

## **MINUTES OF GILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING** **OCTOBER 2020**

A Meeting of Gillingham Parish Council was held at the village hall on Wednesday, 7th October, 2020, at 7:30pm.

**Parish Ten - parishioners slot.** The meeting was held via Zoom, no public in attendance. No issues received.

**Apologies –** Councillors Mrs Thrower, Mrs Foreman, Mrs Brown and District Councillor James Knight.

**Minutes of Last Meeting –** Minute's approved by the council, signed by Cllr Massingham

**Declaration of Interests –** none.

### **Village Matters**

Notice received that The Street will be closed from Yarmouth Road Junction – 23-30th October. The churchyard at St Mary's Church has been cut with excess grass to be removed shortly. The parish council send their thanks to the Romanian Church for organising this.

The chairman said he had not been able to fix the bin to the shelter yet but was confident it should be in place next week.

Reports of overgrowing branches on the footpath leading to the foot bridge were received and this now appears to be getting worse. Councillor Hoare said he would see what he could do to clear it.

Reports of flooding near the new bus shelter received – clerk has reported for investigation.

The clerk asked if the council should consider subscribing to Zoom for approximately £119 per year. The council discussed but decided to keep with the free service and revisit at a later date if it continued that they could not meet in person.

St Michael's school asked if they could lay a wreath for Remembrance Sunday at the war memorial. The council is still hoping to hold a service as usual if the new vicar can attend. Main service at Kirby Cane this year.

### **Correspondence**

as per general file to be circulated

### **Planning Matters**

**2020/0491** - Hearts Services planning approved.

### **Finance**

Accounts issued previously to councillors with the agenda.

The council now considers itself able to make a repayment of £500 against the loan for the new bus shelter.

### **Any Other Business**

Cllr Ward said that the Head Teacher of St Michael's would like to thank the parish council for their ongoing support and was pleased to say that the school was now full to capacity but was concerned about the extra cars likely to be exiting the new housing development.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Please note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at 7.30pm. Given the number of people in a group that are currently allowed under government guidelines, it is unclear if the parish council will meet in person or via zoom. Check the Gillingham Parish Council website for information nearer the time.

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