

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Goxhill Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 9th January 2014 at the Parish Room, Howe Lane

Present: Mr M Gathercole (Chair), Mrs V Gorbutt, Mr C Leaning, Mr G Bradnum, Mr R Atkin,
Mrs H Wood, Mr C Byrne, Mr D Whitmore, Mrs T Simons,
Attending: Ferry Ward Councillors D Wells and P Clark, one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** Mr S England, Mrs F Dunkley
2. **Welcome of New Councillor and Signature of Acceptance of Office** Mrs Teresa Simons was welcomed onto the Parish Council and signed the Acceptance of Office.
3. The main meeting was adjourned to allow the Committees to determine their precept and resumed at 8.30 pm.
4. **Declarations of Interest.** None
5. **Public Participation** Members of the public did not wish to comment.
6. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting and matters arising.** The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2013 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.
7. **Budget & Precept Request – Administration, Allotments & Donations** The budget was set as follows:

(1) Allotments

Allotments	Budget 2014/15
Field rent	195
TOTAL:	195

Taking into consideration the allotment rental, it was resolved not to request any precept funding for the allotments.

(2) **Donations.** Written requests for donations were considered and resolved as follows:

Donations	Budget 2014/15
Church Clock	Fixed contract
RBL Poppy Appeal	100
All Saints Church	250
Voluntary Car Service	500
Goxhill Millennium Green	500
Goxhill Bowling Club	100
Goxhill Memorial Hall	5000
Total:	6450

It was resolved not to make a donation to the School Fayre, but instead to provide a substantial prize to a pupil of merit (school to decide the exact criteria).

(2) **Administration**

Administration	Budget 2014/15
Clerk salary, expenses, NI, pension	9550
Councillor/clerk Training and expenses	200
Stationery, petty cash/phone, internet	1500
Audit Fees	450
Parish Council/Public Liability Insurance	1100
ERNLLCA and other subscriptions	690
Gander Advert	105
TOTAL:	13595

8. **Precept request to North Lincolnshire Council.** In order to maximise the grant funding from NL Council, It was unanimously resolved not to raise the precept and keep it at the same level as last year - £43,855.

9. **Police Matters/Update from Ward Councillors** Cllr Wells reported there were no police matters raised at the NATs meeting, the only issues had been sightseers at Barrow Haven after the flooding.

10. **Accounts/Financial.** Receipts and payments were agreed and signed.

11 **Correspondence:**

1. Gemma Ward. Environments Agency. It was agreed to ask Ms Ward to attend the next parish council meeting.

12. **Planning applications**

2013/1382	Field	Land west of Chapelfield Road. Planning permission to retain a ménage and erect a barn. No comment or objection.
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Planning Applications Withdrawn

2013/1267	N Lincs Homes	1,4 & 6 Gatehouse Road. Planning permission for external wall insulation. Noted
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- 13 Memorial Hall Report. After discussion on the precept request and various items that needed repair, it was resolved that the Parish Council should deal with the issue of the front wall, and that no bills would be paid out of public money unless the work was carried out by a qualified builder and approved by the Parish Council first.
- 14 Update from the Allotments It was resolved to use the remaining vacant plot to keep the manure heap on, as this is a better location than in the back corner of the field.
- 15 Playing Field
1. Playground equipment – A complaint has been put in to NL Council regarding the new litter bins, as the posts were not put in deep enough. These will be fixed when the playground repairs are done.
 2. Portacabin. Resolved at the playing field committee meeting.
 3. Skate park. Ongoing.
 4. Summer Fair Funds. Ongoing.
- 16 Parish Room/Library update A report on the library volunteers meeting was read out. New Friday opening hours will be trialled from 1st March, and an opening morning will be held at the library on Saturday 15th March. Clerk is to arrange to get the printer replaced.
- 17 Cemetery. No further matters.
- 18 Footpaths No further matters.
- 19 Parish Council website. Ongoing
- 20 Highways/Environmental
1. Blocked culvert Thornton/Barrow Road crossroads - ongoing
 2. College Road Recycling site. Following recent speed monitoring, two new signs will be displayed either side of the entrance to warn motorists.
 3. Request for flashing speed sign – Barrow Road. The sign is expected in the new year.
 4. Request for improvement to Barrow Road footpath. This has been partly carried out. Clerk to chase this up.
 5. Request for new village nameplate with logo. No response. Clerk to investigate (copy to ward councillors).
 6. The request for a yellow salt bin on Soff Lane is being considered.
- 21 Gander Articles Mrs Gorbitt agreed to write the next article.
- 22 Any other business and date of next meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed. Next meeting to be held on Thursday 6th February 2014.