

MINUTES OF GILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING **SEPTEMBER 2019**

A Meeting of Gillingham Parish Council was held at the village hall on Wednesday, 4th September, 2019, at 7:30pm.

Parish Ten - parishioners slot. The parish council were sorry to hear the news that Chris Cook of Thurlton had recently died. Chris was our auditor and the council sent their condolences to his family. District Councillor James Knight attended but said that following the summer break there was not much to report other than the Local Plan would soon be under proper consultation but was at the moment still being finalised. The planning application for the new houses on The Street had been delayed due to layout concerns and the current date for consideration by the Planning Committee was 8th September. Cllr Knight said he had relayed the Parish Council's concerns to the Committee. Cllr Warman asked, why, if the sufficient land had been identified to meet the demand, it was necessary to build the houses in Gillingham and when only 10 had been in the initial application it had now risen to 22. Cllr Knight replied that there was a need to go above the initial demand. Mrs Jane Black who was in attendance said that she would like to do another Litter Pick and would let the clerk know a suggested date having consulted the department supplying the equipment. There have been reports of a lot of plastic coming off a field on Kings Dam, Cllr Knight suggested contacting the council waste handling department to look into it.

Apologies – none.

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

Declaration of Interests - none

Village Matters

Cllr Warman reported the poor condition of the road surface in Kings Dam which was being made worse by heavy lorries. He is also concerned about the speed vehicles travelled down it with no footpaths to protect pedestrians. He asked if the council could try and get some more speed signs put up.

Clerk to ask again for the footpath opposite The Boundaries to the Yarmouth Road to be cut. The clerk said she had asked the playground maintenance company to cut back the nettles in front of the allotment notice board. Cllr Warman volunteered to try and smarten it up. Cllr Massingham said he had installed the no dogs sign and the bird prevention strips which were not a complete success.

Correspondence

The parish council received a letter from the new secretary of the village hall regarding the walnut tree and hedge to the left of the village hall. The clerk had told her she had been in contact with the local tree warden who would get in touch with the person who had put it there. It is now obscuring the view from the bus stop and the council are concerned with it growing up into the wires above.

Planning Matters

2019/0785 Village Farm House new build – approved with conditions.

Finance

Clinks Care Farm £228.66

Ramblers Association - £100 towards the repair of Dunburgh Steps

Any Other Business

The clerk said she had had a phone call from a lady who had picked up some keys in The Street. They have a yellow tag on them. The owner can contact the parish clerk to claim them back. The chairman said he was still hoping to have the bus shelter opposite the village hall installed and had found a cheaper installer.

The clerk had taken some allotment rents prior to the meeting and would like to thank those who turned up. However, there are still some outstanding and the holders need to contact her as soon as possible to make arrangement to pay their rents.

Date of Next Meeting: Please note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd October, 2019 and will start at 7.30pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

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