

# GISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Gisleham on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Council Chairman, Philip Gillott, opened the meeting at 7.00pm with best wishes for the New Year.

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mrs M Boon (Vice Chair), Mr R Dexter  
Mr P Gillott (Chair), Mr M Lanham and Miss R Moffatt

**In attendance:** Suffolk County Councillor, M Ladd  
East Suffolk Councillor, C Rivett  
Mr. D Ward (Parish Clerk)

**65. Apologies for absence:** were received from Mrs L Spendlove and Mr B Collen was unable to attend. Both absences were accepted.

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

No declarations were received.

**67. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

It was proposed by Mrs M Boon and seconded by Mr R Dexter, that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022, and by Miss R Moffat, seconded by Mr M Lanham, that those of the Planning meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December, were both true records of the proceedings. This was confirmed by all and they were then signed by the Chair and Clerk.

**68. Report from Suffolk County Councillor:**

County Councillor, M Ladd advised that the County Council had approved their budget of £685m for 2023-24. A large proportion of this will address Social Care and Education issues. The Council Tax increase for 2023 has been restricted to 3.99%. The County Council have introduced the Suffolk Winter Warm initiative. The Government have pledged £480 to Suffolk County Council for investment in Adult Education.

**69. Report from East Suffolk Councillor:**

District Councillor, C Rivett, advised that East Suffolk Council were successful in their bid of £2.75m in the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and £1.129m in the Rural Prosperity Fund.

**70. Questions from Parishioners:**

There were no Parishioners present

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

**71. Finance:**

The Clerk advised Councillors of the current Bank balances.

The District Council had requested the Precept for 2023/24 be considered. After some discussion, Mrs M Boon proposed this be increased from £4,160 to £4,200, this was seconded by Mr R Dexter and agreed by all. Clerk to advise ESC accordingly

**72. Local Elections:**

The Clerk acknowledge receipt of the current Register of Electors for Gisleham.

East Suffolk Council, and Parish Council, elections will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

In accordance with legislation, this will affect the timing of the AGM, which will now be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm.

**73. The Hut:**

There is concern about the structural integrity of the Parish Rooms, and a structural survey of the building has been completed, at a cost of £1,080.

Councillor M Ladd may be able to contribute towards this cost.

Defra have recently announced the 'Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund' to provide grants to enhance, improve or replace Village Halls and the Parish Council have advised the Trustees of this opportunity.

**74. CIL Projects - The Book Exchange and Bus Shelter:**

Work to repair the bus shelter has been completed, including complete redecoration.

The Book Exchange will be repainted when the weather improves.

**75. Carlton Colville Town Council Neighbourhood Plan:**

Following discussions with East Suffolk Council, Carlton Colville Town Council have modified the Neighbourhood Plan and will request that they proceed with Regulation 16 formalities in February.

The specific Design Code has been omitted from the Plan, whilst retaining its key principles and ideas, as well as reference to water attenuation, which was considered unnecessary due to the existence of the flood plain.

Gisleham Parish Council have received a copy of the latest Plan and, following discussion, are in full agreement with the current proposals.

**76. Quiet Lane status – Black Street, Gisleham/The Street, Rushmere.**

The opportunity to 'register an interest' to join a future scheme has been completed.

The Quiet Lanes Team have advised that the cost of legal fees, signage and installation could be in the region of £4,500 if undertaken without County Council assistance. The Clerk to request 'up to date' costs from the Quiet Lanes Team, particularly as we have already carried out the Residents' consultation.

**77. Gateway Retail Park:**

The correspondence with the Managing agents for the Gateway Retail Park has been successful and the advertising totem at the entrance has been completely replaced with a more sturdy structure showing all the current outlets.

**78. County Highways:**

Several issues have been reported since the last meeting.  
Report 0077949 – loose 30mph sign on Rushmere Road – not yet repaired (reported 14/11/22)  
Obscured ‘bend’ sign on Gisleham Road, near Primary school.  
Overhanging hedge on Rushmere Road, at rear of school playing field.  
All acknowledged by Suffolk County Council.

**79. Planning:**

**DC/22/2520/FUL – Extension to Pakefield Holiday Park.**

At a Parish meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Councillors recommended this Application be refused.  
The Application has not yet been determined by East Suffolk Council Planning Department.  
We have been advised that the Applicant is still addressing several concerns raised during the consultation period.

**80. Councillors Forum - Agenda Items for Future Meeting:**

Concerns were raised about the removal of a bollard which limited the direction of vehicles leaving the trade exit of the Gateway Retail Park.

**81. Dates for Future Meetings:**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 starting at 7pm.**  
The following meeting will be at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**  
and the AGM, which will now be held at 7.00pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May