

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Goxhill Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on
Thursday 6th March 2014 in the Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill.**

Present: Mr M Gathercole (Chair), Mrs V Gorbutt (vice Chair), Mrs H Wood, Mr S England,
Mr R Atkin, Mr D Whitemore, Mrs T Simons, Mr G Bradnum, Mr C Byrne, Mrs F Dunkley,

Attending: Cllr D Wells, Cllr P Clark, Mr D Carnell (Memorial Hall)

1. **Provisional item** Martin Ely was unable to attend. It was agreed to invite him to the April meeting, but that the Chairman and Clerk should meet him in the interim period to discuss the proposal to build a 16 property affordable housing development off Hawthorne Garden
2. **Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Mr C Leaning
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None
4. **Public Participation/update from Ward Councillors/Police Matters** Mr Carnell stated he had attended for the Memorial Hall item and footpaths.
Cllr Wells gave contact details to apply for funding for the skatepark and gave the good news that NL Council have allocated £50k towards the Goxhill project. Clerk to progress this item, Mrs Gorbutt agreed to look at designs and costings.
Cllr Clark gave the date of the next NATs meeting as 27th March at Ulceby Village Hall.
5. **To resolve the minutes of the previous meetings and any matters arising.** The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2014 were resolved and signed as a true and correct record.
Matters arising – The clerk had spoken to Mr Holtby regarding the Westfield Road sign; however councillors noted it had still not been put back. Agreed that the clerk should write formally to request that the sign is put back on the wall.
6. **Accounts/Financial.**
 1. Receipts and payments were resolved and signed.
7. **To consider any correspondence**
 1. Mayor of North Lincs. An invitation to Charity Appeal, Swing Wing for Wishes. was circulated.
8. **Planning Applications** - all applications may be viewed online prior to the meeting on North Lincolnshire Council's online planning register.

2014/0038 Johnson/Birkett Ashlea, Thornton Road. Planning permission for the removal of underground fuel tanks from garage forecourt.
No comments or objections. Noted that the Environmental Health have requested that they are removed by a professional contractor to avoid possible watercourse contamination.

- 9 Memorial Hall Report. Mr Gathercole gave an update on the last meeting, at which the architect had been present to explain why the costings were significantly higher than estimated. The Committee had themselves obtained three quotations, which were approximately £30k lower and were still looking at further options. In the meantime, they were progressing the grant application only – this will be submitted in the Parish Council's name as the property custodians.
- 10 Update from the Allotments None
- 11 Playing Field
1. Clerk reported that the maintenance team have completed most of the jobs, however it was noted the posts have still not been put in properly. It was agreed to check the work once the bill arrived, and not to enter into a further service level agreement until it was confirmed everything was satisfactory.
 2. Portacabin. Mr Gathercole advised that this was to be relocated and used as an educational establishment at Killingholme. However it cannot be removed until the ground dries out in case the crane gets stuck on the field.
 3. Skate park. Dealt with under item 4, it was agreed Mrs Gorbitt should look at designs under £100k.
 4. Summer Fair Funds. Mr Bradnum has this in hand.
- 12 Parish Room/Library update Mr England reported that a new volunteer has joined the library staff. The Open Day will be held on Saturday 15th March.
- 13 Cemetery.
1. Tree planting. The tree planting scheme is arranged for 10 am on Saturday 15th March – volunteers are needed to assist. Barton Rotary Club are kindly paying for the trees and making all the arrangements to lay them out, it was agreed the Parish Council would pay the cost of £339.60 for the stakes and guards.
 2. Any other cemetery matters. None
- 14 Footpaths
1. Confirmation has been received that FP 54A. Greengate Lane – Westfield Lane will be added to the definitive map.
 2. Any other footpath matters. Mr Carnell spoke on the letter received from the Footpaths Officer regarding Green Ramper and Little Ramper. After discussion, it was agreed it was not in the best interests of the Parish Council or residents of North End to pursue the change of status on the definitive map.
- 15 Goxhill Millennium Green
1. A letter from Keith Brown requesting Parish Council assistance in managing the Trust was discussed. If volunteers or the Parish Council do not take over the Trust, then it will be dissolved and the land returned to its former state. An appeal in the Gander and on the facebook site had only produced one member of the public volunteering to help. Mr Gathercole reported that he had approached the Humber Nature Partnership, and that they were keen to support and engage with management of the Green. Councillors agreed this would be the best way forward, and Mr Gathercole will arrange for them to attend the April meeting. In the meantime, it was resolved that the Partnership would be asked to prune the hedge back from the public footpath in return for a donation

2. Wood around Goxhill Recycling Centre, College Road – the Humber Nature Partnership are also keen to manage this site as an ecological habitat

- 16 Cherry Tree Avenue Correspondence from Colin Horton, Tree Officer NLC, regarding costs and management of the cherry trees was considered. It was thought that the total cost of £600 to remove and replant one tree was excessive, and various ways to reduce the cost were discussed. Mr England also outlined his plan for a staged scheme to replant 12 trees per annum, which would spread the costs out, and also reduce the visual impact of removing the trees. Mrs Dunkley volunteered to meet with Mr Horton to view the trees and discuss the options available, and it was agreed this was the best way forward.
- 17 Highways/Environmental
1. Blocked culvert Thornton/Barrow Road crossroads - ongoing
 2. Flashing speed sign – Barrow Road. Ongoing
 3. Resurfacing of pavements. This has been logged and is in hand by the Highways Dept.
 4. Request for improvement to Barrow Road footpath. Ongoing
 5. Request for new village nameplate. It was resolved to accept the offer of a free Goxhill name sign with the NL Council crest, as it was felt the customised plaque signs were too expensive (approx £2000 per sign).
 6. Salt Bins – Soff Lane/College Road. Ongoing. Clerk has asked the Highways Dept to forward the criteria for a yellow salt bin.
 7. Best Kept Village Competition. It was resolved to enter the 2014 competition.
- 18 Parish Council website Cllr Wells showed the design of Killingholme Parish Council's website and gave the contact details to Mr Gathercole to follow up.
- 19 Gander Articles Any articles/topics to Mrs Gorbitt please.
- 20 Any other business and date of next meeting. Mr England raised the subject of the closure of the Brocklesby Hunt and whether a village co-operative could be set up to buy and run it.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday 3rd April 2014.