

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH held on
THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2022, 19.30 at GOXHILL CHAPEL ROOMS

Councillors: M Gathercole (chairman), F Dunkley, J Lawtey, G. Kirwan, V Gorbutt, M Jones

Also, in attendance: V Haines (Proper Officer and RFO)

Members of public: 1

2204/1 **Apologies – Received by Cllr Stancer**

2204/2 **Minutes of the previous ‘Annual meeting of the Parish’ - Noted**

2204/3 **Chairman’s Report – Received**

2204/4 **Public Session**

- ❖ A member of the public suggested a document is made available on the council’s website detailing what training has been attended by which councillors. This is to be presented at the June council meeting
- ❖ A brief discussion took place regarding the current verge contractor and Cllr Lawtey with the approval from the present councillors offered to speak away from the meeting with the parishioner regarding their concerns, which will then be discussed with the PROW committee

Meeting close: 19:55

Chairman's Report

Ladies and Gentleman,

Goxhill Parish Council is a very active council with all members taking their roles seriously.

We have 11 councillors with our latest councillor joining us in late 2021. Cllr Mike Jones was duly elected by the parish electorate.

Mike brings a wealth of knowledge to the council and he too is very active and has fitted in well to council business.

The council year started in April 2021 and regrettably started off with a large council precept. This was fully explained to you the electorate and we as a council guaranteed the precept was a one off and the precept would reduce substantially for this financial year....

....and yes, in January of this year we set the budget at £77,183 a 41.2% reduction of 2021/2022.

With good financial management at our monthly meeting in a clear and concise way meeting the requirements of our auditor, we are in a sound financial standing.

Our councillors attend regular training courses, both in house from North Lincolnshire Council and also our association ERNNLCA. (East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Councils Association)

In order to reduce the burden at full council meetings, we continue to organise committees in order for councillors to have a more hands on approach to matters to specific matters; these committees are:

- Playing Fields which includes allotments
- Parish Rooms
- Millennium Green
- Cemetery
- Public rights of way and verges

Each committee are expected to meet every three months where possible and then report to the full council. All decisions made are recorded in the minutes and are all available to be viewed via the council's website.

Many people comment on how lovely the village is and how well managed the grass verges are and public footpaths located through fields are

Our well stocked library and community open spaces, but these take funding and regrettably vandalism takes a hand to destroying your community.

As an example; youths decided to drive through Green Ramper, plough through the allotment gate and then demolish the playing field by doing wheelies, all very well, but that comes with a cost reaching up to £2000.

The green waste bin has been reset in its concrete base three times and finally last week it was set alight and finally destroyed.

The picnic benches, one has been vandalised at a cost of £150, the skatepark has been daubed with graffiti and cost upwards of £500 to repair. These costs fall onto you.

We could leave these matters but we care for the village and want you to enjoy it so we get them repaired, using local craftsmen where possible.

It goes without saying the council is managed by our Proper officer Ms V Haines who in December 2021 passed the CILCA qualification (certificate on local council association). Having a qualified Clerk now dramatically benefits the council. Thank you, Vicky.

This year brings a celebration to remember, being the Queens platinum jubilee.

The events that are due to take place on Thursday 2nd June at the Millennium Green are currently being organised by a small group of people with the initial funds being provided by the parish council to which will be reimbursed via donations after the event.

This is amongst many other activities taking place in the village during this celebration

It goes without saying the council is indebted to the villagers for words of encouragement and I thank each and every one of you.

Thank you

M Gathercole

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