

# Gazeley Parish Council

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**NOTICE OF MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting  
**TIME:** 19.00  
**DATE:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
**VENUE:** Gazeley Village Hall

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

**Members of the Public:** Members of the public are welcome to attend and may address the Council during the formal meeting under Public Participation. Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public may be excluded whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Members of the public wishing to record the meeting are asked to notify the Chairman of their intentions so that appropriate arrangements can be made for the recording, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Recording of Meetings Policy.

MEMBERS	7
VACANCIES	0
QUORUM	3

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## MINUTES

In attendance: Councillor Kinnon (PK) Chairman, Raithatha (SR) Vice-Chairman, Jolly (SJ), Connelly (RC), Moatt (JM), Grimwood (KG). ? members of the public and District Councillor Dicker (RD).

**131124/1 CHAIRMANS WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

**131124/2 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Chapman (LC) work commitments. Apologies accepted.

**131124/3 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were made.

**131124/4 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Roger Dicker made a verbal report, this also detailed the new recycling measures for both businesses and householders which goes live from March 2026 under overriding government legislation. Under the new legislation local parishes may no longer receive payments for the recycling of glass.

**131124/5 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:**

The Parish Council Meeting minutes of on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were approved unanimously as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Proposed PK Seconded RC**

**131124/6 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (max 15 minutes)**

The PC will use its best endeavours to disseminate information giving advance notice of meetings and other relevant information as widely as possible and that discussions were already taking place to facilitate this. It was noted that a proposal to provide a new village war memorial was currently under review by Councillor Chapman who will give a progress report at the next PC meeting. It was noted that the Village Hall Charity is not insolvent and its representative said that she would welcome more support from villagers in order to raise funds and will make a formal request for a grant to the PC. Representatives of Gazeley Church PCC made further submissions in support of a grant for 2025/26 to the parish council in addition to the written submissions as already received and circulated by the clerk.

**131124/7 COUNCIL BUSINESS**

a) To update on Parish Council Banking arrangements

It was noted that all additional signatories had now been added to the account with the exception of KG.

- b) To review play area inspection report and discuss play area repair works  
Repairs are in hand arising out of the latest monthly inspection report. No further communication has been received to date of the contractors who were instructed to replace and repair the safety matting
- c) Disbanding of Gazeley Speed Watch Group  
The speed watch group has been disbanded due to lack of volunteer support. Speed monitoring will continue and volunteers willing to reinstate the speed watch group were asked to make themselves known to the Chair.
- d) To discuss grant applications  
(d) (e) (g) & (h) By reason of the Clerk's absence these items will now be addressed at the next meeting.
- e) Grant request that falls outside of Policy  
(d) (e) (g) & (h) By reason of the Clerk's absence these items will now be addressed at the next meeting.
- f) Open Spaces Society Membership Renewal  
It was **resolved** not to renew our subscription to the OSS. **Proposed RC Seconded PK**
- g) To discuss and set the Parish Council Budget for 2025-26  
(d) (e) (g) & (h) By reason of the Clerk's absence these items will now be addressed at the next meeting.
- h) To discuss and set the Parish Councils Precept for 2025-26  
(d) (e) (g) & (h) By reason of the Clerk's absence these items will now be addressed at the next meeting.

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## PLANNING TO DISCUSS

### DC/24/1611/TPO Street Record C655 from Dalham to Gazeley

TPO 004 Various – Fell

It was **resolved** not to oppose the application by Dalham Estates to fell four trees which are either dead or decaying notwithstanding that they are the subject of a preservation order.

**Proposed PK Seconded RC**

## UPDATES:

None received.

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## COUNCILLOR FORUM

SJ requested that the PC chase the completion of the replacement street lighting programme in the village.

SJ noted that he had installed the new defibrillator which was partly funded by a grant applied for and obtained by the PC.

A list of volunteers who wish to receive training in the use of this equipment will be circulated.

KG drew attention to a drain that needs rodding in Higham Road.

JM asked about the possibility of volunteers maintaining the pond at the junction of The Street and Moulton Road and it was agreed that this could only be undertaken at their own risk.

JM noted that the hedges on the boundary of the playground area need cutting and a quotation for the work for inclusion in next year's' budget will be obtained.

PK reminded councillors that the necessary maintenance to the village notice board remains outstanding. SR had received a report that a resident(s) are using the village green to access their properties but had yet to receive a full report about this.

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## FINANCE

To approve Bank Reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

September and October

a) HMRC, Staffing and Expenses	£755.24
SP Landscapes – Grass Cutting and maintenance	£1413.00
RedShoes Accounting – payroll	£45.00
Gazeley Church – Maintenance Grant	£1700.00
Gazeley Village Hall – hire	£142.00
Royal British Legion - Wreath	£30.00
London Hearts – Defibrillator	£750.00
Income	
Interest (Business Instant Account 9.8.24)	£33.66
Interest (Business Instant Account 9.8.24)	£31.25
Interest (Business Instant Account 09.10.2024)	£25.31

HMRC – VAT Refund

£1060.08

The bank reconciliation as at 31/10/2024 was approved and signed. The payments listed at 131124/10 were noted as approved.

**Proposed PK Seconded RC**

**131124/11**      **DIARY DATES** –8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Gazeley Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20.03

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*K Peck*

**Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer**  
**Gazeley Parish Council**  
**8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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*P Kinnon*

**Chairman**