

**Minutes of Meeting held by
GISSING PARISH COUNCIL
On Tuesday 10th July 2018
7.30 at Gissing Community Building**

2018.21	Apologies for Absence	
	K Jordan, Cllr B Stone	
	Present	
	Mr R S Sell (Chair), D Eddington, J Cromley, Cllr B Spratt, C Tyler (Clerk), M Harrowven (officer-elect0, Cllr B Spratt and 3 parishioners	
2018.22	To record /declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	None recorded	
2018.23	<p>Chairman invited Cllr B Spratt to talk:- Adult Social Services were hoping to find funding without making cuts to services, but Children's Services may have to make cuts which could include possible closures. This would try to be avoided, however. There was to be a large wind farm in the North Sea over a 6-year project which would send current in Swardeston. No issues around potholes appeared to be outstanding.</p> <p>Co-option of Officer The casual vacancy caused by Ms H Baxter's resignation had been duly advertised and notified to South Norfolk Council. No request for an election had been received. Mr Mike Harrowven had been approached by the Parish Council and had agreed to be co-opted to the Parish Council. This was voted upon and received a unanimous vote. Mr Harrowven signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before Mr R Sell (Chair). MH was welcomed to the Parish Council.</p>	
2018.24	<p>Minutes of previous meetings of 8th May 2018 (AGM & APM), and 5th June 2018 (Finance Meeting) and matters arising:</p> <p>Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Phone box: grant application for restoring the kiosk had been made by the Clerk to South Norfolk Council. b) Highways: SS said that K Jordan had told him of a blocked pipe running under the road at Wood Farm on Burston Road which could cause issues in future. SS had reported this to Highways. Signs are still missing on Long Row – Clerk to re-report this. Clerk reported the order of the new village centre/car park sign had been made. c) Defibrillator: The Community Fund had closed before an application could be made. Clerk to investigate possible Co-Operative Society grant. SS said it was imperative to ensure, once the defibrillator was in place, that there was wide awareness of its location for anyone in need. d) Flagpole: MH has spoken to some building firms to see if an ex-show home pole can be sourced. e) End of War: JC reported that HofG had spoken of three potential lectures being offered, but he had then received no further reply to queries on this. The Friends of the Church had had one lecturer approach them directly, but had not pursued this due to not hearing from HofG. JC will chase HofG again on this. 	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>MH</p> <p>JC</p>

	<p>The opportunity to gain some funding towards soldier silhouettes had been missed as it was a very narrow window. Clerk to investigate costs and circulate.</p> <p>Clerk to investigate mug designs and prices and circulate to all. JC reported that 11th November falls on a Sunday this year. There is usually a service at 10.50am. Someone with service connections lays the wreath. The Rector would not be present for this year's service so it would be some hymns and poetry readings. JC questioned if there would be an event on 10th November which could include the distribution of mugs. JC to speak to HofG about this.</p> <p>f) Travellers: those on the Common had departed at the start of June. Some mess had been left, mainly bags of hedge-trimmings and some gas cylinders. These had been cleared by the Council after only two days.</p>	<p>CLERK CLERK</p> <p>JC</p>
2018.25	Village Hall	
	<p>DE reported that Mr Mike Sarson of TW Gaze was meeting with Mr Smalley of The Rectory on 11th July 2018. SS asked if it was known how much cost had been incurred to Mr Sarson and DE replied that this was not yet known. At the last Village Hall AGM on 19th June 2018 the Village Hall returned to the Parish Council for administration. The minutes of that meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed. It had been discussed at the AGM that Sarah Willett continue to be Treasurer for the small amount of Village Hall funds and that this would be discussed at this Parish Council meeting. Sarah Willett continuing as Village Hall treasurer was proposed by SS and seconded by JC.</p>	
2018.26	B4RN	
	<p>MH reported significant changes in the company structure since the initial meetings with the organisation. Scole village hall and a handful of houses were now connected. B4RN had changed its management structure and all local volunteers suddenly removed from post. MH's considerable attempts to contact B4RN finally elicited a response in his request for clarity around the situation and to find out if the proposed information to be included in the parish newsletter was correct. The original business plan had changed and this area had reverted to 'start-up' status. This was then reversed by a new accountant for the company. A volunteer is in place locally until a member of staff is recruited. There now was an issue of confidence going forward due to all these changes. All sign-off authority remains with B4RN management in the north of England. MH reported that the amount to be raised by Gissing was approximately £164,000; more than originally mooted. There was a discussion around other providers, especially BT, and it was felt that – at present – a 'watching brief' be kept on the situation, particularly with regard to the permanent member of staff. SS recorded thanks to MH for his extensive help on this matter.</p>	
2018.27	Planning	
	<p>There were no new planning applications to discuss, but SS stated that he was not happy that South Norfolk Council had stopped informing the Parish Council of planning outcomes. The Clerk had chased this previously and would do so again. It was felt that, given the outcome of the Malthouse Farm application, South Norfolk Council should be approached again for comment on the footpath and posts on the highway outside the property.</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

	It was confirmed that the application for two properties to be built to the rear of The Gissing Crown had been passed, with conditions.	
2018.28	Finance	
	Arranging payments and reporting up-to-date balances. Heart of Gissing CIO (Hall Hire): £21.00 Proposed: JC Seconded: DE Primrose Press (newsletter): £48.00 Proposed: JC Seconded: DE Request received from Gissing PCC for a donation towards maintenance of the churchyard. £200.00 proposed by SS and seconded by DE. Clerk to arrange for MH as signatory.	CLERK
2018.29	Correspondence	
	All correspondence dealt with as required and forwarded to Councillors if needed.	
2018.30	Any Other Business	
	None reported	
2018.31	Date and time of next meeting	
	11 th September 2018 at 7.30pm, Gissing Community Building	

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

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