

## **MINUTES OF GILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING** **MARCH 2019**

A Meeting of Gillingham Parish Council was held at the village hall on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at 7:30pm.

**Parish Ten - parishioners slot.** 4 Members of public attended. Members of the public were invited to sit closer due to the acoustics of the village hall which made hearing what was being said very difficult. Still more help is needed with distributing 'Tidings', anybody who would be prepared to deliver magazines can contact the parish clerk who will pass details to the Editor. No other issues were raised.

The parish council would like to express their thanks to Mrs Easter for helping keep the brick bus shelter respectable on Loddon Road, Cllr Mrs Brown said that she was happy to take this on for the future; and Trevor Bryer for his continued sterling work of collecting litter from around the parish.

**Apologies - none .**

**Minutes of Last Meeting - Matters Arising.** The request for repairs to the steps at Dunburgh leading down to the River Waveney has met with success and the parish council agreed to make a donation of £100.00 towards the cost of repair. The councillors all agreed that given the state of the steps, this would be money well spent. Minutes approved by the council, signed by Cllr Massingham.

**Declaration of Interests - none.**

### **May Election of Parish Councillors**

Cllr Black said she would not be putting up for re-election, but would continue to attend the meetings as a member of the public and continue her work regarding litter picks and other times when volunteers were required. Having been on the council several years she would like to see other people coming forward to take up the position and fresh ideas being introduced. Applications to become a parish councillor need to be delivered between 20th March and before 3rd April.

### **Village Matters**

Flooding in Kings Dam – having investigated the matter in depth the Highways department are now pursuing the developer to remedy the situation. So far no response has been forthcoming.

River bank rubbish – Cllr Black thanked Mr Warman for his help in getting the rubbish in one place of which there was a substantial amount and resulted in 3 large piles. A boat from Geldeston is going to help with moving the rubbish to a site where it can be picked up. The River Waveney Trust are planning on doing annual clean ups.

The Gillingham Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 20th April. Dates for the equipment needed were getting booked up and this was an available date. Meeting point is no.33 Kings Dam at 9.30am and returning at 11.30am for coffee and cake.

Cllr Massingham said the playground gate was in place but that it would need replacing in the future as it was getting too heavy for the posts which were deteriorating, but no need for immediate action.

The telephone box on The Street has now been removed.

### **Correspondence**

Complaint received about the advertising on a static vehicle around the McDonalds roundabout.

### **Planning Matters**

BA/2018/0375CU - Change of use from workshop to restaurant. Amendment to parking, opening hours & patio.

**Finance**

PJ Saxton – removal of parish council notice board - £48.00  
NARS - £50.00 donation  
Rae £47.60 new notice board.

**Any Other Business**

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting.

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

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