

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Goxhill Parish Council held at 7.30 on Thursday 1st September 2016 in the Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Mr G Bradnum, Mrs F Dunkley, Ferry Ward Cllr D Wells.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Mr England declared a pecuniary interest in item 6(1) and a non pecuniary interest in item 18(1). Mr Robertson declared a pecuniary interest in item 6(1) and a non-pecuniary interest in item 18(1).
3. **Public Participation/update from Ward Councillors/Police Matters.** Ferry Ward Cllr Hannigan did not have any recent updates.
Mr Carnell attended in connection with his letter regarding the Memorial Hall plaques.
4. **To resolve the minutes of the previous meeting.** Amendments were made to the minutes of 07.07.16 before being signed as a true and correct record.
Matters arising: Mr Gathercole reported that Mr Bradnum had tried to contact Mrs McDonald, but without success. It was unanimously resolved that the clerk should now write and request her to cut back the overhanging hedges from Westfield Road within 30 days.
The Chair reported on the Lifestyle project on the Millennium Green, and it was resolved to write and thank them for all their hard work in installing the benches and flower planters.
5. **Accounts/Financial.**
(1) Receipts and payments were circulated and approved. It was noted that Mr Guggiari's expenses will be taken from the Friends of the Brock amount.
6. **General Correspondence .** The Chairman received a letter from Mrs Robertson, which was not itemised on the agenda. Both Mr Robertson and the Chairman then declared a pecuniary interest and left the room whilst items (1) and (2) were discussed.
 - (1) Mrs M Gale. A request for net facilities and Winter lighting on Goxhill MUGA was considered. Mr Gathercole explained that the MUGA was specifically designed without netting to encourage the children to keep the balls lower. With regard to the lighting, it was acknowledged that the council had always agreed not to install this due to the close proximity of residential properties, and the prohibitive cost of installation. It was resolved to reply to Mrs Gale and inform her that the Council regretted it could not accede to her request.
 - (2) Correspondence from Mrs H Robertson regarding noise from MUGA and anti-social behaviour on the park. Mr Gathercole explained that the problem regarding the noise of footballs striking the metal barriers had not been anticipated at the time of installation. It was resolved that the clerk should contact the manufacturers to see if other users had the same problem, and whether they had any noise reduction measures that could be put in-between the barriers. With regard to the anti-social

behaviour, it was resolved that the clerk should contact Barton police station to see if they would increase their presence on the park during the evenings and weekend. Mrs Robertson will be informed of the decision.

7. **Planning Applications.**

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

2016/1206 Thompson Land adjacent Wilton House, Barrow Road. Outline planning permission to erect a 3 bedroom bungalow
No comments or objection

2016/1279 Keigar Homes Plot 7 Brocklesby Hunt. Planning permission to revise plot layout to reposition approved house type and to increase rear garden to that currently approved under PA/2015/1195
Voting was as follows: Support 2; objection 2; abstainers 4.
The Chairman used his casting vote to reach a decision of no objection.

Update on enforcement issues. The clerk reported that the enforcement officer has been informed of the development at Riverside Stables, Ferry Road, and also the field off Churchside. No feedback has been received yet.

8. **Humber Pipeline.** Notification has been received of the decision by the Secretary of State to grant development consent for the River Humber Gas Pipeline replacement project.

9. **Update on Brocklesby Hunt.** Mr Coppack gave a report from the FOB and thanked Ferry Ward Cllr Hannigan for his help in persuading Keigar Homes to look at re-negotiating the sale price. New floor plans have been drawn up, and these will be displayed at the public Open Day on 1st October in the Memorial Hall. The details on share options will also be made public soon, it is anticipated that the minimum share will be £250, and the group hope to raise £150k in this way. Mr Guggiari has been on the pub tour and returned with lots of positive ideas. There is also a proposal to rename the pub from "The Brocklesby Hunt" to "The Brock".

10. **Memorial Hall Report.** The Chair read out a late submission from Mr Carnell, which requested the bronze plaques to be re-fitted into their original positions for Remembrance Sunday. Mr Leaning and Mr Gathercole explained that this had already been resolved at the Committee meeting. The Committee were looking at various options to get new stones cut, but they were all cost prohibitive. Mr Carnell asked if the plaques could be put back permanently, but it was explained that this would deteriorate the stones further as water would get behind them. Mrs Wood pointed out that the committee were doing their best to preserve the Hall and the memorial plaques.

- (1) Minutes of the June and July meetings were noted and resolved.
- (2) Appeal for funds to replace stone plaques. A notice has been put in the Gander.
- (3) Application for Tennis court grant. Mrs Carter, Mrs Nadin and the Clerk are submitting a funding bid to refurbish the tennis courts. Approximately £15k is needed.
- (4) Short Award. The editor's article in the Gander was read out, and it was resolved to refer this to the committee.

Mr Gathercole explained that although the Hall is making money, it also had such a lot of expenses, and the committee needed to ensure that more important jobs were not sidelined in favour of the smaller affordable ones. As Chair, he will be asking members to prioritise which items were more urgent, such as updating the fire risk assessment.

11. Parish Room.

- (1) Report by Parish Room Chair. Deferred until the October meeting.
- (2) Fire Safety Inspection – the report has now been received, and it was agreed the clerk should contact Mr Bradnum and other members to go through it.

12. Cemetery.

- (1) Mrs Gorbutt reported that she had resolved the issue of the kerbed memorial stone. She also has the shed key for Mr Skipworth to collect. Mr England said he had repaired the noticeboard and it was now ready for use again. The problem of the spare soil was discussed again, and it was resolved that the clerk should ascertain exactly where Mr Skipworth had made the compound, and then arrange to see the gravedigger to ensure it did not get dumped elsewhere.
- (2) Landscaping. The back field needs one more cut and then raking, a heap of rubbish still needs to be removed, before the second cut. Progress should be made as soon as possible on the new border, to enable some shrubs to be moved and then added to in the right season. The gaps also need to be made in the dividing hedge.

13. Playing Field

- (1) Report by Playing Field Chair. The clerk explained that she had not purchased the cradle swing, as the company would charge twice as much for raising an invoice to be paid by Bacs. The issue of the clerk having to purchasing items from her own personal account was discussed, and it was resolved to try and find a solution.
- (2) Action following Playground Inspection Report. Mr Whitemore has repaid the spinners, witches hat and the boards around the zip wire. Mrs Gorbutt reported that the concrete was too thick to remove, and Mr Leaning agreed to contact Mr Foulston to see if he could take this away.

14. Footpaths

- (1) Report by Parish Room Chair. Mr Coppack said he had walked the footpaths after seeing comments on the Goxhill Grapevine. He concurred that FP 62 needed attention, but could see no other problems. Mr England agreed to assist Mr Coppack with some clearing of the path so it could be used by the schoolchildren.
- (2) Parish Paths Agreement. Nothing further has been heard on this. Cllr Hannigan agreed to enquire with the PROW department.
- (3) Footpaths Booklet. Ongoing, there are still 3 paths to be walked, and it takes time to draw up all the maps.
- (4) Official notification of the change in status for Little Ramper as been received.
- (5) Footpaths walked. Little Ramper, Green Ramper, Nan Brigham, FP 49,52,53,67. The clerk said she would contact the Open Spaces Society to see if they could put pressure on NL Council over the removal of the ramp on FP62.

15. Millennium Green. The Lifestyle Group have completed their project on the Millennium Green, and it was resolved to write and thank them for all the lovely flower planters and benches.

16. Hallands Woodland. Nothing to report.

17. **Allotments**. Nothing to report.
18. **Highways/Environmental**
- (1) Proposed clearway restriction at North End and outside school. Nothing further has been heard on when this will be implemented.
 - (2) Flower planters – these have been delivered and assembled by Mr England and Mr Atkin. Mr Whitemore has volunteered to sponsor the one at North End, and it is hoped more local businesses will do the same. Mr Leaning agreed to fill the planters with soil, and asked if he could put a tyre planter on Ferry Road. Cllr Hannigan agreed to look into this. It was also resolved that Mr England could purchase some daffodil bulbs to plant on the highway verges.
 - (3) Update on encroachment of highway verges/paths. The clerk was requested to contact the highways department and arrange for him to meet Mrs Gorbutt.
 - (4) No proposals have been received for the green space on Chapel Street.
 - (5) Proposals for siting for the new village signs (Thornton & Barrow Roads). It was resolved that the signs should be erected on the brow of the Hill (Thornton Road), and by the flashing speed sign (Barrow Road).
 - (6) Maintenance of Springfield bungalow verges, Howe Lane. Mrs Dunkley has received a response from the maintenance company, who say the problem is due to being a man short on the grass cutting crew.
 - (7) Lifestyle Group – as item 15.
 - (8) It was resolved to ask the highways department for a “Caution Horses” sign on Bridge Hill.
19. **Sister City Proposal**. Mrs Gorbutt agreed to take on the Virginia Beach and Goxhill Sister City proposal.
20. **Gander articles**. Gander articles to Mrs Dunkley please.
21. It was resolved to exclude members of the public, whilst items of a confidential nature were discussed. Cllr Atkin proposed that when a matter is deemed private and confidential and where the press and public are excluded, then such matters should be made private and confidential on agendas and minutes too. This was seconded by Cllr Robertson and unanimously resolved that this item was concluded. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.35. Next meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 6th October 2016.