

MINUTES OF GILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 2019

A Meeting of Gillingham Parish Council was held at the village hall on Wednesday, 6th November, 2019, at 7:30pm.

Parish Ten - parishioners slot. Five members of the public attended. The planning application for houses south of The Street has been approved. Despite initial objections nobody attended on the day to make any objections in person. Infrastructure problems appeared to have been ignored but were hopefully taken into consideration and would be addressed when the time comes.

Apologies – from District Cllr James Knight.

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

Declaration of interests – none.

Village Matters

Despite previous reporting of Gillingham Dam being in need of repair being rejected, Clerk to request that the Dam be inspected again.

The walnut tree will not be cut back until next August and will be arranged by the village hall committee. Email has been sent to the landowner requesting that the hedge by the side of the village hall be cut back for safety reasons.

Communication received from a lady willing to take on the project of raising money to install speed awareness signs near The Boundaries for the benefit of St Michael's School children. The council were more than happy to let her go ahead and approach others to progress this and will support all efforts. Anybody who is willing to assist her can contact the parish clerk who will pass on their contact details to her.

Further to the October meeting when the parish council had planned to attend the Remembrance Day service at the Gillingham War Memorial it has transpired that due to the main service being held at Ellingham nobody was available to attend Gillingham. The parish council would like to thank Rev David Owen from Loddon who offered to step in and take the service. A new vicar has now been chosen but a start date is yet to be confirmed.

The clerk is not getting a positive response regarding cutting the path that runs from Geldeston Road to the Old Yarmouth Road but will try again. Clerk asked to contact the Ramblers if they could assist if no response this time.

Correspondence

As per general file

Planning Matters

2019/2013 - Approval of Housing Development . The Parish Council would like minuted that they are not convinced that their concerns over infrastructure issues have been taken into consideration. The Kings Dam water system won't be able to take any more water which will run off the field as it already overflows in heavy rain. Sewage treatment is only just sufficient now. Clerk to look for details of how this is proposed to be dealt with and conditions around the project.

2019/2048 – Grove Sheds (Gunners Lodge) – revised curtilage, new timber shed and solar panels to roof of barn and shed - approved if neighbours have not raised objections.

2019/2177 – 32 Hemmant Way – erection of front porch - approved if neighbours have not raised objections.

Finance

Waveney Group of Parishes – Tidings - £100 donation

Romanian Orthodox Church - £100 towards graveyard maintenance

Clerks Allowance - £150.00

Gillingham Village Hall in lieu of rent - £300.00

Setting of Parish precept for 2020-2021 - the clerk handed out copies of the budget for the councillors to study before the December meeting. Precept proposed as remaining the same as previous year.

Any Other Business

Bus shelter - discussion about the proposed bus shelter for Loddon Road resulted in the councillors agreeing to take advantage of an interest free loan to make up the shortfall which would be paid back over the next couple of years. A member of the village hall committee was present and she was asked to consult the whole committee with a view to storing the shelter at the hall prior to its installation. Cllr Massingham said he would liaise with the contractor. The clerk was in the process of finalising the Octogenarians Gift List for which anybody in the parish over 80 years of age is eligible. Any nominations should be given to a councillor or the clerk before the December meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Please note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th December, 2019 and will start at 7.30pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

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