

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Goxhill Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 2nd
March 2017 in the Parish Room, Howe Lane.**

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

Attending: Ferry Ward Cllrs R Hannigan and D. Wells, Mr Morris

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Ferry Ward Cllr P Clark.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interests.
3. **Public Participation/update from Ward Councillors/Police Matters** Cllr Hannigan informed the meeting that all agencies involved with HGV movement on Ferry Road would attend an initial meeting at the Civic Centre on 8th March. Mr England confirmed that he would also be attending. On 21st March, Cllr Hannigan will lead the open meeting at the Memorial Hall to allow the public to raise all traffic issues associated with the National Grid. He stressed that it would be a summary of the traffic problems, and putting together an action to find a solution - the proposal of a permanent bypass will not be on the agenda. Mr Morris enquired about the agenda for the meeting, and raised his concerns over the programme being 5 months behind schedule already, and who would monitor future progress. Cllr Wells spoke of the problems with the Call Collect bus service, which NL Council are trying to resolve. People experiencing problems should ring the helpline given on their website. Mrs Gorbutt enquired whether it was legal to have a CCTV camera filming a public road and posting the footage on facebook. Mr Gathercole confirmed that there should be a sign up at the premises concerned. Mr England agreed to inform the owner of the legal requirements.
4. **Neighbourhood Watch update.** The minutes of the handover meeting were circulated. Mr England said that he had attended the meeting, where only two members of the public had turned up leaving Mrs Gibbins as having to act as sole co-ordinator and treasurer. Cllr agreed that the turnout was disappointing after all her hard work. A questionnaire is in the current of the Gander, and the response rate will determine whether the Group is continued.
5. **Friends of the Brock update.** Mr Coppack gave an update to say that the Group had met their target to purchase the building. It is understood that a timeframe and conditions will be written into the contract. The councillors agreed that FOB had made a tremendous achievement and hoped that the venture will be a success.
6. **To resolve the minutes of the previous meetings.** The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 2nd February 2017 were proposed and resolved as a true and correct record.
7. **Accounts/Financial.** Receipts and payments for February were proposed by Mr England, seconded by Mrs Gorbutt and resolved.

8. General Correspondence

- (1) Highways NLC. Invitation to Winter Service Review. 6th June 2017. Mr Robertson volunteered to attend this event.
- (2) Spatial Planning NLC. Notification of consultation phase for new Local Plan. Cllr Hannigan agreed to feed back to the clerk on the concern that there was no time to consult the public on the proposals, nor were any paper copies supplied to the library for people without internet access. In the interim period, it was agreed that the clerk should post the links on the Goxhill Grapevine, inviting comments that can be put forward.

9. Planning Applications.

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| PA/2017/201 | Logan | Willow View Farm, Ruard Road. Application for determination of the requirement for prior approval of an agricultural building <i>No objection. Observation that the applicant does not occupy the land and that the stated acreage did not all appertain to the application site.</i> |
| PA/2017/219 | Godfrey | Fir Tree Farm, East Marsh Road, Planning permission for the reconfiguration of the existing farm layout to include the erection of 8 new farm buildings, 2 slurry stores and 10 feed bins and to partially infill existing slurry lagoon and demolish some existing agricultural buildings. <i>No comments or objection</i> |
| PA/2017/183 | Jackson | Hallands Field Farm, Gatehouse Road. Planning permission to retain a menege and fencing surround <i>No comments or objection.</i> |

10. Humber Pipeline. The Chair again confirmed that he would attend the pre-meeting in preparation for the public meeting on 21st March. Mr Gathercole thanked North Lincolnshire Council for leading the meeting, and for paying the hire of the Memorial Hall.

11. Footpaths

- (1) Report by Footpaths Chair. As below:
- (2) Parish Paths Agreement Meeting. Mr Coppack said that he and Mr Gathercole had walked FP 62 with Dave Sanderson to discuss the maintenance work that needed doing. The Parish Paths agreement has money to repair the path, and the sooner the quotation is put in, the better the chance of securing it. There may also be funding for naming the fingerposts or numbering them. Both Darren Roberts and George Hutton have been contacted to obtain quotations for various works to FP62 and the Church path. Both have recommended that FP62 would be better without edging.
- (3) Any other footpath issues/footpaths walked. Footpath damage forms are available to keep a record of work that needs doing. Mr Coppack volunteered to keep these. Mrs Dunkley volunteered to keep the waymarker circles.
Footpaths walked: 55,62,63,68,53,62a,64.

12. Parish Room.

- (1) Report by Parish Room Chair. Nothing to report.
- (2) Any other parish room matters. It was resolved that the clerk should contact a heating engineer to look at the boiler/thermostat. Mr England noted said that the WI had asked him to look at both phone box lights. An electrician has looked at the boxes, and will progress this.

13. Cemetery.

- (1) Report by Cemetery Committee Chair. Mrs Dunkley reported that she had collected the new trees/shrubs and planted them, together with moving and splitting some of the existing ones. The Chair and councillors thanked her for all the work involved.
- (2) Progress on landscaping/any other cemetery matters. Mrs Dunkley proposed that a contract should be drawn up for the maintenance of the back field, and it was resolved that she should arrange this in consultation with Mr Skipworth over price. It was also resolved that the first issue should be the removal and/or burning of the rubbish heaps.

The issue of the benches by the front gate causing an obstruction to funeral cars was discussed, and Mr Leaning offered to remove the concrete one which looks beyond repair. It was resolved that the recycled plastic bench belonging to the parish council should be moved further back. Clerk agreed to check the burial plan to ensure it would not encroach on a plot.

14. Playing Field

- (1) Report by Playing Field Chair. Mrs Dunkley reported that all the repairs had been completed. Mr Gathercole confirmed that he had put in the drainage pipe and covered it with soil. It is draining the area, but the field is very wet due to the heavy rainfall. Mr Leaning will level up the area when weather permits.
- (2) Drainage/pea gravel of footpath. Discussed under footpaths.
- (3) MUGA. Clerk explained that Playdale had not received complaints about similar MUGAs, and therefore had no solution to offer. Mr Robertson said that the noise was excessive, and suggested that useage should be managed through locking it off at various times. He also complained that the foul language was not acceptable, and councillors suggested that this should be reported as anti-social behaviour, although it was noted that this had been worse when the football team were using the pitch. It was resolved that the councillors should investigate some sort of noise reducing feature which could be used on the MUGA sides.

- (4) Skatepark. The clerk spoke of the lack of communication between Gravity and the planning department, and asked whether the council might be interested in finding another manufacturer or employing an agent to assist Gravity with the current planning application. After discussion regarding the location, and objections due to potential noise, Cllr Dunkley suggested it could be moved to the far end of the field. This was proposed by Cllr England and seconded by Mrs Wood. Mr Gathercole then questioned whether some councillors should have declared an interest in the matter, and asked that the vote should be recorded. Cllr Wells then spoke on the rules for declaring an interest, and all councillors remained to vote for the relocation of the skatepark site as follows:

Votes for: Mr England, Mrs Wood, Mr Robertson, Mr Coppack, Mr Leaning, Mrs Simons, Mr Atkin, Mrs Dunkley, Mr Bradnum

Votes against: Mr Gathercole, Mrs Gorbutt

15. Highways/Environmental

- (1) Cherry Trees, Ferry Road. As Colin Horton has not responded to the parish council's request for a works schedule, Cllr Wells agreed to ask him to be present at the pipeline meeting on 8th March.
- (2) Village signs. Awaiting highways department.
- (3) Flower planters. Ongoing.
- (4) Open space land off Chapel Street. The parish council's application to the Co-op's environmental fund was unsuccessful. Mr Gathercole has submitted a separate funding application, and a decision is still awaited on this. Mrs Dunkley agreed to put the list of shrubs out to suppliers for a price.

- (5) Mr England said that residents had not received any reply from the highways department about their proposed extension to the yellow lines. It was also noted that the recently painted ones are wearing off already – clerk to report this to the highways department.

16. Memorial Hall Report

(1) The minutes of the previous meetings were unavailable.

(2) Caretaker's contact.

Mr England proposed to exclude members of the press and public on the grounds of confidentiality. Seconded by Mr Gathercole and resolved. The caretaker's contract and working hours was discussed and Mrs Dunkley proposed that it was only fair that the caretaker should meet with the personnel committee to resolve the issues. Seconded by Mr Robertson, and resolved.

(3) Any other matters arising from the Committee Meeting.

17. BCCR. Mr Gathercole noted that Stallingborough Primary School had received a grant of £5k through the rail partnership.

18. Gander articles. Please forward articles for the Summer edition to Mrs Dunkley asap.

19. Date and time of next meeting. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm. Next meeting to be held at 7.30 on Thursday 6th April 2017. This will commence with the Annual Parish Meeting.