

GISLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council Meeting on 17 April was unusually short – pure coincidence that the final episode of “Broadchurch” was starting at 9pm. It was confirmed that, under a joint venture between the Village Hall Management Committee and the Parish Council, the **BT phone box** would be taken out of service and re-located to the Village Hall where it would be used to house a defibrillator for public use. More on the defibrillator to follow after it has been installed.

By the time you read this, the **Spring Litter Pick** will have been completed and I would like to thank all those that helped in this important step to keep our village looking neat and tidy. The grass cutting contractor has also been contacted by the Clerk to keep the grass in the village at a reasonable length.

Finally a reminder that the **Annual Village Meeting** will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 24 May starting at 7:30pm. We are lucky to have Mr Bill Newman addressing us about **future planning in MSDC** and villages in particular. Mr Newman is Corporate Manager for Strategic Planning so is very knowledgeable and influential. Please take this opportunity to hear what he has to say and resolve issues you have about planning in our area. Additionally, many organizations will be represented at the meeting. We will hear for our County and District Councillors and, importantly the **Watson Bowl** will be presented to one of the many people that contribute to Gislingham village life. The evening will finish with complimentary drinks and nibbles.

The next Parish Council help desk will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 6 May from 10am to 12 noon. The next Parish Council Meeting is on 15 May at 7:30pm. Generally, the first point of contact for any matters to do with the Parish Council is the Parish Clerk, Mrs Kathryn Wells on gislinghamparishcouncil@gmail.com or by phone on 01379 783917. The alternative is Cllr Chris Pitt at chris@thepitts.org or 01379 788795. Full Draft Minutes as well as much other Parish Council information can be found on the Parish Council website at <http://gislingham.onesuffolk.net/>.