

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Goxhill Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 3rd September 2015 in the Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill.

Present: Mr M Gathercole (Chair), Mrs V Gorbitt (vice Chair), Mrs F Dunkley, Mrs G Bradnum, Mrs T Simons, Mr T Coppack, Mr C Leaning, Mr D Whitmore, Mr R Atkin, Mr S England, Mrs H Wood,
Ferry Ward Cllrs D Wells, P Clark and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence Ferry Ward Cllr R Hannigan
2. Declarations of Interest Mr England declared a pecuniary interest in item 14(4).
3. Public Participation/update from Ward Councillors/Police Matters Cllr Clark reported there were no issues for Goxhill raised at the NATs meeting which had concentrated on Ulceby and South Killingholme.
Cllr Wells advised the parish council to submit road repair requests as it was the beginning of a new budget period.
4. To resolve the minutes of the previous meetings and any matters arising. Mr England proposed that the minutes of 2nd July should be amended as follows:
Item 2. Last sentence to be added: "They could remain as members of the public but not as councillors."
Item 14(3) deletion of "cemetery committee". Insertion of "Mr Bradnum, Mrs Dunkley and Mrs Wood..."
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The minutes of 2nd and 9th July were then signed as a true and correct record.
5. Accounts/Financial. Receipts and payments were approved.
6. General Correspondence. Two items of correspondence from Mr Wilson and Mr Stennett raising objections to PA/2015/0957 were read out and noted.
7. Planning Applications
PA/2015/0957 Logan Willow View Farm, Ruards Road.
Mr Wilson and Mr Stennett addressed the councillors to speak of their concerns regarding this application. Mr Logan read out his supporting statement, and answered the councillors queries on the borehole and livestock.
Decision: 8 votes:3 abstainers to raise an objection.

PA/2015/0986 Whall Oakroyd, North End. Decision: Unanimous, no objection

PA 2015/1072. Littleworth Lodge, South End. Decision: Unanimous, no objection

8. Village 260 Bus Service. The petition hearing has agreed to explore the costs of a turning circle outside the Airfield Memorial. This would be as an extension to the existing route during off-peak times, and would not affect the timetable.
9. Brocklesby Hunt Mrs Lawtey advised the Parish Council that there was interest in the village for a community buy-out, but that Keigar Homes would not respond until all planning options have been explored. It was resolved to write to NL Council to register the interest for future reference. It was also resolved to contact the Environmental Health department to investigate the run-down state of the building, particularly in respect of the flooded cellar and potential for this attracting rats.
10. Humber Pipeline Project NL Council cabinet members have met with National Grid, and also the three ward councillors to discuss site visits and potential highway issues. Cllr Clark reported that the Ward Councillors have submitted a request for the proposed bypass to be made permanent.
11. Memorial Hall Report
 1. Building work is progressing at a good rate. Mr Gathercole reported that the stonemasons were of the professional opinion that the memorial hall stones were able to be re-engraved, and it was resolved 9 votes for: 2 against to clean and re-engrave the original inscription. The clerk was requested to look into grant funding from English Heritage and NL Council for this work..
 3. Any other matters. Mr England enquired why there had been an apparent discrepancy with hire charges between the dance class and school. It was explained that the school had been charged more as they had hired both the main and side room.
12. Footpaths Committee Report. Mr Coppack reported that Tim Allen, Footpaths Officer, is seeking to reinstate the Parish Paths Partnership, and has been invited to the October meeting to discuss this proposal.
 2. Footpath maintenance. Following matters will be reported: FP62 overhanging branches; FP52 unable to be walked; FP 66 wasps nest in middle of path by Priory Field; Church Path tree roots breaking up the path surface.
 3. Footpaths walked. FPs 49,62,53,55,56,66, Green Ramper, Nan Brigham.
 4. Any other matters. A large concrete ramp has been constructed over the definitive line of FP62. NL Council have been requested to take enforcement action.
13. Playing fields Committee Report
 1. Skate Park application. Clerk is arranging a meeting with the planning and sports development officers to discuss various options for the skatepark.
 2. Repairs/Safety Inspection report. The NL Council safety inspection report has not been received yet. Mr England gave a report on various items of equipment which needed repair. Mr England and Mr Leaning agreed to meet on Sunday 13th September to move soil and re-turf the goalpost areas and baby swings. Mr England agreed to measure the area to see how much turf needs to be purchased.
 3. Brick plinth. To be progressed once the Memorial Hall is complete.
 4. Fun Day. It was resolved to write to Hannah Taylor to thank her for organising the Fun Day, and for leaving the field in an excellent condition afterwards.

14. Parish Room Committee Report

1. Library. Mr England reported that numbers are dwindling again.
2. Maintenance – the kitchen lino and car park sign are complete, fire extinguisher checks are being organised by Lynn Spencer at NL Council library services.
3. Caretaker contract. *Mr England declared a pecuniary interest and left the room whilst this item was discussed.* Clerk reported that Mr England had signed his contract

15. Cemetery Committee Report

1. Benches. Mrs Gorbitt reported that this was in hand.
2. Turning circle and development of field. No further progress has been made.
3. No dog signs/noticeboard. Mr Whitemore agreed to erect the “No dog Sign”. The noticeboard grant is in progress.
4. Gardening and grass cutting contract. The contractor has signed his contract. Mrs Gorbitt disagreed with his July and August invoices as she felt the extra work charged for under gardening should have been a grasscutting/ maintenance job. Mrs Dunkley agreed that the contractor should be given guidance as to the different contracts, and it was resolved that Mr Gathercole and Mrs Dunkley should arrange a meeting with him. It was also resolved they should ask him to submit two separate invoices in future. The suitability of the lavender walkway was discussed, and it was felt that the existing bushes would be best planted elsewhere, and the walkway gradually re-planted with a smaller variety.
5. Any other matters. Mrs Weston has raised a complaint regarding the removal of turf and infilling of her husband’s grave with earth. It was agreed that the topping up had been done with the best intention but that the soil was not good quality. It was therefore resolved to purchase 10 tonnes of topsoil, Mrs Dunkley and Mrs Gorbitt to liaise over where to store it.
Mr Bradnum proposed that George Hutton should be asked to look at the tarmac pathway as this is in a poor condition.

16. Millennium Green Committee Report

1. Grass cutting. Mr Gathercole reported that the Green has been cut as agreed, and that decisions will have to be made shortly regarding the renewal of the contract and how the areas should be cut.
2. General maintenance. The committee will have to decide whether the path should be reinstated. Clerk noted that one bench has been vandalised and needs repairing. The gate latch has also dropped and needs repair.

17. Cherry Tree Avenue Mr Dunkley proposed that she should visit Colin Horton to re-open discussions on the replacement programme. Cllr Wells suggested that the councillors should write to Cllr Liz Redfern as NL Council are currently looking at their tree policy with a view towards implementing a renewal programme. It was also highlighted that people need to submit complaints to the highways department regarding the overhanging branches and unkempt verges.

18. Highways/Environmental
1. Ferry Road streetlights. Nothing further to report.
 2. Highway planters. Clerk was requested to write again.
 3. Resurfacing – pavements and highways. Cllr Clark reported that NL Council will shortly be writing to residents on Howe Lane to advise them of the pavement resurfacing programme.
 4. Clerk was asked to request NL Council to prune the shrubs on the turning circle in The Close.
19. Gander Articles Items to Mrs Dunkley please.
20. Any other business Mr Logan requested to speak and said that he was vexed by the treatment of his planning application. The Chairman advised him to put his complaint in writing. Mr Atkin and Mr Leaning voiced their opinion that Mr Logan should write directly to NL Council.

Clerk was requested to purchase a clock for the Parish Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1020 hrs.