

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Goxhill Parish Council, held at 7.30 on Thursday 7th July 2016 in the Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill.

Present: Mr S England (Chair), Mrs V Gorbutt, Mr M Gathercole, Mrs F Dunkley, Mr G Bradnum, Mr T Coppack, Mrs T Simons, Mr C Leaning, Mr R Atkin, Mr S Robertson, Mrs H Wood.

Attending: Mrs A Lawtey (Friends of the Brock) and Ferry Ward Cllr P Clark.

Presentation: Prior to the meeting, Colin Horton, Tree Officer, for North Lincolnshire Council's Environment Team outlined the plans for replacing the damaged trees on Ferry Road. As they have been damaged beyond repair by their contractor, NL Council will pay for all the work. The trees will be removed in Autumn and then replanted with a suitable species approx 12-14cm diameter, and 2-3m tall. The Parish Council will be able to have an input on the type of tree that is replanted, within reason. Mrs Gorbutt suggested that some of the trees further down Ferry Road should be pruned in advance of the expected increase in pipeline HGV traffic to prevent further damage. The difficulties of the Parish Council's previous attempts to remove and replant trees were discussed and Mrs Dunkley said she hoped that they would be able to work together in the future. Mr Horton agreed that the Parish Council could now replace the tree that was removed on Thornton Road. He agreed to send a schedule of works prior to the replanting programme commencing. The Chairman and councillors thanked Mr Horton for attending.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Ferry Ward Cllr D Wells.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest from councillors present. The Chair reminded councillors that they had been requested to review their DPI forms.
3. **Public Participation/update from Ward Councillors/Police Matters.** Mrs Lawtey gave an update of the progress of the purchase for the Brocklesby Hunt. The Plunkett Foundation has been very supportive in terms of access to grants and loans. The village survey has generated a lot of response, and showed that the public. Mrs Lawtey also spoke of the problems with the valuation from Keigar Homes, which was based on building plot prices, rather than its price as a public house.
4. **To resolve the minutes of the previous meeting.** Mr Bradnum proposed the minutes of Thursday 2nd June 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record, and this was unanimously resolved.
5. **Accounts/Financial.**
 - (1) Mr England proposed to approve the receipts and payments, and this was unanimously resolved.
6. **General Correspondence**
 - (1) Goxhill Bowling Club. An email request for assistance in purchasing new machinery was discussed, and it was agreed that the council should await a more formal written proposal from the Club before proceeding any further.

- (2) Keigar Homes. A proposal to name the Brocklesby Hunt development as “Huntsman Close” was unanimously approved.
- (3) Mr Woods. Correspondence was read out from Mr Woods asking for shrubs to be cut back from his property and the highway verge. Mr Bradnum agreed to visit the householder concerned to put in a request for some pruning.
- (4) Mrs K Wilkinson. Correspondence was considered on behalf of the Lifestyle Group, which was asking for a public piece of land that the children could cultivate for their garden project. The responsibility of maintaining the garden in future years was discussed, and Mrs Dunkley proposed that if the project was a rolling programme, the children could use the same land year after year. It was unanimously proposed that the parish council should offer the space at North End by the telephone box, as this has previously been used for the Lifestyle Project.

7. **Information and clarification on declarations of interest.** The clerk distributed an extract from the Code of Conduct, which gave clarification on when to declare an interest. Mrs Simons also read out items on pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. A general rule was observed that councillors should always consider how a member of the public would perceive their involvement, and if in doubt, then to declare an interest in order to be open and transparent.

8. **Planning Applications.**

All councillors are requested to view the application register before the meeting.
<http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/planning>

2016/781. National Grid. Land adjacent to and south east of Chapelfield Road and East Marsh Road.
 Planning permission for the provision of two additional vehicle access points (1 and 2) to allow vehicle movements into and out of River Humber Pipeline Replacement Project enabling works site along with additional short stretches of stone road to facilitate vehicles movements. Relates wholly to previous planning permission PA/2016/176
No comment or objection

2016/784 Cook. Janshome, North End.
 Planning permission to erect first floor extension and external alterations (Amended Plans: Clarification of driveway and boundary treatment).
No comment or objection.
Mr England declared an interest and left the room without taking part in discussions.

2016/843 Co-operative Society. Rear of Mellers Coaches, Howe Lane.
 Advertisement consent to display one fascia sign, one logo lozenge and one illuminated totem sign.
Objection to illuminated totem sign and enquiry to be made as to timings.

Mrs Simons enquired whether planning permission was required to make a new entrance and lay hardcore and the Clerk was requested to contact the enforcement officer to inform him of this development at Riverside Stables.

9. **Update on Brocklesby Hunt.** Discussed under public participation.
10. **Memorial Hall Report**
(1) The minutes of the May meeting were resolved.
(2) Mr Gathercole spoke of the proposal to refurbish the tennis court, and asked if the Parish Council would be assist financially if a grant for the full amount could not be obtained. It was agreed to put this on the September Parish Council agenda. Clerk said she was meeting with Mrs Nadin and Mrs Carter to go through the grant funding application process.
Two non-voting members of the committee have agreed to sign a DPI form, which will give them the right to vote. Mr Leaning suggested that a public meeting should be held to gain more members, but it was resolved that the normal meeting dates would be published in the Gander so that anybody interested could attend if they wanted to.
11. **Parish Room.**
(1) There were no issues to report from Mr Bradnum
(2) The clerk agreed to chase up the Fire Safety Inspection with North Lincolnshire Council.
12. **Cemetery.**
(1) Mrs Gorbutt spoke of the matter where a relative had been asked to remove kerbing from a grave, in order to assist the mowing. She agreed to make further enquiries as to who had instigated the request, as it had not come from the parish council.
(2) Mrs Dunkley gave an update on the field, which has now been cut. She anticipated that it would need a further cut and rake this year, then it would be ready for the new borders to be made in Autumn, and footpath to be cut in a 2m strip around the perimeter. The shrubs from the existing border will be re-used. It is hoped that some benches will be donated for the area. *(Mrs Gorbutt declared an interest in this item and left the room without taking part in discussions)*
(3) Mr Atkin enquired if there had been any reports of children being in the cemetery, as he had observed a group coming out of the gates late in the evening.
13. **Playing Field**
(1) Mrs Dunkley listed the following repair items:
Large gate from the car park doesn't shut properly.
Litter on the back of the MUGA
Concrete lump needs removing – Mrs Gorbutt agreed to attend to this.
“Dogs must be under control” sign required. Clerk to action.
(2) Following Playground Inspection Report, NL Council will undertake the repairs to the toddler tower unit and swing shackles. Mr Whitemore will repair the zip wire boarding, witches hat and dizzy pole. It was also resolved that the clerk should purchase a new cradle swing at a cost of £47 + VAT and delivery.
(3) Mrs Gorbutt spoke of an incident where an unknown substance had been thrown into the school playground, and several children had developed a rash after touching it.
14. **Footpaths**
(1) Mr Coppack reported on his meeting with Tim Allen, Dave Sanderson and the contractor, Darren Roberts, to discuss resurfacing. Mr Roberts has submitted a quotation to approx £9k to reinstate the wheelchair accessible path on Green Ramper, but the councillors agreed that Footpath 62 was more widely used, and should take priority for resurfacing.

- (2) A proposal to incorporate Thornton Curtis/East Halton paths into Goxhill's Parsh Paths Partnership was discussed, but it was resolved not to proceed.
 - (3) Footpaths Booklet – ongoing.
 - (4) Notification has been received that the fence at Talos has been removed from the bridleway and highway verge. Mrs Gorbutt noted that a small section still remained. Clerk agreed to check whether the ramp had been removed from FP 62.
 - (5) Footpaths walked: 62, 63, 4, 53.
15. **Millennium Green.** Mr Gathercole agreed to liaise with other committee members for a meeting date.
16. **Hallands Woodland.** Nothing to report.
17. **Allotments.** Nothing to report.
18. **Highways/Environmental**
- (1) Nothing further has been received regarding the proposed clearway restriction at North End and outside school. Cllr Clark informed the meeting that NL Council have implemented this scheme outside other schools in the area, and have followed it up with ticketing action against offenders. *(Mr England declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.)*
 - (2) Cost for flower planters were considered. Mr England proposed to purchase the items selected from the catalogue, seconded by Mrs Wood and resolved. Clerk to action.
 - (3) Nothing further has been received on the reported encroachment of highway verges/paths on Thornton Road and The Close.
 - (4) Green space on Chapel Street. A proposal for a floodlit tennis court was considered, but not thought practical due to the cost, and potential problems with adjoining residential properties. It was agreed that the best use would be to provide some low maintenance shrubs, trees and a couple of benches. More ideas are needed.
 - (5) The memorial seat for Mr & Mrs Girdham will be placed outside the school.
 - (6) Clerk was asked to report the hedge encroaching on the highway between Mill Lane and Elm Lane.
19. **Adoption of Standing/Financial Orders.** It was unanimously resolved to adopt the Standing and Financial Orders without further amendments.
20. **Misleading of the Council.**
- (1) Mr Gathercole proposed to exclude the public and press from this item on the grounds of confidentiality, seconded by Mrs Gorbutt and resolved. Mr Gathercole said he wished to clarify matters from the April meeting, where Mr Atkin had asserted it was correct to discuss items of a confidential and sensitive nature in public. He read out a response from the Standards Board and concluded it substantiated his claim that the Council had been misled on this issue. Mr Atkin handed out copies of complaints against Mr Gathercole to the councillors. Mr Gathercole objected and remained in the room with the Chairman after the meeting had concluded.
21. **Gander articles.** To Mrs Dunkey please.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm. Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 1st September 2016.