



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 15th April 2024 at 7:00PM**

Present: Cllr C Tranter, Cllr S Alexander, Cllr J Mew, RFO – S Budd,
CC Cllr J Fleming

Apologies: Cllr J Bell, DC Cllr Warboys,

1 Chair's welcome and to consider and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Tranter welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies from Cllr J Bell & DC Cllr Warboys were noted and approved.

2 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda items - None

3 To received Requests for Dispensations on Agenda items - None

4 To resolve the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March are a true and correct record

The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March 2024, were approved unanimously.

5 Report from County Councillor

CC Cllr Fleming's report can be found as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

6 Report from District Councillor

DC Cllr Warboys' report can be found as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

7 Public Participation Session (15 minutes set aside)

All members of the public present were very concerned with the impact the N2T will have on our village, causing damage to our environment, countryside, health, roads, trees and house prices. CC Fleming took part in the discussion and will try to arrange for a CC to come to the next meeting to give an update and as the document is quite complex to complete, they will be able to offer some advice to residents.

The Parish Council will be responding to the consultation, we urged all residents to put their comments forward individually as it has a greater impact.

There is also a website and facebook campaign for further information visit www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk for further information.

Cotton Parish Council have invited Gislingham Parish Council to attend their consultation meeting on the 8th May 2024

Residents present are going to attend the meeting organised by the National Grid on the 30th April at Gislingham Village Hall and would like as much support as possible, it was suggested that the Councillors attend or at least a representative, Cllr Tranter confirmed that he will try to attend.

8 Chair’s Report

- Ian Urwin has been added to the website as a volunteer

9 Clerk’s Report

Nothing to report, all mention on Agenda

10 RFO’s Report

The Receipts and Payments, summary of Reserves, and Bank Reconciliation, up to 31st March 2024 were prepared by the RFO and sent to councillors prior to the meeting.
No questions asked by Councillors on Financial Reports.

Final accounts checked and signed off by Cllr Tranter

Budget Monitoring & Explanation of Variances agreed

11 Neighbourhood Watch Report (Cllr Tranter)

Nothing to report

12 Footpath Warden’s Report (Mr Bryant) , his Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Appears as an addendum at the end of the Minutes.

13 SID (Speed Indicator Device) (Mr Stuart Wells) - Report circulated prior to the meeting.

14 Footpath Cutting update

ACTION

- Chair to go back and check on Clerk’s Laptop to see if she can find any correspondence relating to additional footpaths being cut.

15 Health & Safety Lead Volunteer – None received

16 Top Garden Grass Cutting Contract – Contract has been received

17 New VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed Device)

- We have proposed two sites Finningham Road and Gislingham Road, a resident in Finningham Road has raised concern that the due to the fact this in between to bends and drivers tend to slow down and it might be more beneficial to find an alternative location.
- The second proposed site is Gislingham Road near the Church, and we have had no objections from the Parochial Church Council.

ACTION

Cllrs to discuss alternative options

18 Parish Council Nomination - Request for GUC ref March 2024 any responses – no responses

19 Planning DC/24/01466 -2 Willow Close, Gislingham, Eye, Suffolk IP23 8LE – No Objections

ACTION

Chair to add comments onto the MSDC Planning Portal

20 Co-Option of Councillor – No Applications received

21 Finance

Payments	Amount	P/S etc
Admin payment for March	206.36	Cllrs Alexander/Mew unanimous
SALC Annual Membership	£487.40	Cllrs Mew/Alexander unanimous
SCC Street Lighting	£1266.84	Cllrs Alexander/Mew

		unanimous
Hire of Village Hall March 2024 PC meeting	£20.00	Cllrs Alexander/Mew unanimous
Stocksigns – VAS Device	£2991.00	Cllrs Alexander/Mew unanimous
RFO Expenses – Paper & Envelopes	£5.85	Cllrs Tranter/Mew unanimous

22 Training

No training requests

23 Arrangements for Annual Village Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting (20th May)

Cllr Fleming will try to arrange a County Councillor to attend to talk about the National Grid N2T

24 Policies and Reports, next updates due May 2024

25 IN CAMERA

Watson Bowl nominations discussed by PC and one candidate approved.

Volunteer of the year discussed by PC and one candidate approved.

26 Date of the next meeting is on 20th May 2024 at 7pm for Annual Village Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting in Gislingham Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm