

**GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Goxhill Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in the Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill**

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

Attending: Ferry Ward Cllr D Wells, Mrs A Lawtey, Mr J Lawtey, Mr D Carnell and 2 other members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Ferry Ward Cllrs Peter Clark and Richard Hannigan, Mrs F Dunkley
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Public Participation/update from Ward Councillors/Police Matters** Cllr Wells reported that the Melton Bridge would be closed at night until the repairs are finished. The new contacts at Barton police station were noted as: PC Lee Fuller and PCSO Luis Munday. Cllr Wells also informed the councillors that the area would be losing the police helicopter, except for cases of dire emergency.  
Clerk reported that Street Sport Services had reiterated their charges of £82.19 per session. Cllr Wells suggested that if this service had been free before, then it should be free of charge now.
4. Arran Woods did not attend to discuss his proposal for under 6s football training.
5. **To resolve the minutes of the previous meetings and any matters arising.** The minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were proposed by Mrs Gorbutt as a true and correct record. Seconded by Mrs Wood and unanimously resolved.  
Mr England noted that he and Mrs Dunkley were not qualified to investigate the problem with the witches Hat.
6. **Accounts/Financial.** Receipts and payments were proposed and resolved.
7. **General Correspondence** None.
8. **Planning Applications.** None.
9. **Brocklesby Hunt.** Mrs Lawtey reported on the public meeting which was attended by approx. 130 people. The consensus was that a social enterprise model was the best way forward, and VANL are assisting the group to draw up a constitution to move the project forward towards obtaining funding for community ownership. Mr Whall has informed Mrs Lawtey that he has not yet seen the proposed Section 106 agreement, and therefore is not in a position to make a decision yet. The planning officers have stipulated that car parking must be provided for a public house, and therefore this will mean Keigar Homes will have to revise the layout of the proposed housing development.

In the meantime, the community group is getting organised and prepared to put the community buy-out plan into operation. Mr Lawtey enquired about accessing the fund of £5k that the Parish Council will set aside for this project. The Chair confirmed that once the group have formed a proper constitution, then the funds would be made accessible, and that the Parish Council would support the ground swell of opinion within the village to restore the pub.

**10 Humber Pipeline Project**

(1) Update on project. Cllr Wells reported that there had been no further update.

(2) The Highways Specific Statement of Common Ground was considered. The Chair stated that he had written to make further representation and also sent HGV traffic figures from the tileries to substantiate the proposed 2 way alternative, but that the authorities were adamant that this was not a viable option. The pipeline authorities have also given notification that abnormal loads would have to enter and exit the village using Thornton and Ferry Roads, as the rail crossing on Soff Lane was not suitable for heavier vehicles. The councillors expressed their concerns about extra strain on the railway bridge on Ferry Road, and hoped that the railway authorities would monitor this closely.

The Chair said that he felt the Parish Council had no option but to sign the Statement of Common Ground on the traffic issues, as the avenue for every concern seems to have been exhausted. He proposed that the Clerk should sign and return the Statement, and this was resolved.

**11. Memorial Hall Report & Minutes of last meeting** The minutes of the January committee meeting were agreed. Mrs Gorbutt spoke of the issue regarding the brass memorial plaques, and said that she was awaiting quotations on various options of where to site them. She produced the time capsule, which had been collected by Mr Gathercole, and enquired whether it should be opened and other items placed in it to bring it upto date. Two members of the public asked if it could be opened, but Mr Carnell explained that it had been donated by his family and placed in the Hall with the permission of the committee at the time. He did not wish it to be re-opened. The councillors agreed that the capsule should remain intact, and that the Parish Council should prepare a separate capsule for the period 2000-2016 which could be attached to it, and replaced back in the clock tower. Mrs Gorbutt agreed this item would be placed on the agenda for the next Memorial Hall Committee meeting, and that people could bring items to be put into the new capsule.

**12. Parish Room.** Nothing to report by the Parish Room Chair.

**13. Cemetery** The Cemetery Committee Chair enquired if the noticeboard grant had been obtained. The clerk agreed to pursue this, now that the Memorial Hall funding reports have been completed.

**14. Playing Field** It was noted that the dog fouling sign needs replacing, clerk was requested to obtain one. The clerk reported that Mr Whitmore had carried out most of the repairs to the play equipment, and enquired whether the council wanted him to repair the leg on the dome climber. This was agreed as it is unsatisfactory in its current state.

**15. Footpaths**

- (1) Mr Coppack gave a report on his meeting with Dave Sanderson and Tim Allen of NL Council to discuss the footpath maintenance work. Both officers were optimistic that all the work would be completed, but that it would take time, and would have to be prioritised. Another meeting needs to be held with the contractor, Darren Roberts, to obtain prices, which can be put into the Parish Paths Contract. A date will be confirmed later.
- (2) Re-classification of Little Ramper. Mr Coppack read out the correspondence which will give residents who have accessed their properties from the bridleway before 2006, the legal right to continue to do so.
- (3) Footpaths walked. Green Ramper, Little Ramper, Nan Brigham, FP62.
- (4) Mrs Gorbutt proposed that the footpaths booklet should be re-printed. Mr Coppack volunteered to update the booklet and get some costings from the printers.

**16. Millennium Green.** Nothing to report.

**17. Hallands Woodland** Nothing to report.

**18. Allotments** There are 2 vacant allotments.

**19. Cherry Tree Avenue** Nothing to report.

**20. Highways/Environmental**

Matters outstanding:

- (1) The proposed clearway restriction outside the school is progressing. Mr England suggested that the school also needs to take action on this.
- (2) Church Street lighting. The missing street light has been reported to NL Council.
- (3) Shrub pruning –The Close. Mr Bradnum noted that local residents have done this themselves. Clerk agreed to email the details to Cllr Wells.
- (4) Dog control public notices. Clerk enquired where these should be placed, but it was suggested that NL Council would choose the location.
- (5) Mr England raised the problem of trees overhanging Ferry Road in the location of the railway bridge, and enquired why the Parish Council couldn't cut them back. The Chair replied that this had been stopped by NL Council who said it was their responsibility. Cllr Wells agreed to contact the highways department and raise this issue with them.

**21. Gander articles** The clerk has forwarded the cemetery fee list to Mrs Dunkley. In her absence, Mr Gathercole agreed to confirm whether this will be in the next issue.

**22. Personnel Matters.**

Mrs Wood proposed to exclude the public and press from this item on the grounds of confidentiality. Seconded by Mrs Gorbutt and resolved 8 votes for :2 against. The public left, but Cllr Wells remained in the room at Mr Leaning's request. The Chair enquired if any councillors wished to declare an interest in this item. Mrs Simons asked whether she should make a declaration, and Mr Gathercole responded that he could not make that decision for her.

Mr Gathercole proposed that a complaint from Mr Leaning towards the clerk should be handled independently by ERNLLCA at a cost to the Parish Council. Seconded by Mrs Wood and resolved 8 votes for: 2 against.

**23. Memorial Hall.** Mrs Wood proposed to exclude the public and press from this item on the grounds of confidentiality. Seconded by Mrs Gorbutt and resolved 7 votes for :3 against. Mr Bradnum proposed that an item should be placed on the next committee agenda recommending that anyone handling cash, either paying-in or receiving, will have to obtain a receipt. This was unanimously resolved. A further item will be placed on the agenda to discuss how the booking and payment system will be operated once the shop is closed.

**24. Any other business.** Mr Atkin noted that the ditch on Gatehouse Road had been dug out and rubbish left on the roadside. Mrs Gorbutt replied that she understood that permission had been obtained from NL Council to do the work, but that the culvert was still blocked. Cllr Wells agreed to raise this with Rod Chapman. The issue of flower planters was discussed, and Mrs Gorbutt agreed to find out the cost of wood to make one planter, and then the council can decide how many to ask the contractor to make.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm. Next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.