

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Goxhill Parish Council, held at 7.30pm on Thursday 1st December 2016 in the Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill.

Present: Mr S England (Chair), Mrs V Gorbett (vice Chair), Mrs H Wood, Mr M Gathercole, Mr S Robertson, Mr C Leaning, Mrs T Simons, Mr T Coppack, Mr G Bradnum, Mrs F Dunkley.

Attending: Ferry Ward Cllr R Hannigan and Mrs A Lawtey (FOB)

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Mr R Atkin, Ferry Ward Cllrs D Wells and P Clark.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Mr England declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18 (3).
3. **Public Participation/update from Ward Councillors/Police Matters** Cllr Hannigan explained that the council tax base will be increased during the next financial year, which would have implications for the parish precept grant.
4. **To resolve the minutes of the previous meeting.** Mr Bradnum proposed the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2016 to be signed as a true and correct record, and this was unanimously agreed.
Matters arising – Mr Gathercole said that he had written to NL Council stating that the width of Ferry Road was not sufficient for two HGVs to pass and that lorries were continually mounting the kerb. Mr Leaning disputed that the width was insufficient, but also informed the meeting that the tileyard lorries had agreed to adhere to the one-way system whilst the pipeline project was in progress.
5. **Accounts/Financial.**
(1) Receipts and payments were circulated and agreed.
6. **General Correspondence** Mr England read out an email from Mr Bell at NL Council and proposed that the parish council should organise a councillor training session. The cost for 2 hours will be £325. It was resolved that the clerk should contact ERNLLCA to organise this for a Thursday evening in February.
7. **Planning Applications.** The following applications were considered.

2016/1383	Geddes	Celxo Pastures, College Road. Planning permission to erect extension to first floor elevation and raise roof height to accommodate a loft conversion. <i>No comment or objection.</i>
2016/1820	Quaile	Elm Lodge, Elm Lane. Planning permission to retain a garden shed. <i>No comment or objection.</i>

8. **Update on Brocklesby Hunt.** Mrs Lawtey addressed the meeting. Currently there are approx 70 investors in the share scheme, which has raised over half of the revised valuation figure. It is also believed that more investors will come forward if a formal agreement is reached on the purchase price, but Keigar Homes have now indicated that they will require a further sum based upon the business potential of the project. Cllr Hannigan has been very supportive of the group and it is hoped a resolution can be found soon.
9. **Humber Pipeline.** The Chairman read out the National Grid's response to the questions that were raised at the October meeting, and it was agreed that their team had been very approachable and responsive to any issues that were asked of them. One of the concerns had been regarding schoolchildren walking home in the dark from the out of school club, and an offer of high-vis jackets and torches had been made. It was resolved the clerk should contact the school to relay this information.
10. **Memorial Hall Report**
(1) Minutes of the previous meetings will be available at the January meeting.
(2) The planning application for the tennis court has been submitted by the clerk.
11. **Parish Room.**
(1) Report by Parish Room Chair. There were no issues to raise. Mrs Gorbutt was thanked for putting up the outside Christmas tree.
12. **Cemetery.**
(1) Report by Cemetery Committee Chair. Mrs Dunkley and Mrs Gorbutt circulated photographs of the pathways, and spoke of their concerns regarding the broken slabs and uneven surfaces. It was resolved that this issue should be given a high priority, and Mr Bradnum agreed to approach George Hutton for a quotation on tarmac. Mrs Gorbutt suggested that the National Grid may also be able to make a donation towards materials.
(2) Progress on landscaping. Mrs Dunkley reported that the purchase cost for shrubs would be approximately £500. Some existing shrubs need to be moved now, ready for planting elsewhere. Mrs Dunkley agreed to mark them, ready for a councillor volunteer to lift them sometime after Christmas. Mr England enquired if more topsoil was needed, and Mrs Dunkley said she would approach Keigar Homes or Birthwistle Landscaping to see if they could provide some free of charge.
The clerk was requested to contact the gravedigger again via Hutesons to stop the dumping of clay soil over the field.
The issue of the proposed deer fencing suggested by Mr Clayton was discussed. The clerk reported that this project would require planning permission, and the estimate cost would be high due to the length and height of the fence needed. After consideration, it was resolved that the path resurfacing should take priority over the fence at the current time.
13. **Playing Field**
(1) Report by Playing Field Chair. Mrs Dunkley reported that the field was in good order.
(2) Drainage. Mr Gathercole spoke of the drainage problem between the main field, and the practise pitch. He volunteered to put in a section of piping to alleviate the problem, and Mr Leaning agreed that he would bring a tractor to move soil over the pipework and level up the area. It was resolved that this work would be best done in Spring when it was drier.

- (3) Quotation for gate repairs/any other matters. Two quotations have been received for £350 and £300 respectively for the gate post. Mrs Gorbitt volunteered to do the work instead.

14. Footpaths

- (1) Report by Parish Room Chair. Mr Coppack reported that most of the paths required another grass cut, and it was resolved that he should contact the footpaths officer to arrange this.
- (2) Parish Paths Agreement. Still awaiting paperwork from NL Council. Clerk to chase this up again.
- (3) Footpaths Booklet. (Mr Coppack)/ On going.
- (4) Any other footpath issues. Clerk was requested to report the following problems:
- broken wooden bridge on the East Halton path.
 - FP51 Humber Bank -missing fingerpost
 - FP 56 – broken stile.
 - FP62. Flytipping of garden waste and the ramp obstructing the definitive line. Cllr Hannigan agreed to look into why the ramp has not been removed yet., as it has been reported several times, along with photographs.
- (5) The problem of encouraging schoolchildren to walk FP62 to school was discussed, and one reason deterring parents was that it was too narrow in parts and the surface badly needs top-dressing. Mrs Wood proposed that the parish council should purchase an amount of crushed stone, which could be delivered next to the school gate ready for a volunteer party to lay on the path surface. Mr Leaning seconded the proposal, and it was unanimously resolved. Mrs Gorbitt agreed to get some prices.

15. **Millennium Green.** Mr England has spoken to the parents of the Lifestyle Project Group, and they have confirmed that the project is completed and the rubbish has been removed by the gate. Clerk agreed to check if the turf was still there. Mr Gathercole said that he would grass trim around the benches and flower planters that the children placed on the Green.

16. **Allotments.** There are still vacancies for the allotments. Anybody interested should contact Mr Gathercole.

17. **Drainage problems following recent flooding.** Mr England spoke of the recent flooding problems especially around North End- Mill Lane and Ferry Road, which he felt was due to inadequate or damaged drainage infrastructure. Mrs Wood also commented that Westfield Road suffered particularly badly and that she had contacted NL Council before regarding this. Councillors agreed that the situation needed attention and Mr England agreed to email the worst locations through to Cllr Hannigan to see if he could assist.

18. Highways/Environmental

- (1) Cherry Trees, Ferry Road. Cllr Gathercole reported that Colin Horton had emailed to say that work should have been started by now, but that there had been problems with the highways team. It was resolved to Clerk should contact him again to get a programme of works.
- (2) Village signs. Clerk has contacted Gareth Denevan from the Highways Team, and is awaiting a date for him to visit Goxhill.
- (3) Update on proposed clearway restriction at North End and outside school. No formal notification has been received yet as to when the restriction will be implemented.
- (4) Flower planters. Mr England said these will be put out in the New Year, and asked for assistance in co-ordinating the placement and filling them with topsoil.

(5) Open space land off Chapel Street. No further suggestions have been made, and it was proposed that some shrub planting should be placed around the edges during the Spring. Mrs Dunkley stressed that this should be done in a manner that wouldn't affect the mowing team.

19. **Gander articles.** The issue of the pipeline was discussed, and Mr Gathercole suggested that a positive outlook would be more beneficial to the village, rather than focusing on the problems. Councillors agreed that this was essential work, and that it was important for the parish council and National Grid to work together to ensure everything is completed quickly and returned to normal. Clerk confirmed that the National Grid had been in touch and regularly forwarded on updates for her to post on the Goxhill Grapevine site. Mr Coppack volunteered to write an article for the next issue of the Gander.

20. An email from Mr Guggiari was read out, which highlighted concerns about an outbuilding that has been erected adjacent to North End/The Close. In view of the application considered earlier (2016/1820), it was resolved that the clerk should write to the household concerned suggesting that they applied for planning permission.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm. Next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th January 2017.