

Councillor Mike Gathercole

1954 - 2024

It was with great sadness that we heard that Councillor Mike Gathercole had died on Friday 5th January 2024. Less than 24 hours earlier he had sat with us in the Parish Rooms discussing council business as usual on the first Thursday of the month. Mike and his family have lived in Goxhill for over 34 years and for a great number of those he had been involved in village community activities.



He was a school governor at Goxhill Primary School for 19 years from 1992 to 2011 when he left to continue the role at The Grange and Kirton Lindsey Schools.

Mike was a regular at the Goxhill Allotments overseeing them on behalf of the Council from 2008 before taking on his own allotment in 2010. During his 16-year association with the allotments he was involved with fundraising, building and providing facilities on the site. So, in 2022 when the Allotment Association was re-formed, Mike was a natural for the role of Chairman.

In 2007 he became Chairman of the Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership; a role he was to continue with for 16 years, striving to put the Partnership on a secure footing whilst making sure that Goxhill Station was well looked after.

The Goxhill Gander was another of Mike's passions, joining the team in 1996 as a co-ordinator/editorial assistant and served on the management committee for 27 years which included a brief 2 editions spell as editor in 2004.

Finally, and by no means least of his village roles, Mike was a Parish Councillor. He was co-opted onto the Parish Council in January 2001 and served for 23 years until his untimely death. During his service he was Parish Council Chairman from 2004 until 2016 and again from 2019 until 2023, a total of 16 years.