

# Gamlingay Parish Council

## Annual Report May 2021 – April 2022



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GAMLINGAY PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIRMANS REPORT 2021/2022  
(Given at Annual Parish Meeting 24.5.2022)

**Chairman's Report – H Gould**

Gamlingay is historically a very well documented village and is has been a pleasure to serve as Chair this past year. It was an honour to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance Day ceremony last November at the war memorial. Pleased to see the completion of the Greensand Ridge signpost feature - this has involved a lot of work. We have trialed wildflower verges and meadows The Neighbourhood Plan steering group has made an enormous effort to submit the plan to the Inspector, who has agreed to move it to referendum with some modifications. Thanks to Simon Walder for continuing to manage the Speedwatch group- who are managing the moveable signage around the village, with the aim to educate drivers about the speed they are travelling. The Parish Council continue to support community groups throughout the year with grants including those to Gamlingay Football Club, Wildlife Trust and Gamlingay Jubilee Committee. Special mention to two long standing councillors who are retiring from the Council-Peter Webb served for 6 years and chaired the F&GP Committee and will be greatly missed, and Colin Smith who served for 12 years and has chaired many committees and chaired the parish Council. His legal expertise in business and planning has been of great benefit and we will all collectively notice his absence and recognize his contribution. The newly elected councillors will try to take on the custodianship demonstrated by Colin. His contribution is much appreciated.

**Welcome to the Annual Report on the activities of the parish council.**

General information

Except for August, the parish council meets on the second Tuesday throughout the year. The Finance and General Purposes committee meets on the fourth Tuesday each month. Both this meeting and the council meeting are preceded by a meeting of the Planning committee.

All meetings normally take place at the Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay. Agendas are posted on notice boards outside the Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, on Mill St and on our website [www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk](http://www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk)

Since the start of the Council year in May 2021 the following meetings have been held:

- 11 Full Council Meetings
- 20 Planning Meetings
- 8 Finance & G.P. Meetings

Since May 2021 all meetings have been held in person.

In August 2020, the Parish Council was very pleased to be granted the Quality Award from the National Association of Local Councils in recognition that it had achieved good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. The award is valid for 4 years.

### Responsibilities

- Recreation ground, Butts playground, Skatepark, BMX track, Millbridge brook Meadows and lower field, Merton Field (off Greenacres – known locally as the log, leased from Merton College), open space at Chapelfields and Northfield Close, the Pitt on Waresley Rd and Cinques Common (managed by the wildlife Trust on the PC's behalf)
- The Old Methodist Chapel at Green End
- Cemeteries (Stocks Lane and St Mary's field)
- Maintenance of closed churchyards (St Mary's and the Baptist Chapel)
- Gamlingay Eco Hub (leased to Gamlingay Community Centre Ltd)
- Grass cutting of the above areas and verges within the village
- 51 street lights

### Staff

All part time - 2 clerks (job share), grounds man, cleaner for the Old Methodist Chapel and library manager.

### Plans for 2022-23

Moving Neighbourhood Plan through to referendum.

Support Community Speed Watch, Gamlingay Community Safety Group, Grow Gamlingay and Neighbourhood Watch with their projects.

Community Transport - Install footpath on Mill Hill and seek funding for additional cycle paths/footpaths in the village

Continue to provide a library for Gamlingay

Lobby to protect green spaces such as the old First School field for community use

Improve the website accessibility

### Allotments

The parish council provides 88 allotments for the parish.

The allotments are situated on the North side of Long Lane, adjacent to the track that leads up to the permissive path to Gamlingay Woods and 8 at Green End.

Gamlingay Allotment Gardeners Association (GAGA) is responsible for the running of the allotments. They can be contacted on [gamlingay.allotments@gmail.com](mailto:gamlingay.allotments@gmail.com)

### Contact Details

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 4 vacancies

## Draft accounts for Year from 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

### Gamlingay Parish Council Annual Return

#### Accounts for Year from 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on an INCOME and EXPENDITURE basis.

Box No.	Description	Last Year £	This Year £
1	Balances brought fwd	215139.79	237642.37
2	Annual precept	202566.00	206000.00
3	Total other receipts	46547.13	23884.16
4	Staff Costs	93969.98	95332.20
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	12808.22	12808.22
6	Total other payments	119832.35	119392.45
7	Balances carried forward	237642.37	239993.66
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	236501.90	243000.28
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	425091.57	425091.57
10	Total Borrowings	134308.25	128098.95