GISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall on Monday 7th November 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present: Graham Hunt, Rosemary Moffatt, Myrtle Boon, Sylvia Gilbert, Ivan Gilbert Carla Petersen – Clerk One parishioner

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. Welcome & Apologies An apology had been received from Phil Gillott.

2. Declaration of Interest

Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regard to items on the agenda and requests for dispensations. No pecuniary interest was declared.

3. Minutes of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising – To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th September 2016 The Minutes having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true record, proposed by Myrtle, seconded by Rosemary. Myrtle noted that it was Ivan Gilbert who had sourced the paint and not the Chairman. A copy was signed by the Chairman.

4. Police Connect

An up to date Police Report had not been received. The Clerk handed out information about Police Connect a messaging service via e-mail, text or phone.

5. Public Forum

See 15.

6. Devolution

The issue of devolution was discussed and the Clerk reported that there would be a meeting in two weeks' time in Norwich regarding the Norfolk/Suffolk devolution deal.

7. Parish Plan

Graham said that Phil had recently attended a meeting at Riverside regarding Parish Plan/Village review. It was agreed for Clerk to contact WDC to arrange a talk for Councillors and parishioners. Clerk to also contact local parishes to check out possibilities of linking up.

8. Subscription to Local Council Public Advisory Service

The two subscription options were discussed and it was agreed to go ahead with £50 clerk subscription. Clerk training courses to be discussed again next year. Clerk to contact LCPAS to see if there are closer training venues.

9. Precept

Councillors discussed reviewing the Precept and it was agreed that it should be increased by 3%. Proposed Rosemary and seconded Myrtle.

10. Updates:

Onesuffolk website

As of 1 November 2016 the onesuffolk website had been transferred to a new provider Community Action Suffolk (CAS). There will be a yearly charge of £50 + VAT for this service. It was agreed to go with transfer to CAS for this coming year and to look into other options for next year. Proposed Rosemary, seconded Myrtle. Clerk to write letter regarding cost and whether it would be fairer if it was proportional to size of parish.

Public phone box

See correspondence.

Carlton Colville CP School

Clerk had received an email from Sonia Barker dated 10 October 2016. A meeting to discuss the current situation is planned for end of November 2016. Clerk to contact Sonia Barker and ask for exact date, time and location of meeting to enable Councillors to have the opportunity to attend.

Street naming Tower Road/Haddenham Road

Clerk had put forward all the suggested names. A decision on name had not yet been received.

11. Planning Application:

The following applications have been granted: DC/16/3589/FUL – Reposition lattice tower amateur mast

12. Accounts

Clerk was unable to prepare a Bank Reconciliation Statement due to delays with Barclays Bank in amending change of details. Barclays Bank had lost the original forms so Clerk collected replacement forms for signing. Clerk to deliver in person the signed forms to Barclays Bank.

The following cheques were passed for payment:		
Clerk's Salary – September & October 2016	£ 3	312.16
Balance due on insurance	£	8.94

13. Correspondence

Clerk had received an email from Community Action Suffolk regarding the number of noticeboards on insurance policy and also insurance cover on telephone box. Insurance policy currently states 3 noticeboards however there are 4. Clerk to contact CAS regarding costs and excesses.

14. Future Scheduled Meetings

9th January 2017, 6th March 2017, 8th May 2017, 3rd July 2017, 4th September 2017, 6th November 2017

15. Public Forum

A parishioner raised the issue of flashing from the wind turbine and also that it had breached noise levels 3 times in a 24-hour period. The situation to be monitored and events reported.

A parishioner stated they had received several complaints regarding the speed of cars and tractors in Black Street. Concerns were raised in particular about public safety at school run times. Clerk to contact PC Finlayson and arrange for speed camera monitoring sessions in Black Street.

16. Any other business

Ivan raised the issue of inadequate lighting on the bridge over Bloodmoor Road. He had received complaints from parents who were concerned about children's safety. Trees have become overgrown and were blocking the lighting. Clerk to contact WDC.

Myrtle raised the issue of oak trees that have been dropping branches in Black Street. Clerk to contact Bryan Collen to arrange for him to trim dead branches and also the hedge.

An update was requested regarding the layby outside the school. Clerk to contact Mark Kerridge (Highways Officer).

Graham raised the issue of Brickwork Corner. A car had gone into the ditch on the previous Thursday. It had been noticed that on the road that the word "slow" needed repainting fully. Clerk to arrange repainting and also put in request for another "slow" nearer the corner if possible.

The issue of fly tipping was raised. It was thought that when the tip is closed on Wednesdays that fly-tipping increases. Clerk to contact WDC.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.55 pm.

Signed......Clerk Date.....