

**GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Goxhill Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Parish Room, Howe Lane.

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

Attending: Mr D Carnell, Mr & Mrs McIntyre and another member of the public.

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1. **Apologies for absence** Ferry Ward Councillors D Wells and P Clark.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Public Participation/Police Matters/Update from Ward Councillors** Mr Gathercole reported that he attended the meeting at Barton Assembly Rooms to represent the south bank's interests on the proposed reorganisation of Humberside Police. He felt that Matthew Grove had been very dismissive of his concerns, and had followed this up with a letter proving that his statistics and facts had been correct. Mr Carnell stated that he was attending for item 9 (Memorial Hall). Other members of the public were attending for general interest.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting and matters arising.** Mr Leaning requested item 16(2) to reflect he was not following up a personal complaint, but those of parishioners. It was agreed to amend the minutes to read: " Mr Leaning, following a complaint from parishioners, followed up this item from the January meeting...." Mrs Simons said she believed the Brocklesby Hunt had been sold hours prior to the auction, and therefore not sold before the auction date. It was agreed to delete the word "date", and to amend the minutes to read: "purchased the site legally before the auction..." Mrs Simons queried the sentence regarding contributions towards affordable housing and play facilities, as to whether Mr Whall stated he would make a voluntary contribution, and not compulsory. It was resolved not to amend this sentence as Mr Bradnum and Clerk confirmed contributions will be compulsory under a S106 agreement. This is also confirmed on NLC website.

It was resolved to annotate future minutes with "Draft" prior to being resolved at the full Council meeting.

Matters arising: Mr Gathercole has reported the "near miss" incidents on Ferry Road.

5. **Accounts/Financial.** February accounts and receipts were resolved and signed.

6. **General Correspondence**

1. Daly International. A letter of intent to install a smartmeter electrical installation and 12m high mast on the corner of Sykes Lane/Ferry Road was noted.

7. **To consider Planning Applications**

2015/0131 Peach Horsegate Farm, North End. Planning permission to refurbish, extend and remodel farm building *No comment or objection.*

2015/0132 Peach Horsegate Farm, North End. Planning permission to refurbish, extend and remodel farm building. *No comment or objection.*

2015/0164 Peach Listed building to refurbish, extend and remodel farm building. *No comment or objection.*

2015//0077 Dieter Nelson Adjacent St Davids, Chapel Street. Planning permission to erect a dwelling. No comment or objection.

2015/0175 Lawtey Station Cottage, Howe Lane. Listed building consent for repairs to roof to make it watertight. *No comment or objection.*

8. **Brocklesby Hunt** Mr Gathercole reported that Mr Whall had contacted him to discuss the possibility of not progressing with the demolition/redevelopment of the pub building if a buyer could be found. The sale would not include the car park or garden. Mr Gathercole proposed a vote to decide if the Parish Council should request a valuation and progress the matter with a view to purchase. This was resolved with a unanimous rejection, as the council do not possess the funds.

Mr England reported on the meeting with Martin Vickers MP, who had agreed to oppose the demolition and redevelopment.

9. **Humber Pipeline Project** Mr Atkin reported that residents on Ferry Road had received a questionnaire and form regarding the possibility of widening the road or to construct passing places. This would encroach on privately owned land. Councillors expressed their concerns that any work should be constructed properly to withstand the HGV traffic. Mr Leaning noted that National Grid had undertaken preliminary drilling, and may use the spoil to build up the bank defences.

10. **Memorial Hall Report & Minutes of last meeting** The minutes of December 2014 and January 2015 were resolved. Mr Gathercole reported that the change of locks and proposal to sign and return keys after using the hall had not been well received by those people used to having their own. Mr Leaning reported it had been decided regular users would receive a key for a 3 month probationary period, and the matter would be brought back to full council after this trial period. Mrs Wood expressed her dissatisfaction that non-committee members were over-riding parish council decisions. It was resolved to wait and see on this matter.

Caroline Atkins has completed her historical record, and this is awaiting discharge from the Planning Officer. She has recommended that the stone plaques should be examined by a qualified stonemason before building work commences. Mr Gathercole proposed the council should comply with this request, and it was resolved unanimously to engage a stonemason. He also apologised to Mr Whitemore for not informing him about the removal of the brass plaques.

Mr Carnell enquired whether matters had progressed with the previous architect's dispute. Mr Gathercole replied that no further communication had been forthcoming from Mr Kitchin. Mr Carnell stressed the importance of engaging a surveyor and compiling a schedule of works in order that hall users can be notified of any disruption to their bookings.

**11. Hallands Woodland** Mr Gathercole reported the clearance work had been done by Humber Nature Partnership, and that he hoped to arrange a meeting for grant work.

**12. Millennium Green** The AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb had been attended by several councillors and clerk. Legal documentation to appoint the Parish Council as sole trustees was signed by both parties, and is being processed by the Millennium Green's solicitors. The new trees and guards were kindly donated by Humber Nature Conservation Volunteers and planted up by Mr Gathercole and other volunteers. A thank you will be posted in the next edition of the Gander.

**13. Update from the Allotments** Allotment C7 has been let at the reduced fee of £25, due to part of it being used for storage.

**14. Playing Field**

1. Skate park update. Still awaiting a decision from the Planning Officer.
2. Playground repairs. Awaiting better weather.
3. Plaque. It was resolved to build a brick plinth in which to set the Fields in Trust plaque. This will be sited in front of the MUGA.

**15. Parish Room/Library update** Mr England reported that another volunteer had been recruited. User numbers were still falling, but it was agreed the library is still a valuable community asset.

**16. Cemetery**

1. Mr Leaning, Mrs Wood, and Mr Atkin reported on their meeting with Mr Gorbitt. Mr Atkin reported that the meeting had successfully ironed out the problems and that the matter had been concluded satisfactorily for all parties. Mrs Wood and Mr Leaning requested that the contractor should write down details of work completed and submit an invoice every month. This was agreed. It was also resolved to examine the tender regularly to ensure any problems are resolved.
2. Gardner. It was resolved to put a notice out for a gardner to tend the planting scheme.
3. Benches. It was resolved to request people not to let their benches fall into disrepair, if they are not maintained regularly. Mr Leaning agreed to find the owner of the bench by the entrance gate.
4. Alleged vandalism. Withdrawn.
5. Field rear of cemetery. Mrs Dunkley agreed to liase with Mr Gorbitt over creating a pathway into the field.
6. Clerk agreed to apply for a Noticeboard Grant from NL Council.

**17. Footpaths** Mrs Wood expressed her concern at the recent incidences of children using quadbikes on the footpaths and park. Parents should be aware that it is a criminal offence to ride a quadbike on a public footpath, and that they are liable to pay for the cost of repairing the surface of the path or field. Discussion took place on the possibility of erecting P barriers to all entranceways onto the park.

18. **Cherry Tree Avenue** Mr Bradnum reported that a quotation of £300 had been accepted to removed 5 diseased trees. Work will commence on Sunday.

19. **Highways/Environmental**

1. Culvert Thornton/Barrow Road – awaiting works. The main problem lies with the culvert on the eastern side of the junction.
2. Resurfacing of pavements has commenced. It was resolved to write to Highways stating that the work is not upto standard.
3. Neatsgang Lane – surface reconstruction is due on 7th March.
4. Request for repairs to Chapel Street – awaiting a response
5. Request for overgrown hedges to be cut back – awaiting a response
6. Clerk to report damaged street signs on Sykes Lane and opposite Springfield.
7. Damaged streetlight No1 on Howe Lane has not been replaced yet.
8. Clerk to request NL Council to put the replacement streetlights on the path side of Ferry Road, as requested several years ago by the Parish Council.

20. **Gander articles** Cut off date for articles is 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.

21. **Any other business**

1. Mr Atkin read out a letter regarding the disclosure of pecuniary interests at Parish Council meetings. He put forward the following proposals:
  - a. Every member of the council to be given and sign for a copy of the NLC Code of Conduct, and also the Governments Openess and Transparancy on Personal Interests Document.
  - b. To set up an internal disciplinary procedure agreed by all councillors to deal with any breaches of the code that may occur.
  - c. . That every councillor should complete an up to date copy of the pecuniary interests form.

Mr Atkin agreed to request the Legal and Democratic Department to forward paper copies of the documents at item a. Otherwise they may be viewed online at:

<http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/your-council/have-your-say/councillors-and-mps/conduct-of-members>

[https://www.gov.uk/.../Local\\_Government\\_Transparency\\_Code\\_2014](https://www.gov.uk/.../Local_Government_Transparency_Code_2014)

Mrs Dunkley proposed not to comply with item b, as this is an area that is best dealt with by an external body. Seconded by Mr England and resolved.

Clerk reported that the pecuniary interests form will be available after the May election, and that any new interests should be disclosed. It is the responsibility of individual councillors to ensure their details are kept upto date.

2. Mr Leaning requested that comments on political alliances of Humberside Police Officers and representatives should not be discussed, and this agreed by the Chair.
3. Clerk was requested to write to NL Council regarding the damaged verges on Manor Lane.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.