

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Gosberton Parish Council  
held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Present:** Councillors: John Clark (Chair), Jeremy Bennett, Denise Benjamin, Neil Oakman, Tim Smith, Sue Thorley, Sue Wray, Lisa Tweddell (Clerk).

**Also in Attendance:** Simon Hallam – Volunteer Assistant Clerk. Pete Waudby.

**Open Forum:** 1 parishioner in attendance to discuss objections to planning application H08-1183-21. Objections already submitted by the parish council to this application on the grounds of the nature of the land and the environmental damage caused to the site and possible damage to the adjacent wildlife nature reserve.

**1. Apologies for absence and reasons given.**

Kate Sanders sent her apologies.

**2. Declarations of interest and dispensation request for relevant items.**

None received.

**3. To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.** It was noted the meeting scheduled for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December was cancelled. The minutes were approved and signed.

**4. Chairman's remarks and clerk's report.**

- Email received from RiseGate regarding being involved in CSW – item 11 on agenda
- Carters Bridge at Gosberton RiseGate has been investigated by LCC and it has been agreed it needs repairing however there are currently no funds to carry out the repairs.
- Request from Jack Hubbard at Finding Fitness regarding working with the parish council to apply for funding to hold a free summer fitness camp for 3 weeks for children aged 5 – 12. It was felt the playing field was not suitable in the event of adverse weather and lack of facilities. More details needed on where the camps will be held and whether they will benefit children of Gosberton/RiseGate/Clough area.
- Lincolnshire County Council budget proposals 2022/23 have been circulated by email with the opportunity to comment.
- Defibrillator grant of £300 available to all councils in England via London Hearts – email circulated. It was noted there are defibrillators around Gosberton area.
- Let's Talk Lincolnshire email circulated – opportunity to take part in current and future surveys by joining the panel. A panel of people of all ages and backgrounds from across Greater Lincolnshire which helps the areas local authorities to identify priorities and shape future developments.

- Playground inspections carried out by Wicksteed on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and some immediate remedial work is required following receipt of the reports:

**Risegate:**

- I. Both picnic benches need removing – severity x likelihood rating of 10 on Wicksteed’s Risk Assessment Matrix (refer to matrix circulated)
- II. Un-sprung gate needs locking when not in use to allow sprung gate to operate properly
- III. Remove tyre tied to goal.  
To ask Simon Kitchen to assist with all of the above action.

**Gosberton:**

- I. Rocking Horse needs removing/taping off – severity x likelihood rating of 15 on Wicksteed’s Risk Assessment Matrix.
- II. Goal posts are loose in their foundation and need reinstalling to secure – severity rating of 12.
- III. Seat missing on spring seat and needs removing/taping off – severity rating of 12.  
Unsafe items of equipment to be taped off and to ask Simon Kitchen to cement in goal posts.

Further actions to be discussed at next meeting as an agenda item.

**5. Co-option of Pete Waudby on to the Gosberton Risegate Ward.**

Pete Waudby was co-opted on to the Parish Council on the Gosberton Risegate Ward.

**6. Budget 2022/23 – to table budget and accept precept figure.**

Precept figure of £25k agreed which represents a decrease of 19.35% from last year’s figure for a band D property. This figure has been calculated to take into account the reserves held and in recognition of the financial impact of the last 2 years on many parishioners.

**Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Wray and seconded by Cllr Bennett.

Also discussed:

- Playground improvements – meeting scheduled for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February with Rick Marshall, Sales Area Manager, Sovereign. A basket swing, 2 new springies, flooring, benches and a climbing frame have been discussed as items wanted.
- Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – GCAT are involved in organisation. A marquee is booked (cost of £4,210) and the plan is to let the local schools use it on the Thursday of the weekend celebrations, Friday there will be a band/food, Saturday will be for the Beehive Association in the day time and Sunday the church/Big Lunch. GCAT to sell tickets for the Friday evening event (Richard Baker, Treasurer of GCAT to assist) for a nominal amount to cover cost of food/entertainment. Local pubs to be asked whether they would like to provide the bar and local butcher to provide food.

7. **Update on Windmill Lane land – gardening allotments, policies and rent setting.** A planning Advice Enquiry Form needs completing and returning to the Planning Department but an idea of how many allotments will be available needed first. Cllr Clark advised the plot will be measured and then this number can be determined and a plan can then be sent to the Planning Department. The draft tenancy agreement was slightly amended to include half rood allotments to be available at a yearly cost of £20/£40 for a rood. Priority to be given to Gosberton/Risegate/Clough residents.  
**Resolved:** to get allotments marked out, plan sent to Planning Department and Tenancy Agreement finalised for next meeting ready to start allocating plots.
8. **Parish Agreement Scheme – Urban Highway Grass Cutting 2022-23 – Lincolnshire County Council. The contribution will be no less than £1055.20.**  
**Resolved:** to continue with the Parish Agreement Scheme.
9. **Item Suggestions for noticeboards/key holders.**  
**Resolved:** Cllr Benjamin to be a key holder. To update councillor contact details and place in noticeboard, advertise allotments and inform of playground updates.
10. **Speeding issues in Gosberton Risegate and Community Speed Watch – email received from Risegate resident.**  
Parishioner to be contacted and advised to contact David Dickinson who has been co-ordinating CSW. To also be told about some trees planted on the verge outside parishioner's house as they are too close to the edge of the verge which is for crossing down narrow roads.
11. Matters for **urgent** discussion in the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda. Councillors are respectively reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.
- Cllr King to be advised of muddy paths on Westhorpe Road and also in Risegate.
  - Paths in Donington to Quadring have been topped but have stopped at Gosberton – to query with Cllr King whether there are plans to continue into Gosberton.
  - Cllr Thorley has been approached regarding new goal posts and seating in Risegate. Agenda item for next meeting.
  - Sneaths and Son to continue with grass cutting now the junior footballers are no longer responsible for the cutting.

## 12. Planning Matters

### For Comments

- I. **H08-0020-22** – Hazelwood Grange, Hedgefield Hurn - Proposed Barn Conversion - re-submission H08-0429-20 - None

### Comments submitted prior to meeting

- I. **H08-1183-21** – Site adj Silverdene, Boston Road, Gosberton – proposed residential development comprising of 20 dwellings – **OBJECTIONS** – on the grounds of the

nature of the land and the environmental damage caused to the site and possible damage to the adjacent wildlife nature reserve.

- II. **H08-1224-21** – 1 Quadring Road, Gosberton – **NO COMMENTS**
- III. **H08-1280-21** – Gosberton Medical Centre – **NO COMMENTS**
- IV. **H08-1256-21** – Land off York Gardens – **OVER DEVELOPMENT OF SITE**
- V. **H08-1314-21** – 6 Godfrey Avenue, Gosberton – **NO COMMENTS**

**Determinations from SHDC**

- I. **H08-0767-21** – Almondbury, Belchmire Lane, Gosberton – **APPROVED**
- II. **H08-1003-21** – Fairview, Lowbridge Lane, Gosberton – **APPROVED**
- III. **H08-1053-21** – Land off Spalding Road, Gosberton – **APPROVED**
- IV. **H08-0996-21** – 80 Siltside, Gosberton Risegate – **APPROVED**
- V. **H08-1079-21** – Adj 71 Bowgate, Gosberton – **APPROVED**
- VI. **H08-1140-21** – SMC Belchmire Lane, Gosberton – **APPROVED**
- VII. **H08-1097-21** – 59 High Street, Gosberton – **APPROVED**
- VIII. **H08-1113-21** – 6 Park Close, Gosberton – **APPROVED**
- IX. **H08-1285-21** – land adj. 38 Siltside, Gos Risegate – **APPROVED**

**13. Finance & Payments of accounts**

DATE	PAYEE	NET	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
24.11.21	Westons	34.50	6.90	41.10	BACS
24.11.21	Petty cash	200.00	-	200.00	BACS
29.11.21	Payroll	15.00	-	15.00	SO
29.11.21	Payroll	688.94	-	688.94	BACS
29.11.21	HMRC	183.45	-	183.45	BACS
06.12.21	Public Hall	18.00	-	18.00	BACS
06.12.21	T Sneath & Son	100.00	20.00	120.00	BACS
08.12.21	E Sterma	200.00	50.00	250.00	BACS
13.12.21	Payroll	900.00	-	900.00	SO
23.12.21	Roger Lambert – installation of noticeboard/land work	2850.00	497.00	3347.00	BACS
29.12.21	Payroll	15.00	-	15.00	SO
29.12.21	HMRC	183.65	-	183.65	BACS
29.12.21	Payroll	688.74	-	688.74	BACS
04.01.22	Anglian Water	13.97	-	13.97	DD
10.01.22	Payroll	900.00	-	900.00	BACS

**Payments approved.**

**14. Councillor reports from other committees where there is council representation and to elect council representatives for the Public Hall and GCAT.**

Robert Marjorum Trust – Nov meeting – Marjorum Beehive Trust to be charged rent from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022 and an educational grant approved for a student parishioner.

Public Hall – nothing to report but Cllr Wray to mention heating in the meeting room as no longer able to control by heaters on the wall.

Relief in Need – no meeting.

G.C.A.T. – to continue to support the PC with the Jubilee event.

Unknown Donors – Cllr Thorley has contacted Diane Fairweather to advise a meeting needs arranging as soon as possible but still no response. Cllr Thorley to contact Henry Bingham.

**To resolve to move into closed session in accordance with the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business of Agenda item 17**

15. Access over land at Gubboles Drove in relation to planning application H17-0190-21.

**Resolved:** all questions from applicant of this planning application be sent to Roythorne's Solicitors for response. Cllr Clark has meeting with Highways to discuss land.

16. **Agenda items for next meeting:**

- Gardening allotment update – tenant selection/notification process
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- Playground Inspection reports/playground improvements update
- Gosberton Risegate playing field – goal posts etc

17. **Date & venue of next meeting:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at **7pm** at the Public Hall

***Meeting closed at 9.30 pm***

**Chairman .....**