

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD at GOXHILL PARISH ROOMS
On THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2023 at 19.30

Councillors: J Lawtey (Chairman), M Jones, G Kirwan, S England, D Carnell, M Gathercole, T Snell, V Gorbutt, B Clayton, R Snell,
Also, in attendance: Cllr R Hannigan; Cllr P Clark
Members of the public: 2

Public Participation

1. Council was asked why it would consider a Grant Application for the Church Yard when it was voted down on 2nd November and been discussed at the meeting it was illegal – the parishioner feels this is totally inappropriate and would rather the money be used to help those on their own at Christmas or other such causes.
Cllr England shared that Rotary Club are delivering lunches on Christmas Day for pensioners.
2. Mr Ruddy informed the Council that he would be unable to help with winter gritting any more and thanked Cllr Snell for doing some gritting

Before opening the meeting the Chairman thanked Cllr Kirwan for completing the survey of the salt bins, and footpaths and to Cllr Clayton for filling the salt bins that Cllr Kirwan had identified. Thanks also to Cllr R Snell for gritting the bends and paths and for carrying out repairs to the guttering and waste pipe and to Cllr Gorbutt and Cllr Clayton for putting up the Christmas tree and the Festival of Lights. The Cllrs also expressed their thanks to Tony for his service over the years with the gritting.

- 2312/1 **Apologies**
Apologies were received and approved from Cllr L Spilman and Ward Cllr D Wells.
- 2312/2 **Declarations of interests / dispensations**
Cllr England – Item 9, 3 and 4 – personal and prejudicial
Cllr Jones – item 9, 3 and 5 – personal
- 2312/3 **Minute approval**
a. **Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Kirwan**
Resolved: That the council resolved to approve the minutes from the ordinary meeting of the council that took place 2nd November 2023. For – 9, abstentions – 1.
b. Amendment of removal of gander comment agreed.
Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded Cllr Kirwan
Resolved: That the council resolved to approve the minutes from the extra ordinary meeting of the council that took place 9th November 2023. For – 10, unanimous.
- 2312/4 **Committee meeting minutes**
The minutes were noted from the following committee meetings
- Personnel committee meeting that took place 9th November 2023
- Parish rooms committee meeting that took place 16th November 2023
- PROW & Verge committee meeting that took place 16th November 2023
- Playing field committee meeting that took place 16th November 2023
- Cemetery committee meeting that took place 16th November 2023
- Millennium Green Trust committee meeting that took place 21st November 2023
- 2312/5 **Finance approval**
Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Clayton.
Resolved: That items (i) and (ii) be deferred to the end of the meeting due to the confidential nature of

Part B. Unanimously agreed

2312/6

Report from Ward Councillors

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Kirwan

Resolved: The meeting was temporarily suspended to receive the Ward Councillors' report.

It was reported that NLC will be going out for consultation for plans for economic, education and highways. NELC, North Lincs and Lincs have agreed with the way forward which provides leadership for the future.

All adult services are subject to quality review and have been judged as good. Children's Services are outstanding which shows both of these areas of risk are managed well.

Resurfacing of Mill Lane and removal of trees in Elm Lane works are scheduled for the start of 2024.

Cllrs requested updates on the following:

Carbon Capture Pipelines: Carbon dioxide from oil refineries on South Bank to south of Theddlethorpe – successful (this will be going ahead).

Steel Works on South Bank to go to North Sea via Easington – not successful (will not be going ahead). Lesley Potts will be re-submitting the bid in the next round of funding which would allow the project to invest in buying land.

NLC financial status: Running at a deficit. Council has a plan to remove this within 3 years through a transformation of spending money effectively. Two thirds of spending goes on Children and Adults Services which are very effective. Every person is pulling in the right direction to operate in the most effective way possible.

The Ward Cllrs left the meeting

2312/7

Planning

To consider the following Planning Application:

Application: PA/2023/1840

Site Location: Enfield, Barrow Road, Goxhill

Applicant: Mr Steve Bennett

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr T Snell

Resolved: That the Parish Council have no comments and support the application – unanimous

2312/8

Millennium Green Trust Committee TOR

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Gathercole

Resolved: That the Millennium Green Trust be deferred to the next meeting, with Cllr Kirwan to email the points to the Chair and to give a 3 minute presentation at the next meeting. For – 5, Against – 5, casting vote to defer.

2312/9

Grant Applications

Grant application to be revised and updated by Clerk and Cllr England for 2024.

- Goxhill and Barrow Scouts` - £485.00

Proposed: Cllr Gathercole, Seconded: Cllr T Snell

Resolved: That the Goxhill and Barrow Scouts be awarded the full amount of £485. Agreed unanimously.

- Goxhill Singing Group - £254.98

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr R Snell

Resolved: That the Goxhill Singing Group be awarded the full amount of £254.98. Agreed unanimously.

- Memorial Hall - £709.00

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Lawtey

Resolved: That the Memorial Hall be awarded the amount of £350 as this is part of the Parish Emergency Plan. For – 5, Against – 3.

- Baby & Toddler Group, Goxhill - £750.00

Proposed: Cllr R Snell, Seconded: Cllr Jones

Resolved: That the Baby and Toddler Group be awarded the full amount of £750 For – 7, Against -2

- Goxhill Churchyard Working Group - £1000.00

It was noted that this meets the grant criteria and is different to the request from 2 November. It is a donation for the removal of trees by the working party. GPC will not be removing the trees and the application is for a donation towards this.

Discussions took place around GPC not being able to give to the church and that the group is a subsidiary to the Church Council and therefore funds are directed through a reserve. The application has to have a bank account; the working party has funding earmarked reserve within the PCC bank account. NLC grants state the NLC can not give grants to maintenance projects or places of worship.

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Clayton

Resolved: That in the interest of clarity GPC does not give a grant, For – 5, Against – 5, casting vote for – this grant application will not go forward.

- Hampers - £300.00

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Clayton

- **Resolved:** That the Hampers be awarded the amount of £300 – unanimously agreed
The total of grants agreed is £2140.

2312/10 **Blue Plaque in memory of Mary Denniss**

Proposed: Cllr England, Seconded: Cllr R Snell

Resolved: Clerk to contact the Methodist Church for Blue Plaque to be placed there.

2312/11 **Earmark Reserves**

The current earmarked reserves 2023/2024 were accepted

2312/12 **Council Mobile Phone**

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Clayton

Resolved: The mobile phone contract to be paid off and the Parish Rooms Phone 01469 531578 to be diverted to the Clerk's personal mobile phone after 15 seconds.

2312/13 **Precept**

The amounts for the precept 2024/2025 were agreed as follows:

Staffing Costs

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Jones

Resolved: Staffing Costs £17000 For – 9, against – 1

Utilities

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Jones

Resolved: Utilities £5780 - unanimous

Council Expenditure

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Jones

Resolved: Council Expenditure £2850 - unanimous

Councillor Subscriptions

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, **Seconded:** Cllr Jones

Resolved: Council Subscriptions £5125 - unanimous

Contracts

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, **Seconded:** Cllr Jones

Resolved: Contracts £62677 - unanimous

Groundwork Maintenance

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, **Seconded:** Cllr Jones

Resolved: Groundwork Maintenance £3100 - unanimous

Earmarked reserves

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, **Seconded:** Cllr Jones

Resolved: Earmarked reserves £3000 - unanimous

Income

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, **Seconded:** Cllr Jones

Resolved: Income £39182 – unanimous

Before the Precept was set there was discussion about the extent of expenditure remaining for 2023/4 and the projected likely state of the Councils finances on 31/3/24. Following this it was agreed that the General Reserve would be restored to £40K and that £13K would be transferred to the 2024/25 budget to offset the Precept requirement.

The Precept was set at £60,350, a reduction of 19% on last year's precept.

Agreed precept therefore is £60,350

2312/14

Policies

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, **Seconded:** Cllr Kirwan

Resolved: the policies to be deferred to the next meeting

2312/15

Finance Software Package

Clerk to get prices for Xero and two other packages for next meeting

2312/16

General correspondence

Grit Bins – Clerk to order 2 bags from NLC

2312/17

Agenda for next and future meetings

To have the deferred agenda items on the next agenda

To consider the three quotes for Finance Software Packages

2312/18

Date of next meeting

To confirm the date, time and location of the next meeting(s) as (subject to any change in circumstances):

Thursday 4th January 7.30pm at The Parish Rooms, Goxhill

2312/19

Exclusion of the Public and Press

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, **Seconded:** Cllr Kirwan

Resolved: The council resolved unanimously to exclude the press and public

2312/20

Financial Approval – 2312/5 items deferred from start of meeting

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, **Seconded:** Cllr Clayton

Resolved: That Part A be agreed with the Clerk Salary until 30th November not 31st December
- unanimously agreed

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Gorbutt
Resolved: That Part B is agreed - unanimously agreed

Meeting Close: 21:57

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