

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH HELD via ZOOM on
THURSDAY 29 APRIL 2021 at 19.30

Councillor: Mike Gathercole (chair)

Councillors: F Dunkley, J Lawtey, M Stancer, J Cleghorne, S England, G. Kirwan, V Gorbutt, R. Atkin
T. Simons and Cllr Leaning

Ward Councillor: P Clark,

2104/1 **Minutes of the previous ‘Annual meeting of the Parish’ - Noted**

2104/2 **Chairman’s Report – Received**

2104/3 **Chair of the Goxhill Memorial Hall Chair - Received**

2014/4 **Public Session**

- ❖ Discussions regarding the current surface of green ramper since the ditches have been cleared, which has left the area unusable or difficult for horse riders. As no decisions can be made the council requested this item be placed on the next ordinary meeting of the council scheduled for 6 May 2021
- ❖ A parishioner raised concerns regarding the level of the 2021-2022 precept. Cllr Gathercole explained that a full detailed explanation of the 2021-2022 precept had been published in the noticeboards and website. Cllr Kirwan referred the parishioner to the 4 paged detailed response from the Parish Council and that the parishioner confirmed had been received and read. The parishioner suggested a 5% cap based on 2020-2021 precept, which received some support from Cllr England. It was pointed out by Cllr Kirwan that all parish and town councils’ precepts are not currently capped and Cllr Lawtey confirmed that Parish and Town councils are currently exempt from the government imposed cap.
- ❖ Updated requested on the survey results from the one way system consultation as recently advertised in the gander and the council confirmed all results including additional letters have been emailed to North Lincolnshire Council Highways Department and the parish council are awaiting to receive an update

Chairman's Report

Good Evening, Ladies and Gentlemen

I am pleased to present my report for the preceding two years, ie 2019 and 2020.

Despite the devastation COVID has presented each and every one of us this last year, I am proud to state as chair how successful the parish council has been in providing new amenities to the village as well as improving what is already in situ. I will run through some of these now...

Playing Field

- ❖ Both MUGA surfaces have been replaced
- ❖ Refurbishment of the footpath in the playing field leading to chapel street
- ❖ New set of toddler swings installed
- ❖ Skatepark finally got approved and built which has proven very popular to Goxhill and the surrounding villages.

Street Furniture

- ❖ More benches have been donated from local lifestyle groups and secured in the playing field, allowing extra seating for the dog walkers, park and skatepark users
- ❖ Planters have been repainted and continue to flourish with beautiful flowers, thanks to many volunteers around the village

PROW (Public rights of way) & Verges

Since taking over the devolved responsibility for the cutting of the prows and verges, the council listened to the requests from parishioners and agreed to cut the prows more frequently allowing them to be used all year round and agreed to include more verges in to the cutting scheme to improve the overall appearance of our beautiful village.

Millennium Green

Continue to be regularly cut, additional trees have been planted by some of the councillors and volunteers

Cemetery

Continues to be well maintained and frequently commented on how beautiful Goxhill Cemetery is.

Grants

The parish council for that last 2 years has continued to support local groups and organisations such as; Playgroup, Scouts, Brownies, the local primary school as well as supporting the local village hall

Community speed watch

Has started within the village and continues to run successfully, again with thanks to the local volunteers, willing to dedicate their time, ensuring the safeness of our village

CPRE Best Kept Village

This has been a fantastic achieve for both 2019 and 2020 where Goxhill had been awarded first in Best Kept Large village, 1966 was the last year this was achieved in Goxhill. Together with the best kept playing field and park, and also the best tended cemetery, this in itself recognises the hard work of all the contractors and councillors that are a credit to this village.

All Councillors are continuing to regularly attend training course via zoom, ensuring all members are fully up to speed with what's required within the role of parish councillor and understanding all the obligations placed upon us.

Neighbourhood plan has also got off the ground thanks to the parish council and members of the public, however unfortunately the COVID restrictions over the last year has caused some delay. Hopefully something that can resume in the very near future.

As you can see, Goxhill Parish Council has achieved a great deal this year despite the impact of COVID.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of a fantastic team. As such, I would like to thank the Vice Chair and all members of the Council for the work they have carried out on behalf of parishioners during the past couple of years.

Last but by no means, a special thanks goes to Ms. Vicky Haines, Proper Officer / RFO to the Council.

Cllr Mike Gathercole

Goxhill Memorial Hall Charity Report – April 2021

On behalf of Goxhill Memorial Hall Charity trustees, (a charity charged with managing the Memorial Hall for the benefit of the community)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Goxhill Parish Council for their support over the last few years, especially for this year, where they have volunteered to help the trustees with some essential building maintenance costs.

Like many village halls the pandemic has meant the hall has been forced to close for much of the past year, radically reducing our income. Now with the end of the government's road map out of shutdown in sight, we are looking forward to welcoming back all our regular hirers as well as some new ones. After June we expect to be hosting Dance and Theatre Workshops, Pilates and Tai Chi exercise for adults, Martial arts classes for all age groups as well as Short Mat Bowls. When deemed safe, events like Scarecrow Trails, Pop-up Pubs and Craft Fairs will be held as well as a Smart Phone Usage day.

We also have bookings for community events which require a large, airy space, e.g. for local elections and large committee meetings.

During all this we must find time to carry out a raft of essential repairs. The kitchen sub floor is showing signs of rot and repairs will mean the kitchen and ladies toilets will be out of commission for a month or so (mid-June to Mid-July), and since the old kitchen was second hand when it went in 15 years ago, we will require new kitchen units after the floor is fixed. The large windows in the hall are sagging because they have no lintels and plans are in place to install new reinforced windows throughout the hall towards the end of May. We also have money put to one side for new carpets and new emergency doors and will squeeze these upgrades into the maintenance programme as soon as we can.

We are also in the process of changing our charitable status from a standard charity to a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation** (with the same current objectives), where liability is held by the organisation and not by the individual trustees. We have started the registration process but are waiting for clarification from the charity commission regarding transfer of assets before selecting trustees and forming a new committee, then turning the management of the Hall over to the new charity. This allows the charity to assume a corporate identity when doing things like signing a lease.

Ann Carter