

GESTINGTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11th. May 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D. Smith (Chairman), G. Carey, P. Collett, A. Cooper, Mr. Leslie Crumpton-Taylor (Internal Auditor) and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There was 2 members of the public present.

042/2023 Chairman welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

043/2023 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr P. Schwier, C. Craig and P. Bagby

044/2023 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda Cllr A. Cooper declared an interest in any discussion relating to the Cricket Club

045/2023 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Gestingthorpe Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the GPC meeting held on 9th. March 2023. **All Agreed**

046/2023 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

Thank you all for a wonderful celebration weekend.

All organisations involved worked hard but a special thanks to Penny Bagby for all her splendid effort

Assets of Community Value" (ACV)

Cllr D. Smith asked if any Councillor wishes to explore the reason to acquire an ACV on Playing field, Public House and the Village Hall.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to hold an informal meeting with the appropriate people of the playing field, public house and village hall before any formal application is submitted to BDC.

It was also agreed to defer this item to the next GPC meeting. but an informal meeting would take place before the meeting in July.

047/2023 Public Participation Session

A resident asked if the new BDC Councillor could take on board the planning issues within Gestingthorpe?

A FOI request has been submitted to BDC planning department for more information on planning issues in the village.

a) King's Coronation event

The event at the weekend went very well and Cllr D. Smith thanked all organiser for their hard work in making the Coronation event successful.

b) Spraying in the village – Cllr P. Collett

Please defer this item to the next GPC meeting

048/2023 Essex County Councillor report – ECC Cllr Peter Schwier

No report was given

049/2023 District Councillor report

No report was given

050/2023 Planning Applications. No planning applications have been received affecting Gestingthorpe

051/2023 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications

No planning decisions have been made by BDC affecting Gestingthorpe

052/2023 Representative reports

- Highways – Cllr P. Collett

SID Sudbury Road - The unit has been removed from the post and I understand that it is currently undergoing repairs by ECC. I am pressing ECC for its return but despite requests for an update I am now not receiving responses.

Potholes - In the coming weeks I intend to map and report to ECC as many potholes within the village as I can.

An update on the broken SID is that Sign unrepairable, quote for new to include 3 years warranty: Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) with Smiley / Angry Face beneath, 10W solar powered complete with spare Lead

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Acid battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign weatherproof cover and bracket set for a cost of £4618.75 Combination padlock is additional (pack of 2x) £26.25.

- Transport (Special Projects) – Nothing to report
- Playing Field – Cllr A. Cooper

The mowing of the playing field is being undertaken by the cricket club and is working well.

Regarding the Pavilion – 2 cold snaps with burst piping. Extra lagging installed. Showers replaced.

- Recreation Ground
 - a) Pavilion report – Cllr D. Smith

A working party has been arranged but with weather conditions not being favourable it has been deferred until good weather is upon us

b) Trees report

- Footpath – Cllr P. Bagby

In Cllr P. Bagby absence this item was deferred to the next meeting

- Defibrillator – Update from Cllr P. Bagby

In Cllr P. Bagby absence this item was deferred to the next meeting

- Village Hall – Cllr P. Bagby

In Cllr P. Bagby absence this item was deferred to the next meeting

053/2023 2022-2023 Annual Return

- 1) To receive the 2022/23 signed Internal Audit Report

Councillors noted the 2022/2023 Internal Audit Report

- 2) To receive and sign the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2022/23 part 2

Cllr D. Smith proposed signing the Certificate of Exemption. Cllr C. Craig seconded. **All Agreed**

The Chairman and RFO then signed the Certificate of Exemption

- 3) To receive and sign the Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

Cllr D. Smith proposed signing the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23. Cllr C. Craig seconded. **All Agreed.** The Chairman and Clerk then signed the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

- 4) To receive and sign the Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2022/23

Cllr D. Smith proposed signing the Accounting Statements 2022/23. Cllr C. Craig seconded. **All Agreed.**

The Chairman and RFO then signed the Accounting Statements 2022/23

054/2023 Finance

- a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. April 2023

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. April 2023

- b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2023/24

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2023/24

- c) To approve the payment of Accounts for April and May 2023 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Councils financial requirements. **All Agreed**

055/2023 Date of next meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13th. July 2023 at 7pm Councillors to note 2023 meeting dates - 14.09.23: 09.11.23

056/2023 Items for Next Agenda

Asset of Community Value: Update on Defibrillator: Spraying in the village: Education PC representative Co-Option

057/2023 Closure of the Meeting

To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.45pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

D Smith
Chairman
D. Smith

13th. July 2023