

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Goxhill Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Thursday 21st May 2015 in the Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill.**

Present: Mr M Gathercole (Chair), Mrs V Gorbutt, Mrs F Dunkley, Mr G Bradnum,
Mr T Coppack, Mr C Leaning, Mr R Atkin, Mr D Whitmore, Mr S England, Mrs H Wood, and
Ferry Ward Cllr D Wells.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Mrs T Simons, Cllr P Clark, Cllr R Hannigan
2. **Declarations of Acceptance of Office & welcome of new councillor** Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms were signed and handed to the clerk. Mr Gathercole welcomed Mr Coppack as a newly elected Parish Councillor.
3. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
 1. To elect the Chair. Mrs Gorbutt proposed Mr Gathercole to remain as Chair, seconded by Mrs Dunkley and resolved 9 votes:1 abstainer.
 2. To elect a vice Chair. Mr Gathercole proposed Mrs Gorbutt to remain as vice Chair, seconded by Mrs Dunkley and unanimously resolved.
4. **Acceptance of Office and New Chair's Comments.** Mr Gathercole thanked the councillors for electing him as Chair and said he would take note of Mr Leaning's reasons for abstaining, and hoped that he would perform the Chairman's role to the best of his capabilities.
5. **Election of Representatives and Committees** Members of Committees and Representatives were elected as shown on the attached list.
6. **Declarations of Interest.** Mr England, Mr Whitmore and Mrs Gorbutt each declared a pecuniary interest in item 18.
7. **Public Participation/update from Ward Councillors/Police Matters** There were no members of the public present..
Cllr Wells had attended the AGM of NL Council and has forwarded a list of new councillors and their appointments. He has also chased up the pothole complaint, and confirmed Chapel Street/North end will have a road surface dressing of micro asphalt this summer.
8. **To resolve the minutes of the previous meetings and any matters arising.** The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2015 were resolved and signed as a true and correct record.
9. **Accounts/Financial**
 1. Receipts and payments were resolved and signed.

10. General Correspondence

1. Thomas Anderson. A request for assistance in purchasing a new windsurfing sail for racing in the N/W zone squad was considered. Mrs Gorbutt proposed the Council should make a grant of £250 from the youth fund, seconded by Mrs Wood and unanimously agreed.
2. Mr & Mrs Knight. Correspondence suggesting the Parish Council should seek donations for a cherry tree replacement fund was considered. Clerk to write and thank Mr & Mrs Knight for their kind offer of the initial donation. The replacement of the trees is discussed further at item 23.
3. Goxhill Primary School. A request for support in raising funds for the school's 40th anniversary was considered. Mr Bradnum proposed the Parish Council should give £100 in support, Seconded by Mr Atkin, and resolved 9 votes:1.
4. Mrs Eyres. A copy of Mrs Eyre's letter to NL Council regarding the appropriate licences for the proposed Mystical Offerings Festival, Ferry Road was noted.

11. Planning Applications

2015/0427 Arquiva Land north of junction Ferry Road/Sykes Lane. Application for determination of the requirement of prior approval for the installation of one 14.8 m high smart metering street-works pole supporting one omni-antenna and the installation of one equipment cabinet and meter cabinet
No comments or objection.

Planning Application Granted:

2014/0174 Shepherdson Poplar View, Soff Lane. Planning permission for erection of MOT bay and reception office

2015/0131 Britton Planning permission for change of use of barn to storage (B8) with a small office, and change of use of small mushroom shed to woodworking shop and office, and change of use of large mushroom shed to storage (B8) hay store and stables.

Planning Applications Refused:

2014/0849 Gorbutt Field Farm Feeds, Thornton Road. Planning permission to replace storage container with shed for the sale of animal feed, retention of mobile home for residential purposes.

12 Brocklesby Hunt. Mr Gathercole gave an update. Following the refusal of planning and demolition, a group has formed within the village with a view to purchasing the building. However, it is understood that Mr Whall does not wish to consider any offers until he has consulted his solicitors over the appeal process.

13 Humber Pipeline Project It was noted with disappointment that National Grid are intend on pursuing the one way system around the village via Ferry Road – Chapelfield Road. It was felt that Thornton and Ferry Road could not withstand the proposed amount of HGV traffic, even with the creation of passing places. In addition, it seems that the existing HGV traffic from the tileries, Premier Equine and the grain store has not been taken into consideration. Cllr Wells agreed to take these concerns up with NL Council, and the clerk was also requested to raise these objections with NL Council and National Grid Gas.

14. **Memorial Hall Report & Minutes of last meeting** The minutes of the March and April Memorial Hall meetings were circulated and approved..
15. **Hallands Woodland** Nothing further to report.
16. **Millennium Green** The Parish Council are now the sole trustees for the Millennium Green, and registered as such on the Charity Commission website. Aon Insurance have confirmed that public liability will be incorporated into the Parish Council's insurance policy at no extra cost. Clerk is currently awaiting official handover of all documentation from Keith Brown.
17. **Update from the Allotments** Mr Gathercole spoke of an alleged sub-letting of an allotment plot, and forewarned the councillors that problems may arise when the tenancies are renewed later in the year.
18. **Review of Tenders:** Mrs Gorbitt, Mr Whitmore and Mr England declared a pecuniary interest and left the room without taking part in discussions.

The issue of pricing and renewing the tenders was discussed. Mr Bradnum proposed that the Parish Council should invite tenders for all contracts on a four-year term; seconded by Mrs Wood and unanimously resolved. Clerk will post notices for the following:

1. Village warden/lengthsman
2. Cemetery Maintenance
3. Library/Parish Room Caretaker

19. **Playing Field**

1. Skate park update. Ongoing, awaiting a decision from Planning Dept.
2. Playground repairs. Resolved the adventure trail should be repainted in a natural colour woodstain. Clerk to ask NL Council if they can repair the whizzy poles and edging to the zip wire.
3. Plaque/brick plinth. No update.
4. A request from Hannah Taylor to host a fun day was unanimously approved.

20. **Parish Room/Library**

1. Library. Mr England confirmed that library user numbers are on the rise.
2. Car park. It was resolved to erect a new sign in the car park stating it is for library and parish council use only.
3. Request for telephone box painting. The WI's request for the phone box to be repainted was agreed; clerk to arrange an electrician to look at the faulty light
4. Mr England agreed to get a quotation for new kitchen lino.
5. Clerk to arrange a review of the fire regulations and equipment with NL Council.

21. **Cemetery**

1. Gardener. It was resolved to advertise for a gardener on a 4 year contract. Mrs Dunkley and Mr Leaning agreed to do the job specification.
2. Benches. Mrs Gorbitt agreed to arrange the repair of the bench. The owner has agreed to pay the repair bill.
3. Field rear of cemetery. Mrs Dunkley agreed to tag which shrubs need to be removed in order to make a pathway into the field. Mr Seddon has kindly donated a wild flower box to start off the meadow.
4. Noticeboard. Clerk to progress.

22. **Footpaths.** Nothing to report

23. **Cherry Tree Avenue.** It was resolved that Mrs Dunkley and Mrs Gorbutt should walk the cherry tree avenue from Barrow Road to Willow Lane, and mark one in five cherry trees on both sides for replacement. Once the trees have been identified, the clerk will write to each adjacent household to explain the tree will be taken out and replaced. Mrs Dunkley also produced a list of highway trees within the village that were dying or diseased, and it was agreed these should also be marked with a view to replacing. Mrs Gorbutt agreed to look into cutting back the hedges overgrowing between the railway bridge and Manor Lane on Ferry Road.

24. **Highways/Environmental**

1. Culvert Thornton/Barrow Road – awaiting works
2. Resurfacing of pavements. Awaiting response, clerk to write again and also notify that Howe Lane pavement has not been resurfaced.
3. Neatsgang Lane – surface reconstruction is complete.
4. Request for repairs to Chapel Street – scheduled for this Summer.
5. Request for overgrown hedges to be cut back – awaiting a response
6. Damaged street signs Ferry Road/Sykes Lane. Complete
7. Ferry Road Streetlights. No response from NL Council.
8. Clerk to report: Thorn Lane 30 mph sign and double bend sign obscured. Also request NL Council to view the overhanging hedges at south end of Thorn Lane/Churchside.
9. Mrs Gorbutt agreed to pick up the yellow salt bin at Soff Lane in case it is stolen again.

25. **Gander articles** Articles to Mrs Dunkley please.

26. **Any other business.** There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 4th June 2015.