer the Swan pub. The Peaches will fit in well by the basketball hoop and replacing the small football goal posts. Sovereign would like to use the

Swan Car Park for their materials and go over the sleepers, over the ditch to get to the playground. The Parish Council group then spoke to the landlord of the Swan, who was very supportive of the plans and would work on making the bridge a little safer, with posts and grab rope to hang onto. He would also widen the sleepers, The rubbish bin has been replaced with the new one, purchased by Mr Bramley. Glen Sharman has revised his quote and separated the basketball background and the gates. To replace the wooden gates for metal gates would cost £4,000, there could be a reduction in the cost of £300 if the Parish Council decides not to go with powder coating. Other quotes had been received for the same specifications, these were: David Reynolds £2,000 and Iron Craft £4,968. Mr Bramley offered to get additional quotes. Hold agreement over to the following meeting.

- To note a Survey is going out to the parishioners with the Tidings. The survey has gone out with the Tidings and some completed ones have been sent back. All are looking good.
- To discuss and agree the costings for the Playground 'The Peaches' new equipment. Await agreement to purchase, until we have received the survey results.
- To discuss and agree the replacement of the gates in the Playground. This has been put on hold as Mr Bramley offered to get a competitive quote.
- To discuss and agree the extension of the basketball hoop. The Parish Council will wait until we have received the survey results, before deciding.
- To discuss and agree the concrete for the basketball hoop, size and costs involved. This will also wait until we have the survey results.
- In addition, the Clerk received an email from a resident regarding loose chickens on the allotments. The Parish Council agreed we would try to contact the allotment renters in question and allow them time to resolve the situation. DEFRA is telling people that no chickens should be roaming free!
- Also, it was noted that the side panel of glass on the bus shelter has been broken again. Police crime number has been logged. We will need to discuss the options at next meeting.

9. Parish Council Matters

- Parish Partnership, update on either options. The footpath was agreed at the last meeting. The Parish Council now have an agreement from Norfolk County Council to go ahead and apply for the Parish Partnership Scheme. Norfolk County Council will allow us to complete the form with 'costs to follow'. Continue the existing plan around and along the corner. Proposed by Cllr Hoare and seconded by Cllr Brown. All in agreement.

10. To note the Neighbourhood Plan meeting is set for 16th November 2022 7.30pm

Village Hall: Noted

11. Correspondence – All have been distributed. Nothing to discuss.

12. Planning Matters **Separate meeting arranged for 8th November 7.30pm at the Village Hall.**

2022/1897: Outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for access and scale. Land North of The Street, Gillingham.

2022/1993: Outline application for residential development including access and scale. Land South of The Street, Gillingham

13. Finance

Balance and budget will be provided at the meeting.

To approve payments for this month.

To approve any other payments for this month.

To be approved at

1st November 2022

Wages + expenses Oct-22 £526.73

£526.73

Statement of account

Bank Balance 01/11/22 £32,177.11

consisting off

CiL balance £27,138.62

Reserves £5,038.49

£32,177.11

NS&I £106.53

balance left in Clerks Bank Acc 0.00

£32,283.64

Payments of £526.73 were approved for payments. Proposed by Cllr Warman and seconded by Cllr Hoare, all in agreement

Items to be added to the Budget for 2023/2024: No items were discussed.

14. Any Other Business: No additional items were discussed.

Date of next meeting, 6th December 2022, 7.30pm

As there was no more business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

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