

**GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Goxhill Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in the Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill.**

Present: Mr M Gathercole (Chair), Mrs V Gorbutt (vice Chair), Mrs H Wood, Mr S Robertson, Mr T Coppack, Mr G Bradnum, Mr R Atkin, Mr C Leaning, Mr S England, Mrs F Dunkley  
Attending: Mr Hart, Mr Spencer and one other member of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** Mrs T Simons, Ferry Ward Cllrs R. Hannigan, D Wells and P Clark.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest. Mr Atkin reported that he had an item of correspondence relating to item 7(2).
3. **Public Participation/update from Ward Councillors/Police Matters.** There were no ward councillors present.  
Mr Hart said he wished to hear planning item. 2016/206. Mr Spencer said he was attending in connection with correspondence item (1).  
The Chairman said he had contacted Humberside Police in respect to a query from Mr Robertson about the definition of a "dire emergency". The police could not give an exact definition but confirmed that calls were prioritised under "high, medium or low".
4. **Proposal for under 6s football training.** Mr Woods was unable to attend, and it was agreed to drop this item from the agenda until he contacts the parish council again.
5. **To resolve the minutes of the previous meetings and any matters arising.**  
Matters arising - Mr Leaning clarified the item on flower planters, and said that he would be willing to sponsor the one planter on Gatehouse Road.  
Mrs Gorbutt proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record, seconded by Mrs Gorbutt and unanimously resolved.
6. **Accounts/Financial.** Receipts and payments were proposed by Mr Gathercole; seconded by Mr Bradnum and unanimously resolved.
7. **General Correspondence**  
(1) A letter from Mrs Brocklesby expressing concern at the state of the Gatehouse Road verge was discussed. Mr Spencer explained that the ditch had not been cleared out for 60 years, and he and 8 volunteers had removed over a trailer full of old tyres, carpets and rubbish that had been deposited in there. He had received permission from NL Council to undertake the work, and has now disposed of most of the rubbish. Mr Gathercole and Mr Atkin confirmed that they had seen the verge in its present state, and that it looked reasonably tidy. Mr Spencer said he would drag and level it once the daffodils had ceased flowering. It was resolved to write a letter to Mrs Brocklesby to explain the circumstances, and the Chairman thanked Mr Spencer for carrying out the work.

(2) A proposal from Mike Potter to provide an extra poppy wreath for the airfield tribute was considered, along with a proposal for twinning Virginia Beach with Goxhill. Mr Atkin confirmed that he also had correspondence on this subject, together with Ron Parker's son. It was resolved that both items would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. **Planning Applications.**

Clarke Telecom. Proposed base station installation with 24m mast to support 6 antennas, 2 dishes, 3 cabinets at ground level and ancillary development. at land off Chapelfield Road, Goxhill. ***No comments or objection***

2016/175 National Grid. Planning permission for the implementation of a phase of early enabling works in relation to the River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project, including topsoil stripping, bunding and fencing of part of main Development Consent Order (DCO) works compound, construction and placement of hard standing, portacabins and diesel generators. Initial topsoil stripping, bunding and fencing and laying of a stone haul road between Church Side and Soff Lane (the proposed DCO Soff Lane diversion haulage route) and preparation of highways improvements at proposed passing place and junction locations ***Comment: There is a public footpath on this site which must not be obstructed.***

2016/395 Birkett Ivanhoe, Thornton Road. Planning permission to erect two Detached bungalows. ***No comments or objection***

2016/206 Hart. Fieldview, Gatehouse Road. Planning permission to erect a detached bungalow. ***No comments or objection***

9. **Brocklesby Hunt.** The Chairman reported that he, and Mr Coppack had attended the last on-site meeting. The community group had been of the opinion that the Section 106 agreement should have allocated more land for parking, but NL Council have confirmed that this issue will not prejudice any future permission for the public house. Mr Coppack has joined the committee, and reported that Ashley Adams has obtained 3 quotations for a structural survey. The cheapest quotation is from Delaney Marley. He enquired whether the parish council would pay in advance for the survey, but concerns were expressed about finding out more details on what was to be carried out.

It was proposed by Mrs Gorbitt and Mrs Dunkley that the group should get written confirmation from Delaney Marley on the extent of the work to be carried out, and also to stipulate that payment will only be made upon completion and production of invoice. If necessary, a further meeting would be called to decide the issue, or it will be resolved by a majority round-robin vote.. This was unanimously resolved.

10. **Humber Pipeline Project.** No further information has been received, other than the planning application.

11. **Social Media.** Mr England enquired whether the Parish Council should have a facebook page, in order that it could engage more with people, and create a link with the Goxhill Grapevine site. Clerk confirmed that she had already created a parish council profile, but had not activated it yet. It was resolved that this should be progressed by the clerk.

12. **Memorial Hall Report & Minutes of last meeting** The March minutes were not available. Clerk reported there had been no further correspondence from the solicitors acting on behalf of Mr Donald Kitchin.  
Mr Robertson said he had been contacted by the WI, who have asked if they might have a representative on the committee. The Chairman said they would be welcome to come to the next meeting and join.
13. **Parish Room.** Cllrs inspected the library, and gave thanks to Mr England and Lucy Bedford for the redecorating, especially in the children's corner. Mr Robertson reported that user numbers were dropping again.  
The clerk had attended the fire risk assessment on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, and reported on the issues raised. The full report will be forwarded by NL Council shortly, but in the interim period, it was agreed to address the points raised in the clerk's summary, and also to arrange purchase of torches, 2 new extinguishers, keep clear sign, repair broken kitchen tile, and to arrange intumescent sealing of all internal doors.
14. **Cemetery.** Mrs Gorbitt confirmed that the stonemasons who had removed a memorial without permission had been identified, and will be contacted. Mrs Gorbitt also confirmed that she had the shed key for Mr Skipworth to collect.  
Mrs Dunkley said she had spoken to Mr Skipworth regarding the dumping of hedgeclippings from adjacent properties, and proposed that progress now needed to be made on the rear field. It was resolved that Mrs Dunkley, Mrs Gorbitt, Mr Atkin and Mr Leaning would meet onsite on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April to discuss this.
15. **Playing Field** It was resolved to accept the terms and quotations laid out in North Lincolnshire Councils Service Level Agreement for inspection of the play equipment. Clerk to sign and progress.
16. **Footpaths**  
Mr Coppack reported that he had been walking the footpath 61 and noted that the hedge clippings were blocking the ditch. It was agreed the clerk would write to the householder to request them not to obstruct the ditch.  
Mr Coppack proposed that the green space on Chapel Street needed some money investing in it as a "green space". It was agreed this was a good idea, and will be put on the agenda for the May meeting.  
The footpaths booklet is being compiled, but updating all the maps is time consuming. Nothing further has been received on the Parish Paths Partnership proposal.  
Mrs Dunkley said she had received a complaint regarding the Trinity Close footpath, which is currently unwalkable, and in need of resurfacing. Clerk to report this.
17. **Millennium Green** Nothing to report.
18. **Hallands Woodland.** Nothing to report.
19. **Allotments.** The vacant plot has been let, but there is now another plot available.
20. **Damage of Cherry Tree Avenue by NL Council.** Mr Leaning said he thought the contractors had made a good job of clearing the trees off the road. Mr Gathercole explained that Colin Horton (tree officer) had stopped the contractors as he had not authorised them to do the work. Mr Horton said that they were only requested to clear over the bridge, but a different department had let them carry on down the length of Ferry Road.

He has apologised for the manner in which the trees were dealt with, and agreed they have not been cut to a good standard. Mr Horton has scheduled a meeting with the contractors on 14th April, and Mrs Dunkley suggested a representative from the parish council should attend.

**21. Highways/Environmental**

- (1) Proposed clearway restriction outside school. Ongoing with NL Council.
- (2) Church Street lighting. Ongoing with NL Council..
- (3) Cost for flower planters. Mrs Gorbutt is still awaiting costings.
- (4) Village signs. Awaiting information from David Wells.
- (5) Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed to enter this year's competition.

**22. Gander articles.** Mrs Gorbutt suggested an item about litter picking. Other articles to Mrs Dunkley please.

**23. Date and time of next meeting.** Due to the Parish Room being used for the Election, the next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in the side room of the Memorial Hall.

Mr Atkin asked why AOB had been removed from the agenda, and the Chairman said current advice from ERNLLCA was to remove this from the agenda, as items for discussion should be placed on the agenda. Mr Atkin stated he had items of complaint he wished to raise and began to read from his papers. The Chairman advised that these items were confidential and should remain so. However, Mr Robertson indicated that he also had copies of the complaints. A heated discussion took place. Mr Atkin asserted he had the right to read out issues of a confidential nature. Mr Bradnum suggested the matter should be clarified with NL Council, and the clerk suggested that the meeting should be closed. Mr Atkin and Mr Leaning continued the dispute with the Chairman until 10pm when the room was vacated.

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