

MINUTES OF GILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

JUNE 2019

A Meeting of Gillingham Parish Council was held at the village hall on Wednesday, 5th June, 2019, at 7:30pm.

Parish Ten - parishioners slot. 18 members of the public attended, this was primarily to voice their opinions over the planning application for the building of 22 houses on land South of The Street at Gillingham. The subject was discussed, councillors were already aware of the application. District Cllr James Knight also attended and added to the debate. The question of the state of Gillingham Dam arose, the clerk has already reported this to the Highways department who had responded that the road was not in sufficiently bad condition to warrant repair but would be monitored. One attendee asked about the flooding on Kings Dam and the clerk proposed to follow up with Highways. Another question was regarding the progress of the Right of Way down Marsh Lane – this is ongoing but the clerk will enquire as to status. Cllr Knight also asked that it be made known that he did have a small fund of money that he could use to help out community groups.

Apologies – from Cllr Margery Brown.

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

Declaration of Interests - none

Village Matters

Following the Playground Inspection, as advised by the inspector, hanging ropes were removed but have been put back, these will again be removed for safety reasons. Also, a no climbing sign on the netball area is advised.

The playground gate has collapsed again – suggestion made to replace with a lightweight metal one.

Cllr Warman said that he was happy to refurbish the Kings Dam sign which has become worse for wear.

Potholes at The Boundaries have been repaired.

Correspondence

Email from South Norfolk Council regarding the retention of footway lighting – response as previous advised to SNC.

Planning Matters

2019/1013 - 22 houses proposed for land South of The Street. This is the location as proposed at the end of 2013 for 10 houses. The objections remain mostly the same as previously, the clerk was asked to respond again to the proposal which the parish council are strongly against.

Finance

Invoice C Cook £35.00

Audit – Standing orders etc approved by the members of the parish council. Completion of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2018/19.

Chairman signed certificate of exemption.

Any Other Business

Residents are reminded that the narrow paths along The Street are currently becoming impassable due to overgrown hedges. Please trim them back to help pedestrians at your earliest opportunity. It has sadly been reported that artificial flowers have been stolen from a grave at the Church. This is very distressing to the relatives concerned, the parish council ask anybody seeing this to report it to them.

Flytipping on the playground has also taken place with a pile of garden waste being dumped. If

anybody is aware of who has done this please report it to the parish clerk.

Date of Next Meeting: Please note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd July, 2019 and will start at 7.30pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

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