

**Minutes of Full Meeting held by
GISSING PARISH COUNCIL
On Thursday 14th July 2016
7.30pm at Gissing Village Hall**

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Barry Stone

Present

Parish Councillors: Dr Jim Philip (Chair), Joe Cromley, Kevin Jordan, Dave Eddington, Steven Sell, Clerk, 2 parishioners/local residents

2. To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None recorded

3. Minutes of previous meeting, AGM 12th May 2016 and matters arising:

Minutes of meeting 10th March and 12th May 2016, previously published (in draft) on Parish website and circulated to all Parish Councillors were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chair.

- a. Highways – a meeting had been held between Lewis Garrington and Parish Council on 8th June 2016 regarding Highways matter outstanding. LG would survey areas that day and report back. Another complaint had been received about posts on Malthouse Lane previously reported. A response had not been received and this would be followed up by the clerk. (cc Bev Spratt)

Clerk

Rangers – email of works to be carried out – All Bus Stop signs and grass clearing. Sign at junction of Glebe Road and Rectory Road. Pot holes at Simmonds Farm and Cullums field on Rectory Road.

- b. Lighting of carpark – Heart of Gissing had requested that lighting of carpark be discussed by PC. They proposed installing 6 pillar lights and bearing the cost which had been put into their budget. RESOLVED for this to go ahead, Proposed JP, Seconded DE. Insurance was discussed – Signage re risk to owners. Also a policy use for community groups was discussed. Call insurance company to ensure the carpark is on the policy (was checked when works began but it is in full use now and would be used as the main entrance to the building when it is completed).

Clerk

Clerk

4. Village Hall

A restrictive covenant had been highlighted and needed to be checked legally. This would then need to be lifted by the Church Commissioner and signed off by all parties. CW advises that Counsel's opinion be sought before proceeding. He had found Counsel in London who had provided price of £1500 plus Vat to prepare this. RESOLVED to instruct CW to obtain opinion. Proposed JC Seconded SS

CW

JP wanted to get everything in place this year to finalise open projects of Village Hall and Village Green as over 1million was being invested into the village. Funding for Village Green needed to be finalised and found.

ALL

5. Gissing Green Plan of Action

JP had emailed Tim Horspole asking for information from application for CPO. Where had the obtained estimate for Knotweed removal; method of removal and timescale; if clearance including for and costs of investigating and neighbouring properties or just site clearance. Our original estimate is 3 years old and needs updating. DE had spoken to advisor who estimated £30k to £90k for clearance, Chemical £20k but would take several years. JP stated that barriers to protect other property would be needed. New Legislation

gave SNC power to request Knotweed clearance. Should a further quote be obtained?
Costs?

Agreed that a further Knotweed report should be obtained. Proposed KJ Seconded SS DE
Agreed to put valuation on next Agenda Clerk/JP

6. Finance

Payments agreed:

D Weatherley - £108.00 Proposed: DE Seconded: KJ

Reporting on Barclays bank, statements not being received and Clerk unable to obtain information from them. Agreed for BC to find out if she could be named as RFO to obtain information with password.

Clerk

7. Planning

2016/1558 – Crown Bungalow. This application had been resubmitted with a business plan, showing how proceeds of the sale will help the future stability of the business. JP would do comments for submission. All in agreement. Proposed JC Seconded JP

JP/Clerk

8 Correspondence

All correspondence dealt with and circulated where necessary.

9 Any other Business

Miss Colchester discussed Second World War Pillbox on common. She wishes to get a preservation order on the Pillbox. She will call SNC and Archaeologists.

10 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting – September 8th 2016, 7.30pm

Signed..... Dated.....

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