

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Goxhill Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th May 2017 in the Parish Room, Goxhill.

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

Attending: Ferry Ward Cllrs D Wells and P Clark, Mrs C Ellis (Bowling Club), Mrs L Gibbins (GNew), Mr J Raby, Mr P Cains and three other members of the public.

MINUTES

Prior to the meeting commencing, Jonathan Compton of Skanska gave an update on current issues concerning the pipeline. All the condition surveys have been completed, and will be considered on a case by case basis. The one-way traffic system is now live and it is hoped will alleviate some of the problems. The bypass section can only be used from 7am-7pm, but will be mandatory for all staff, regardless of their vehicle. Mr Compton had been out personally to monitor the speed of site vehicles and had taken enforcement action with those drivers found to be over the designated limit. Skanska currently have their own mobile flashing speed sign, and Mr Compton indicated that the Parish Council might be able to use this once Skanska were confident the situation was under control. Mr Compton also promised to find a better way of informing the public of abnormal loads passing through the village.

On a positive note, a defibrillator has been donated to Goxhill Primary School, and free training sessions have been offered. The children are also being given lessons on environmental education and conservation. It is also hoped that some assistance may be given to The Brock, in terms of labour and materials for renovation. Mr England enquired whether some help could be obtained in resurfacing FP62, and agreed to forward on more details.

Mr Compton then took questions from councillors and members of the public. The Chairman and councillors thanked him for attending.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Ferry Ward Cllr R Hannigan.
2. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
 1. To elect the Chair. Mr Leaning proposed Mr England as Chair, seconded by Mr Robertson and resolved.
 2. To elect a vice Chair. Mrs Dunkley proposed Mrs Gorbitt as Vice Chair, seconded by Mrs Wood and resolved.
3. **Acceptance of Office and New Chair's Comments.** Mr England accepted the office of Chair, and thanked the councillors for re-electing him.
4. **Election of Representatives and Committees** Members of Committees and Representatives were elected, as detailed in the attached list.

5. **Declarations of Interest.**
Mr England declared an interest in item 19 (3 & 4) and 20 (5).
Mr Robertson declared an interest in item 19 (3 & 4) and 20 (5).
6. **Public Participation/update from Ward Councillors/Police Matters** Cllr Clark reported he had attended the last NATs meeting, where the current crime hotspots remained in Ulceby and Killingholme. There had been no reported issues for Goxhill.
Cllr Wells reported on the current works to the Cherry Tree avenue. Mr Robertson enquired whether the contractors would grind down the stumps and clear the vegetation before replanting. Mrs Dunkley expressed her dissatisfaction with the lack of information given to the Council, as Colin Horton had promised to provide a schedule of works, and liaise over the choice of replacement trees. It was resolved to invite Mr Horton to the June meeting to discuss these issues.
Cllr Wells asked for a volunteer to accompany the highways team to identify the locations for the new village signs. Mrs Gorbutt said she had done this twice already, but agreed to do this again.
7. **To resolve the minutes of the previous meeting.** Mr Gathercole requested an amendment to item 5 regarding the voting on the skatepark. It was agreed to attach the amendment to the minutes. Mr England proposed the amended minutes as a true and correct record, seconded by Mr Bradnum and unanimously resolved.
8. **Neighbourhood Watch update.** Mrs Gibbins reported that she had requested more foot patrols for the village, and was going to order extra alarms, as these had proved popular. Permission is being sought for the new neighbourhood watch signs, but these are only permitted to go on lampposts, not the electricity poles.
9. **Friends of the Brock update.** Mrs Lawtey was unable to attend, but her presentation to NL Council was circulated. The three Ward Councillors had also attended the hearing and given their support of the Friends of the Brock in their request for a compulsory purchase order by NL Council. The Group have asked for a CPO and for a block on any building works that may instigate the demolition of the pub. Mr Coppack updated the meeting regarding the conditions and covenants which Keigar Homes had tried to impose upon the sale.
Mr Gathercole praised Mrs Lawtey's work on the presentation and asked that the Parish Council should acknowledge the Group's dedication. Mr England seconded this, and it was unanimously agreed they had all done a superb job.
10. **Humber Pipeline** Correspondence and costings were read out from Roy Hindmarsh regarding the various costs for a flashing speed sign. It was agreed not to pursue this, as Mr Compton had already indicated that National Grid would be prepared to allow the use of their sign.
11. **Accounts.** Accounts for April were proposed by Mr England, seconded by Mrs Dunkley and unanimously resolved.
12. **General Correspondence.**
1. An Invitation to Annual Mayor Making Ceremony on 18th May 2017 was noted.
 2. An Invitation to the Tour of Britain – North Lincolnshire Stage launch – was noted.
 3. Bowling Club. A request for a financial donation towards the purchase of a new mower was discussed. Mrs Ellis addressed the councillors to explain the situation. Mr England outlined the Parish Council's policy on donations and proposed a vote on whether this request could be considered as special circumstances. The vote was 2

for: 7 against, and the Bowling club's request was declined. The Chair suggested the Club should write again in December, and Cllr Wells advised a funding application to the Community Pot.

4. Lincs Lotto Event. Mr Gathercole and Mr England expressed an interest in attending.
5. Public Transport NLC. A letter advising of the intention to change the Saturday Villager 260 service to a single return journey Call Connect bus was discussed. It was resolved to object to the proposal and insist that the new Villager Contract should continue to incorporate the Saturday service.
6. Mrs Peeps. Correspondence regarding a pothole on Horsegatefield Road and a private drive being used as a passing place was discussed. It was resolved to clerk should pass on these concerns to the Highways Department, and notify Mrs Peeps.
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13. **ERNLLCA correspondence re: restriction of precept increases.** It was resolved that the clerk should complete the questionnaire, and attach her report regarding how the Government's proposal to restrict parish precepts would affect Goxhill and other Councils that owned and managed numerous assets.

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

2017/533	National Grid	East Marsh Road. Planning permission for the installation of 2 silos for the storage of lime and limed mud. <i>No comments or objection</i>
2017/572	Hanson	Carmel, Elm Lane. Planning permission for the erection of a 2 storey extension to rear, new porch and new dormer to front. <i>No comments or objection</i>
2017/518	National Grid	Opposite Uplands Lodge. Planning permission to retain passing place. <i>No comments or objection</i>
2017/100	Burns	Gatehouse Road. Planning permission to construct a new access. <i>Voted to object 7 for: 1 against and grounds of existing adequate access and disruption to residents of Gatehouse Road.</i>

15. **Memorial Hall Report**

- (1) The minutes of the April meeting were resolved as a correct record.
- (2) Website. Anne Carter is preparing this and going a very good job.
- (3) Progress of tennis court grant. Clerk reported that a new Safeguarding Children's policy is being prepared and then the application can be progressed.
- (4) Caretaker's new contract. This is in hand.

16. **Footpaths**

- (1) Parish Paths Agreement. Mr Coppack said that the parish council seemed to now be in the agreement, although the official paperwork has still not been received. Clerk to chase up.
- (2) Quotations for Resurfacing of Churchside path. Two quotes were received, the cheaper being from George Hutton. However due to other commitments he cannot do the work until later in the year. Mr Gathercole suggested that FP62 should be the priority, and Mr England agreed to liaise with National Grid to see if their offer would assist with this. It was also resolved that the clerk should request an enforcement notice to be placed upon the ramp.
- (3) Any other footpath issues/footpaths walked. It was reported that horseriders are using footpaths 66 and 55. Clerk was requested to contact NLC and ask for a barrier

on the path. Mrs Dunkley agreed to mention this issue in her next report for the Gander.

Old Railway Line – Mr England reported that he had been trying to trace the owner. Mr Gathercole confirmed that it was Network Rail, who were very unlikely to sell or permit the land to be used as a footpath. Clerk confirmed that the previous footpaths officer had tried on many occasions to get this opened as a permissive path.

Nan Brigham. Mrs Gorbitt reported that the NLC Contractor had left the bridleway in a poor state.

Footpaths walked: 48,51,63a, 55,59,60,61,65,66,57

17. **Parish Room**

- (1) Report of Chair on general matters. Mr Bradnum reported that the fire extinguishers had been tested and the certificate was displayed in the library.
- (2) The Parish Room will be hired by NL Council for the General Election at £195/day.
- (3) Quotations options for the repair/replacement of the boiler were considered, and it was unanimously resolved to get a new combi boiler installed, as this would also provide hot water.

18. **Cemetery**

- (1) General report by Chair/ Landscaping. Mrs Dunkley reported that the landscaped area was looking good.
- (2) Resurfacing of Paths. This will be done by George Hutton.
- (3) A request from Brownies to plant a memorial shrub was considered, and it was agreed that Mrs Dunkley should advise on where and what type of shrub should be planted.
- (4) A request to place a memorial bench for Mr & Mrs Walmsley was considered. The clerk has already liaised with Mr Skipworth and he had no problem to it being placed on the grassed area under the trees on the right hand side. Mrs Gorbitt agreed to meet with the family.
- (5) Redrawing of cemetery plans. Ongoing.

19. **Playing Field**

- (1) Report by Playing Field Chair. Mrs Dunkley reported that everything was fine, apart from the large burn hole in the picnic table, which seemed to have become worse. The square tiles around the roundabout have lifted slightly and it was agreed to ask Mr Whitmore to have a look.
- (2) Drainage/pea gravel of footpath. As per footpaths item (2)
- (3) MUGA. Photographs of the bolts have been forwarded to Agoraspace, and a reply is awaited on whether they can find a solution to the noise issue.
- (4) Skatepark. Clerk has contacted Bendcrete to ask for a new design to go in the proposed location in the back corner of the field.
- (5) Removal of dead fox. Mr Whitmore has agreed to handle the removal of any dead animals found on the field.

20. **Highways/Environmental**

- (1) Cherry Trees, Ferry Road. It was noted that two have been taken out so far.
- (2) Village signs. As per Cllr Well's report at item 6.
- (3) Flower planters. Ongoing. It was resolved to give people the option to plant these up themselves or sponsor them for £50/year and the parish council provide the plants.
- (4) Open space land off Chapel Street. It was agreed to obtain prices for the preparation work.
- (5) Repainting of yellow lines outside school. Clerk agreed to chase this up.

21. **BCCRP** Nothing to report.
22. **Gander Articles** Mrs Dunkley has just prepared and submitted the articles for the Summer Edition.
23. **Date and time of next meeting** In view of the recent length of meetings due to the Humber Pipeline, Mr England proposed that meeting should temporarily be moved to an earlier start time of 7pm. This was unanimously resolved.
The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 1st June 2017.