



**Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting  
Minutes  
3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023  
held in Gillingham Village Hall**

**Councillors Present:** Cllrs: K. Aldis, C. Hoare (Chair), J. Johnson, S. Mallett, A. Rymer (Vice Chair), J. Ward and B. Warman.

**Also Present:** Clerk, District Councillor Evans.

1. **Welcome.**
2. **Apologies for absence received, record number of members of the public present.** None apologies received; we have a full house. 12 members of the public.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests.** None.
4. **To approve the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.** Minutes were approved as being an accurate of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Rymer and seconded by Cllr Warman, all in agreement.
5. **Parish Ten – Public Forum – Standing Orders will be suspended to allow public participation (Maximum of 10 minutes (3 minutes per person) for items to be discussed for information only.**
  - The footpath across the Dam, the waste has not been cleared.
  - Drain outside the brick bus shelter in Loddon Road is blocked.
  - The hedgerow outside the village hall needs to be cut back.
  - There was a discussion about voice projection and would the council consider moving the tables to a different format. Perhaps a 'V' shape.
  - Bus – Beccles – Northgate Street is closed for a week and bus are being re-routed, no prior knowledge for Gillingham residents.
  - The usual regular cars and disturbance down Church Road. Scratch marks along the wall along the church.  
Resume Standing Orders.
6. **To discuss the outstanding matters arising from last meeting:**
  - a) Clerk to log a highways fault for the barrier damage on Gillingham Dam. Chase again.
  - b) To receive an update on the outstanding overgrown hedges along the paths. Looks like most of these have been sorted.
  - c) To receive an update on the 2022 Parish Partnership Kings Dam footpath, the site meeting – The SNC funding gentleman will meet us at the Kings Dam site to see if the Pride in Place funding will help with our portion of the parish partnership. We still have no details on the specification made by Norfolk County Council highways.
  - d) To receive an update on the broken bus timetable sign. Cllr Aldis will laminate a timetable to the Loddon Road Bus Shelter.
  - e) Clerk to contact James King ask for meeting attendance. The Clerk has tried to sort out a parish council meeting. The Clerk will try and get to the locality meetings in Loddon.

**7. Planning:**

- a) [2023/2162 | Replacement shed | 1 Kenyon Row Gillingham Norfolk NR34 0AQ](#)  
Recommend Approval. Proposed by Cllr Rymer and seconded by Cllr Mallett. All in agreement.
- b) [BA/2023/0290/FUL | Install 18 wooden angling platforms for use 39 weeks per year in conjunction with EA closed season | Orchard House Dunburgh Road Geldeston Norfolk NR34 0LL](#) Noted the platforms have reduced from 25 to 18. There is still no decision on the retrospective planning application.
- There is currently no explanation of how they will protect the trees and wildlife along this route- proposed platforms 7-18 are situated in an area filled with trees and wildlife and cannot see how these platforms can be built without impacting on these in a detrimental way.
  - Agree with previous objectors that the river is narrow and winding in this area meaning that the fishing lines etc. will have a detrimental impact on others using the river.
  - At most the platforms 2-6 are the only ones that could be justified as they would not impact on the landscape in such a damaging way
- There was a show of hands. Objections were 6, support was 1. Recommend objection.
- c) To receive an update on the outstanding applications, Land North of The Street, Land South of The Street, the business expansion at McDonalds roundabout. No update as yet.
- d) To discuss any additional planning applications that were received late.  
[2023/1830 | First floor extension with external staircase and alterations | The Apple Loft Marsh Lane Gillingham Norfolk NR34 0LQ](#) Delegate authority via emails for 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### 8. Village Matters – to discuss and agree:

- a) To note the date for the Neighbourhood plan, noted 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- b) To note the bench at the war memorial is in need of repair. Asking for volunteers to help with the bench repair. The Parish Council would like this completed by Remembrance Day. The Clerk confirmed that she had emailed David Reynolds.
- c) To receive an update on the bus shelter repair at The Boundaries. This is ongoing.

#### 9. Parish Council Matters:

- a) To receive an update on Additional names for Barclays accounts. No update.
- b) To receive an update on Co-operative Bank account. Awaiting date of births for some of the councillors.

#### 10. Correspondence: None.

#### 11. Finance:

- a) To discuss and agree the payments for Tidings magazine. Proposed by Cllr Rymer to donate £150, seconded by Cllr Warman all in agreement.
- b) To note the SNC Dog Bins was paid in between meetings by the Clerk. Noted.
- c) To approve the payments for this month.

#### To be approved at

3rd October 2023

Wages + expenses	September	£474.74
	Clerks expenses	£57.45
	mileage	£20.25
		<b>£552.44</b>
Poppy Shop	Wreath	<b>£24.99</b>
SNC Dog Bins	Pay Tina Newby	£743.22
Total payment to Clerk		<b>£1,320.65</b>

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**Statement of account**

Bank Balance 31/8/23		£14,679.88
<i>consisting off</i>		
CiL balance	£2,737.82	
unpresented cheque - CiL	£2,889.78	
General Reserves	£9,052.28	
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NS&I	£106.53	
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	<b>£14,786.41</b>	
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Payments totalling £1,320.65 were approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr Rymer and seconded by Cllr Aldis. All in agreement.

- d) To receive the bank balances and budget so far this year. Noted above.
- e) To request the Councillors start thinking about the budget for next year. Noted.

**12. Discuss any Councillors issues:**

JW noted that the footpath opposite 1 and 2 The Boundaries is overgrown.

BW spoke to some children playing in the playground and they requested a 'catch' net to be placed behind the football goal.

BW has sourced quotes for hardened surface in front of the basketball hoop. This would cost £2,488. The boys requested that there would be rubber matting placed in front of the goal post. Discuss at the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting, no meeting in August, next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

There being no more business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm

**Signed by Chairman**

**Dated**