

GISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Gisleham on Monday 4th December 2023.

Council Chairman, Philip Gillott, opened the meeting at 7.00pm

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs M Boon, Mr P Gillott (Chair),
Miss R Moffatt and Mrs L Spendlove

In attendance; Mr R Stonehouse
One Parishioner
Mr D Ward (Parish Clerk)

- 41. Apologies for absence:** were received from:
Parish Councillors, Mr R Dexter and Mr M Lanham
County Councillor, Mr M Ladd.
District Councillors, Mr C Rivett and Mr M Scrancher
All of which were approved.

The Chairman reported receipt of the resignation, on 13 November 2023, of Bryan Collen as a Parish Councillor. He has been personally thanked for his many years service to the Parish.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Ross Stonehouse to the meeting. Mr Stonehouse, who lives in Black Street, had indicated an interest in filling the vacancy left by Mr Collen. There had been no other response to the Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor. Following a vote, Mr Stonehouse was co-opted to the Parish Council and completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Chair. The Clerk will register the appointment so that he can complete the Register of Interest.

- 42. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest relevant to items on the agenda.**

No declarations were received.

- 43. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

It was proposed by Mrs M Boon and seconded by Miss R Moffatt that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd October 2023 were a true record of the proceedings. This was confirmed by all and they were then signed by the Chair and Clerk.

- 44. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

- 45. Report from Suffolk County Councillor: (by email)**

The winter road gritting programme has begun. It is anticipated that the 39 lorries will spread approximately 17,000 tonnes of salt on the 2,000 miles of roads in the County.

The County Council have allocated £1 million of funds, following storm Babet, to target recovery work and investigate, and establish, the source of flooding and actions that could be taken to increase resilience to future storms.

Signed.....ChairmanClerk Date.....

Suffolk County Council, with Norfolk and Essex, continue to urge National Grid to reconsider their proposals for a new route of electricity pylons from Norwich to Tilbury

The grand opening of Horizon School was celebrated recently which amalgamated four pupil referral units, within Lowestoft, on to a single site for up to 120 pupils.

46. Report from East Suffolk Councillors: (by email)

Confirmation that the Parish Council grant application to install a defibrillator in Black Street is being processed.

47. Questions from Parishioners:

None received

48. Finance:

- a) The Clerk updated Councillors of recent receipts and expenditure, and the current balances of the Parish bank accounts
- b) Councillors were advised of the recent Local Government Services Pay Agreement. Miss Moffatt proposed that the Clerk's salary should be increased, in accordance with the Award, including back-pay to 1st April 2023. This was seconded by Mrs Boon, and agreed by all.
- c) East Suffolk Council have requested that the Parish Council consider the Precept required for 2024/25. After some discussion it Mrs Spendlove proposed an increase of £300 to £4,500. This was seconded by Mrs Boon, and agreed by all.
- d) CIL Payments – There are no payments due from 1st April to 30th September 2023

49. The Hut:

A request from the Parish Room Trustee Committee for £900 +VAT for a survey of The Hut by O.A.Chapman and Son was deferred to the next meeting to enable more information to be obtained.

50. Defibrillators:

The defibrillator planned for the Book Exchange in Black Street is due to be delivered this week. Councillors agreed to instruct Gilbert Electrical to install the box to the external face of the rear of the Exchange, and to install an LED security light above the unit with a motion sensor.

The Book Exchange will be closed from Wednesday 6th to Saturday 9th December.

51. Carlton Colville Neighbourhood Plan:

The Examiner has required several modifications to the proposed Plan, primarily in regard to proposals for the Bell Farm development. Carlton Colville Town Council will discuss these issues with the District Councillors but is anticipated that the Referendum will be available in the New Year.

52. East Suffolk Council:

- a) The Surveyor responsible for Latymere Close has arranged for the rear access, and link to Black Street, to be cleared to ensure easier accessibility.
- b) The Access Management team are addressing the street lighting issues in Black Street.
- c) Unit owners on the South Lowestoft Industrial Estate still have concerns about on-going maintenance and are in touch with the District Council in an effort to resolve the problems.

53. County Highways:

- a) Following reports of localised flooding throughout the village, and Carlton Colville, we have been advised that the County only own up to 'the brow of the ditch' and that the adjoining land owner is responsible for ensuring the ditches are cleared.
- b) The hedge on the Eastern side of Rushmere Road, at the rear of Carlton Colville primary school playing field, is dangerously hanging over the carriageway, causing vehicles to move to the centre of the road when approaching a bend! County have indicated they will trim back the hedge to reduce the hazard.
- c) Despite gully clearances in Black Street, following rain saw them overflowing. A survey team suggested that the connecting drains needed to be jetted and that this would be undertaken 'shortly', although this would require access to all properties to lift manhole covers to avoid pressure build-up. No further contact has been identified.

54. Planning:

- a) Application SCC/0100/23W
Construction and operation of new food waste building and other associated site infrastructure.

Lowestoft Waste Transfer and Recycling Station, Hadenham Road, Gisleham NR33 7NF

Councillors have the following comments:

- 1) Despite the assurances, they are concerned about potential smells affecting adjacent food outlets and businesses.
- 2) Additional traffic movements in what is, already, a very busy road,
- 3) Question the purpose of recycling food waste? Recycled to what? And who will benefit?

Councillors recommend REFUSAL pending receipt of further information to address the issues raised.

- b) Application DC/23/4308/ADI
Illuminated Advertisement Consent. To replace current Audi signage and replace that with new corporate branding due to a new site development.

2, Cooke Road, Gisleham, Lowestoft NR33 7NA

Councillors offered no adverse comments and recommend APPROVAL

55. Councillors Forum - Agenda Items for Future Meeting:

None requested

56. A schedule of dates for meetings in 2024 was agreed as follows:

The next meeting will be on Monday 8th January

Followed by meetings on 4th March
13th May to include the AGM
1st July
16th September
11th November