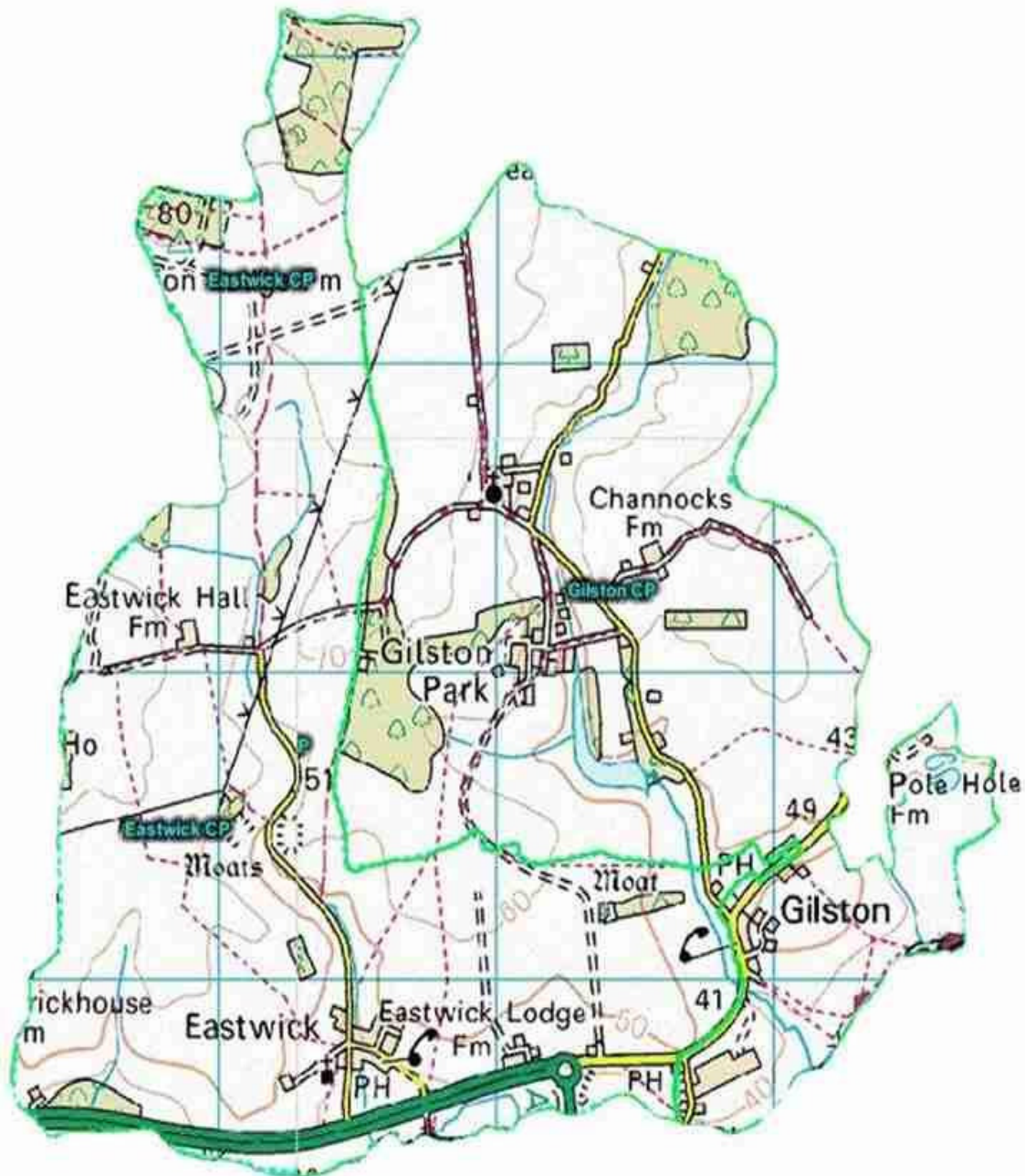


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NEXT MEETING

MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2015

8.00PM

VILLAGE HALL, PYE CORNER GILSTON

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BUSINESS MEETING WE WILL HAVE A 10-15 MINUTE SLOT WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE PARISH COUNCIL ON COUNCIL MATTERS.

AFTER THIS, THE PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO PLEASE BE SILENT SO THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL CAN HOLD THEIR MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALLOWED TO BE PRESENT DURING OUR MEETING BUT ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

AGENDA FOR ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS CAN BE FOUND ON ONE OF OUR VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS OR ON THE PARISH WEB SITE – IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE REPORTS THAT ARE NOT WITH THE AGENDAS (DUE TO LACK OF SPACE) PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK.

DRAFT

Minutes of the Eastwick and Gilston Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th November 2014, 8.00pm, Village Hall, Pye Corner.

PRESENT

Cllrs Geddes, Harvey, Hughes, Olsen, Orson, Roger Beeching (County Councillor), Mike Newman (District Councillor)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public present.

46. RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. None.

47. RECEIVE COUNCILLOR'S DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- a. None.

48. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- a. The minutes of 14th July 2014 meeting were proposed by Cllr Geddes and seconded by Cllr Orson. There were then signed as a true record by Cllr Orson.
- b. Approval of 8th September 2014 minutes deferred to the January 2015 meeting.

49. ACCOUNTS

- a. The Clerk presented a summary of the accounts to date.
- b. Review of the 2015/16 budget and Precept will be made at the January 2015 meeting.

50. PLANNING AND ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS

- a. Terlins Park – Cllr Orson informed the meeting that a site visit is planned for December, details to be confirmed. Bloor Homes donation for village entrance planters had not been received (post meeting a cheque for £5,000 was received from Bloor Homes. This will cover setup costs and 3 years planting and maintenance for village entrance planters)
- b. Pole Hole Restoration – Cllr Beeching informed the meeting that he had made a site visit with Anthony Brady. It was noted that the footpath has been reinstated, and works are ongoing to the west of the footpath (former town tip). The work that is being carried out does not include section 6C due to the noise and dust that might affect neighbouring properties. It was noted that work would not be completed by the end of November as required by the HCC Decision Notice. Cllr Orson will write to HCC noting the parish council's concern and disappointed that the restoration will not be complete by November

2014 and asking what can be done to give residents confidence that delays will not become protracted.

- c. Eastwick Hall Farm – Change of use from a turkey bar (barn 2) into commercial storage (B8 storage and distribution) – Retrospective. Change of use from a grain store (barn 14) into commercial storage (B8 storage and distribution). This has been refused by Planning Department.
- d. The Orchard, Gilston Park – Raising of roof to part of existing dwelling and addition of first floor front window. This application has been approved by Planning Department.

51. STOP HARLOW NORTH CAMPAIGN

- a. Cllr Hughes had nothing to report. Awaiting the results of the Option Consultation.

52. PARISH PATHS

- a. Cllr Orson had nothing to report. It was noted that spraying of footpaths through crops to be reviewed with Rights of Way in the spring as some were missed this year.

53. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a. Terms of reference for Neighbourhood Plan Development Group were unanimously approved at the last meeting but were not signed. Cllr Orson as Chairman of the Parish Council signed them on the PC behalf; they will now be passed to Anthony Bickmore Chairman of the NPDC to counter sign.

54. HIGHWAYS

- a. Cllr Harvey reported that pot holes in Eastwick Hall Lane had been hot filled. Nothing else to report.

55. VILLAGE HALL

- a. Cllr Harvey reported as a Trustee of the Village Hall Management Committee that the redecoration of the inside and outside of the hall building has been completed and that Bloor Homes have completed the car park improvements as agreed without charge. In total they have spent £15,500.00 plus VAT on the restoration of the hall. They are now considering what work might be needed to improve the kitchen facilities.

56. WW1 COMMEMORATION

- a. It was noted that this event achieved a very high standard and thanks were passed onto the organisers and Cllr Hughes for his excellent presentation.

57. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. None.

58. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

- a. None.

59. ITEMS COUNCILLORS WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. None.

60. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a. 2015 Council meeting dates were present to the Council with no objections.
- b. Date of next meeting will be on Monday 12th January 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

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VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mr David Jackson 419404 V Chairman: Mr Pat Wood 419838
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2015**

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GILSTON AND WILL START AT 8.00PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED
AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

MONDAY 12TH JANUARY **FULL COUNCIL**
MONDAY 9TH MARCH **(ANNUAL PARISH MEETING)**
 this is a meeting of the electorate and not a Parish Council meeting
 FOLLOWED BY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 11TH MAY **(ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL)**
 FOLLOWED BY PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
MONDAY 13TH JULY **FULL COUNCIL**
MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER **FULL COUNCIL**
MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER **FULL COUNCIL**

**In the year of Local Government Elections, the Annual Meeting of the Council will
be held between the fourth and fourteenth day after the election (inclusive).**

**The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of the Electorate and is not a meeting of the Council,
should meet annually between 1 March and 1 June (both inclusive).**

Christine Law **Parish Clerk**

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2015

4 th January	Epiphany	8.00am	St James, High Wych	Parish Eucharist – Readings – Isaiah 60: 1-6, Ephesians 3: 1-12, Matthew 2: 1-12
		9.30am	St James, High Wych	Family Service
11 th January	Baptism of Christ	9.30am	St James, High Wych	Parish Eucharist Readings – Genesis 1: 1-5, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1: 4-11
		11.15am	St Mary’s, Gilston	Parish Eucharist Readings – Genesis 1: 1-5, Acts 19: 1-7, Mark 1: 4-11
		3.00pm	St James, High Wych	Healing Service
13 th January	Tuesday	10.00am	6 Falcon Close	House Group
14 th January	Wednesday	7.30pm	The Rectory	House Group
18 th January	Epiphany	9.30am	St James, High Wych	Parish Eucharist Readings – 1 Samuel 3: 1-20, Revelation 5: 1-10, John 1: 43-51
25 th January	Conversion of St Paul	9.30am	St James, High Wych	Parish Eucharist Readings – Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Acts 9: 1-22, Matthew 19: 27-30
		11.15am	St Botolph, Eastwick	Parish Eucharist Readings – Jeremiah 1: 4-11, Acts 9: 1-23, Matthew 19: 27-30
Each Tuesday	9.00am	St Botolph, Eastwick	Morning Prayer	
Each Wednesday	9.00am	St James, High Wych	Morning Prayer	
Each Thursday	9.00am	St Mary’s, Gilston	Morning Prayer	
Each Friday	9.00am	St James, High Wych	Morning Prayer	

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**From the Church Registers.
 Funerals**

Date	Service	Location	Name
25 th November	Interment of Ashes	High Wych	Iris Barbara Day
12 th December	Funeral	High Wych & Parndon Wood	Dorothy Mildred Rouse
18 th December	Funeral	Parndon Wood	Herbert George Pitts

PRIEST IN CHARGE JANUARY LETTER

What! Not another January ???

Christmas is over. The freezer is full of leftover turkey. I am searching the internet for soup recipes to use up the stock I made with the bones. The boys have left me a pile of mince pies and other food and drink to use up and gone back to their ordinary lives elsewhere in the county and winter has set in. I think it is time to hibernate until Easter.

But I'm the vicar so I'm supposed to look on the bright side of life. The first thing to remember is that Christmas isn't over yet. The season ends with the celebration of the visit of the Wise Men at Epiphany – 6th January. The Wise Men described in the Gospel of Matthew chapter 2 represent the non-Jewish world and their visit speaks of Jesus being revealed as the Saviour of the whole of humanity not just the Jewish nation. It took a long time for that message to sink in to even his closest followers. The gifts the Wise Men brought speak of what they saw in that helpless baby in Bethlehem. Gold speaks of wealth and kingly power, the child was destined to rule a kingdom, but not one of this world. Frankincense speaks of prayer and worship. This child would become a priest bringing God to his people and the people to God. Myrrh was a perfume used in funerary rites and speaks of the suffering that Jesus would have to undergo to achieve his kingdom.

Then, on January 11th we celebrate the Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. Here Jesus was publicly proclaimed as “The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World.” The lamb imagery refers to the Jewish sacrificial rites where animals were killed to cover the sins and offences of the people. For Christians, Jesus offered himself as the complete sacrifice to cover all the wrongs that we have done so that we can come back into full fellowship with God. It was at Jesus' baptism that the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove to empower him for his public ministry. A voice from heaven announced, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” Later in the year we will celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came on the whole church. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are followers of Jesus and enables us to live lives that are pleasing to God and to show God's love to others.

So perhaps January is a time to look forward in hope to a New Year of God's grace and not just a collective Christmas Hangover.

Whatever the New Year bring for you, have a good one.

Anthony Giles.

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