

GISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Gisleham on Monday 9th May 2022.

This meeting immediately followed the AGM and was opened by the Chair, Philip Gillott at 7.15pm.

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

In attendance: County Councillor, Mr M Ladd
A Parish Councillor from Carlton Colville
Mr. D Ward (Parish Clerk)

01. Apologies for absence: were received, and approved, from Mrs Spendlove
East Suffolk Councillors were unable to attend.

02. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest relevant to items on the agenda.
No declarations were received.

03. Minutes of Previous Parish Meeting:

It was proposed by Mrs M Boon, and seconded by Miss R Moffatt, that the Minutes presented for the Parish Council meeting held on 21st March 2022 were a true record of the proceedings. This was confirmed by all and they were then signed by the Chair and Clerk. There were no matters arising.

04. Report from Suffolk County Councillor

County Councillor M Ladd provided an update from Suffolk County Council.

1. 95.6% of children in Suffolk received their preferred choice of school.
2. £350K has been allocated to address domestic abuse
3. A film to highlight suicide awareness is being circulated.
4. Several fire officers from Suffolk have, successfully, volunteered, and delivered, fire-fighting equipment, including pumps, to Ukraine.
5. Discussion continue with the proposed 1000 dwelling 'Garden Village' North of Lowestoft.
6. Travel costs for 16+ school and college transport have been frozen.

05. Report from East Suffolk Councillor:

No reports available

06. Questions from Parishioners:

There were no Parishioners present.

07. Finance:

The Clerk advised Councillors of the current Bank balances.

A CIL payment of £1,604.23 has been received in relation to the development at Hall Farm.

The Precept payment for 2022-2023 has been received.

Notification from NALC that the national Joint Council has agreed new rates of pay. Councillors agreed to implement these and increase Clerk's salary to point 9, £11.05 per hour.

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

08. Carlton Colville Town Council Neighbourhood Plan:

There was a good response to the Public Consultation display of the proposals at the Carlton Colville Community Centre on Saturday 9th April and Sunday 10th April.

The Consultation period continues to end May when all feedback will be assessed and a full report available.

09. Quiet Lane status – Black Street:

The questionnaire was delivered to residents in The Street, Rushmere, and 17 residents responded, all in favour of the proposal.

Arrangements will be made for the questionnaire to be delivered to residents in Black Street, Gisleham.

The responses will be discussed at the next meeting in July

10. Councillor ‘Code of Conduct’:

The Local Government Association published an updated model ‘Code of Conduct’ for Councillors. In 2020, which addresses behaviors and responsibilities associated with the role.

This code was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and there was unanimous agreement that this be adopted by Gisleham Parish Council.

11. The Book Exchange:

A quotation to externally redecorate the book exchange was obtained.

Subsequently a resident in Black Street has offered to undertake this and this offer has been accepted.

12. Gateway Retail Park:

There are still concerns being raised about the unsocial behavior on the Retail Park and Homebase carparks. The Police are fully aware of the situation and regular visits are being made by Traffic Officers. Several arrests, Notices issued and vehicle seizures have been made. Local MP, Peter Aldous, is also aware and has attended meetings to address the situation.

13. Benacre Sluice Project:

£28m funding has been confirmed for this work and a project team appointed to complete the flood defence works by 2025.

Neil Colby, Clerk to Kessingland Parish Council, has also been appointed as Project Clerk.

He will liaise with Mr R Dexter to ensure Gisleham Parish Council is updated with progress.

14. Bus Shelter, Black Street:

The Clerk will arrange for an inspection to identify any remedial works required and to subsequently receive a quotation for repairs and redecoration.

15. Planning:

To consider the following Planning Applications submitted to East Suffolk Council:

- 15a) DC/22/2409P3Q
Prior Notification – Conversion of single agricultural building to four dwellings.
Lodge Farm, Gisleham Road, Gisleham NR33 8DT**

Councillors offered no adverse comments and RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

- 15b) DC/21/5763/FUL
Erection of Chalet Bungalow with garaging and shared vehicular access.
Land to the front of Ottawa Lodge, London Road, Gisleham NR33 7QN**

Councillors were pleased with the alteration to share the access with that to Ottawa Lodge.

As with the previous application, there is concern whether a 'chalet bungalow' meets the 'Outline' Approval conditions, as the additional floor will increase the accommodation and, possibly, the occupancy and number and frequency of vehicles. Also, although using the existing access, which presumably satisfies the visibility splay requirements on a road with a 40mph limit, Councillors are still concerned about the responsibility for maintaining the visibility across adjoining properties?

Provided these Conditions can be met, Parish Councillors have no further comments and RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

16. Councillors Forum - Agenda Items for Future Meeting:

Councillors to consider community projects suitable for expenditure of CIL receipts

17. Dates for Future Meetings:

The next meeting is on **Monday 4th July 2022 starting at 7pm.**

Future meetings have been agreed as: 19th September and 7th November