

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD at GOXHILL CHAPEL ROOMS
On THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2021 at 19.30

Councillors: M Gathercole (Chairman), F Dunkley, R Atkin, C Leaning, J Lawtey, T Simons, G Kirwan, S England, V Gorbutt and Cllr Stancer

Also, in attendance: V Haines (Proper Officer & RFO) and Ward Cllr Richard Hannigan

Members of the public: 7+

Public Participation

- ❖ Mr Ruddy thanked the council for the appreciation received regarding the telephone book box refurbishment and the council also thanked Cllr England and Ms Bedford for their assistance as stated by Mr Ruddy
- ❖ All other members of public present were for items listed on the agenda

2112/1 **Apologies of absence**

Apologies were received and approved from Ward Cllr Wells and Ward Cllr Clark

2112/2 **Declarations of Interests / Dispensations**

Cllr Stancer -2112/10 – Church clock invoice (Prejudicial)

Cllr Kirwan - 2112/11 – Land (Personal)

No dispensations were received

2112/3 **Minutes approval**

- ❖ Ordinary meeting of the council that took place 7 October 2021

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Dunkley

Resolved That the previously circulated minutes of the ordinary meeting were received and approved as a true and correct record unanimously

- ❖ Cemetery committee meeting that took place 30 September 2021

Proposed: Cllr Gorbutt, Seconded Cllr Dunkley

Resolved That the previously circulated minutes of the cemetery committee meeting were received and approved by 5 and 4 abstentions

Cllr Simons arrived at the meeting

- ❖ Parish rooms committee meeting that took place 30 September 2021

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr England

Resolved That the previously circulated minutes of the parish rooms committee meeting were received and approved by 6 and 4 abstentions

- ❖ Playing field/Millennium Green/Chapel Street committee meeting that took place 30 September 2021

Proposed: Cllr Dunkley, Seconded Cllr Atkin

Resolved That the previously circulated minutes of the Playing field / Millennium Green / Chapel Street committee meeting were received and approved by 6 and 4 abstentions

- ❖ PROW & Verges committee meeting that took place 30 September 2021

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded Cllr Gorbutt

Resolved That the previously circulated minutes of the PROW & Verges committee meeting were

received and approved by 5 and 5 abstentions

2112/4 **Finance**

Copies of the invoices due to be paid were made available for council viewing at the meeting

Proposed: Cllr Gorbutt, Seconded Cllr Gathercole

Resolved: That the schedule of payments for November 2021 part A only were retrospect approved by the council unanimously

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Kirwan

Resolved: That the schedule of payments for December 2021 part A only were approved to be paid by the council unanimously

Proposed: Cllr Dunkley, Seconded Cllr Stancer

Resolved: That the bank reconciliations for October 2021 and November 2021 was received by the council prior to the meeting and approved by majority with 1 objection. Cllr England asked for his objection to be noted in the minutes

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Kirwan

Resolved: That the Q2 quarterly budget monitoring document was received by the council prior to the meeting and approved by majority with 1 objection. Cllr England asked for his objection to be noted in the minutes

2112/5 **Planning/Consultations**

Application: PA/2021/2056, Application to fell an Ash (T22) and undertake side pruning on a Scots Pine (T12), Sycamore (T16), three Oak (T17, T18, T19), a Beech (T20) and Ash (23) within and protected by Tree Preservation (Chapel Street, Goxhill) Order 1995

Site Location: Acorn Lodge, Spring Garth and Holly Tree House, Chapel Street, Goxhill, DN19 7JJ

Applicant: Mr Trevor Holland

Resolved: That the council by majority voted ‘**no comment**’ to this planning application

2112/6 **Report from Ward Councillors – Received by Ward Cllr Hannigan**

Resolved: That the council unanimously agreed to suspend the meeting to receive the ward councillor’s report

- ❖ Update received regarding COVID
- ❖ Freight strategy review is ongoing, since the review free port status has been gained for the Humber ports and the Able project at North Killingholme have got government funding.
- ❖ The South Humber bank is of interest in developing green energy in the future.
- ❖ Anticipating HGV movements and to improve the road network prior to the impact hitting ferry ward. Also being investigated is the transport of goods and foods to be taken away from road and rail and air to be used, increase the use of Humberside airport.

The council raised the situation regarding south end and Cllr Hannigan confirmed a short term solution that is being discussed and priced is to culvert the dyke and widen the road which will create a ‘passing place’. Cllr Hannigan confirmed to keep the council updated with any decisions that will potentially

impact Goxhill. Cllr Hannigan informed the council traffic lights were considered however due to the length of the road, traffic lights wouldn't be appropriate.

The parish council thanked Mr Hannigan for attending the meeting and providing an extensive update

2112/7 **Cemetery Topple Testing**

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded Cllr Gathercole

Resolved: That the motion proposed to carry out the topple testing was lost by the majority. Cllr Kirwan asked the clerk to list the voters names. Against the carrying out of the topple testing (6): Cllr Gorbutt, Cllr England, Cllr Stancer, Cllr Atkin, Cllr Lawtey and Cllr Dunkley. In support for the carrying out of the topple testing (2) Cllr Gathercole and Cllr Kirwan and abstaining (2): Cllr Leaning and Cllr Simons

Resolved: That the council by majority objected to pay the admin fee invoice of £750.00 (excluding VAT) Cllr Kirwan asked the clerk to list the voters names. Object to pay the invoice (6): Cllr England, Cllr Gorbutt, Cllr Stancer, Cllr Atkin, Cllr Lawtey and Cllr Dunkley. In support to pay the invoice (2) Cllr Gathercole and Cllr Kirwan and abstaining (2): Cllr Leaning and Cllr Simons

2112/8 **Queens Jubilee**

Resolved: That the council by majority agreed a working group is formed to assist with the organisation of the Queen's Jubilee. Contact to be made to the local groups and members of public to seek interested parties. Council members - Cllr Lawtey, Cllr Gorbutt, Cllr Dunkley and Cllr Simons expressed an interest as well as some of the members of public present at the meeting

2112/9 **Snow Warden**

Resolved: That Mr Ruddy confirmed he is happy to continue as snow warden this winter. The council thanked the parishioner

Cllr Stancer due to a prejudicial interest made a statement supporting the council paying for the church clock to be repaired and then temporarily left the meeting

2112/10 **Church Clock Invoice**

Proposed: Cllr Gorbutt, Seconded Cllr England

Resolved: That the council agreed by majority to pay £4,557 excluding VAT for the church clock to be repaired.

Cllr Lawtey suggested the council are kept up to date with the clock maintenance for budgeting purposes

Cllr Stancer rejoined the meeting

2112/11 **Land**

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Kirwan

Resolved: That the council unanimously agreed to sell the land for £1.00 per square meter and Mr Jones to incur all legal costs. Conditions to be included is the buyer is unable to build on the land and that a fence is put up along the new boundary. Mr Jones to confirm to the council the total area metrage once confirmed by North Lincolnshire Council

2112/12 **Grant Applications**

Resolved: That the council received grant applications from Brownies, Goxhill primary school and the playgroup and amounts awarded will be considered in January's full council meeting

2112/13 **Location of 2022 council meetings**

Proposed: Cllr Stancer, Seconded Cllr Dunkley

Resolved: That the council by majority agreed to hold the future council meetings at the Goxhill chapel rooms to allow social distancing and to ensure the safety of all council members and parishioners whilst attending meetings of the council. Currently no availability for a Thursday evening at the memorial hall. Location to be reviewed in 6 months

2112/14 **Salfina Correspondence**

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Leaning

Resolved: That the council agreed that after receiving clarification from Cllr Hannigan that a purposely built unit was not offered to Salfina that Cllr Gathercole's personal notes to be removed from the website and any reference in council minutes to incorporate a revision

Statement from Cllr Gathercole

"I apologise for any inconvenience caused and the information noted was misheard and therefore the notes will be removed from website along with any reference in the minutes from immediate effect"

2112/15 **Civility and respect project**

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Dunkley

Resolved: That the council unanimously agreed to adopt the civility and respect statement

2112/16 **Policy Adoption**

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Dunkley

Resolved: That the council unanimously agreed to adopt the revised financial regulations

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Atkin

Resolved: That the council unanimously agreed to adopt the social media policy. Clerk to ensure all newly adopted policies include a revision date

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Gorbutt

Resolved: That the council agreed by majority with 9 supports and 1 abstention to adopt the reserves Policy. Cllr England asked for this abstention to be noted in the minutes

2112/17 **General Correspondence**

Cllr Gathercole discussed with the ward councillor present that the parish council are continuing to receive a high volume of emails regarding south end and the parish council requested they are kept fully up to date with what is being researched and considered. Cllr Gathercole asked the clerk to respond to the South End resident on behalf of the council

2112/18 **Agenda for next and future Meetings**

➤ Budget

2112/19 **Date of next Meeting**

Thursday 6th January 2022 @ Goxhill Chapel Rooms

Cllr England wanted it noting that he left the meeting

2112/20 Exclusion of the Public & Press to resolve the exclusion of the public and press, under powers granted by the Local Government (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings) Act, section 1(2), owing due to the confidential nature of the business be discussed

Resolved: That the council unanimously agreed to exclude the press and public

An update was given by the chairman of the personnel committing regarding the clerk's payment for December 2021

2112/21 **Proper Officer finance approval**

Proposed: Cllr Stancer, Seconded Cllr Dunkley

Resolved: That the council agreed by majority with 8 for and 1 abstention to retrospect approve the staff payment made in November 2021 and for the December 2021 payment to be made. Cllr Leaning asked for his name to be noted against his abstention

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