

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Gosberton Parish Council
held on Monday 16th August 2021**

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

Open Forum: Kate Sanders in attendance to observe with a view to being co-opted on to the parish council at the next meeting.

1. Apologies for absence and reasons given.

Neil Oakman sent his apologies, as did District Cllr Walsh.

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

None received.

3. To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on Monday 5th July 2021.

The minutes were then taken as read, approved and signed.

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

- Permission has been given for GCAT to use the field for the summer fair on 12th September. Chair has asked that no vehicles go on the field if it is wet and a reminder that no dogs are allowed. Public toilets are needed and the Parish Council has agreed to use the Unknown Donor money (£200) that is left over from last year and any shortfall in the cost will be made up by the Parish Council. Permission was given for a banner advertising the fair to be put on the railing outside the playing field.
- The gate was broken in the park, Chair has repaired it but it has since been broken by youths messing about again. It was decided not to repair it again in light of this and the expense involved.
- Complaint received from resident of Whitehall on behalf of other residents too, regarding grass no longer being cut on Whitehall by the council. This area was removed from the SHDC contract for this FY following a survey of the area by members of the parish council. Simon Kitchen was therefore requested to cut it as a matter of urgency at a cost of £25 per cut for the rest of the year to appease the parishioners' complaints.
- Complaint received regarding the condition of the equipment on the playing field – bird mess on the swings, loose bolts on the horse. Simon was asked to clean the swings and look at the equipment.
- Once again, the external auditors have questioned the excessive reserves held by the parish council so some money really needs to be spent before the next audit takes place and the next precept set.
- George Wallace has decided to cease using the Gosberton Risegate playing field for his junior football team. The grass cutting will be carried

out until the end of August at their expense. Sneaths to resume cutting thereafter at parish council expense.

- Clerk requested permission not to place agendas in the Co-op noticeboard anymore as it is impossible to get into it due to the charcoal stand in front of the board. Agendas are placed on the playing field noticeboard and on the website. All agreed.
- The chair of the public hall refused permission for the parish council to rent the meeting room for this meeting hence meeting in the Marjorum hall. Discussions were had around meeting at Gosberton Risegate on a regular basis, one in three meetings. Cllr Wray asked that the Public Hall committee were given some time to sort out all their policies and procedures along with the fees as they were a new committee and were trying to review everything.
- Email received from Hayley Laches solicitor regarding access on Gubboles Drove. Chair stated that Roythorne's Solicitors have replied stating that the parish council would agree to grant a right of way / access for agricultural / horticultural purposes only.
- Police and Crime Plan - The public are to be given a key role in deciding Lincolnshire Police's priorities for the next four years through a new consultation – survey forwarded on to all.

5. Community Speed Watch and sites in Gosberton Risegate.

Cllr Thorley met with Ady Crane on 2nd August 2021. He agreed the traffic near the Risegate school was very fast and the exit from the car park was 'an accident waiting to happen'. A site has now been approved and it will be logged by Dave Mitchell in due course. Someone is now needed to co-ordinate the scheme and submit the data. Cllr Oakman still has the speed equipment but it is hoped the school will have it ready for the start of term in September.

6. To discuss issue with Spalding Co-op and memorial stone permission given.

Following permission being given by clerk for a memorial stone for an ashes plot recently, it transpires the measurements on the rules and regulations for memorial stones on the website are incorrect stating 16" x 16" whereas it should actually be 14" x 14" maximum. The Co-op wish to claim back the money spent on rectifying the stone from the parish council for displaying the incorrect measurements and giving permission. Clerk accept responsibility for giving permission - the application was from Sue Roe who used to be parish clerk for Gosberton so clerk admits she did not fully check the application as she would normally, she just replied to the email requesting permission as she assumed Sue was aware of the maximum size for memorial plaques. However, the rules and regulations on the website were incorrect which Sue checked against so it is not her fault. They have been on the website since 2017 and this is the first mistake to have occurred. They have now been amended. They are claiming £237 back.

Resolved: to discuss further on receipt of invoice.

7. Gosberton Cemetery land update.

A local landowner has been contacted with a view to selling some land to extend the cemetery but they are not willing to sell.

8. Gardening allotments and policies.

Clerk contacted everyone who had originally expressed an interest in a gardening allotment to see if interest remained and everyone replied stating they are still interested. Land to be remeasured and marked when available. Rent to be discussed at a further meeting.

9. Remembrance Sunday

Ian Walters will officiate service now there is no longer a Royal British Legion in Gosberton. Chair suggested the parish council set up the service and requests as many councillors as possible be in attendance. Flag to be purchased.

10. To receive quotes for repairing railings at Gosberton Cemetery.

Quotes still to be obtained.

11. Planning Matters

For Comments

- I. **H08-0170-21** – land east of fifth Drove, Gosberton Clough – proposed conversion of brick barn to dwelling inc. extension and demolition of buildings – NO COMMENTS.

Comments submitted prior to meeting

- I. **H08-0514-20** – 98 High Street, Gosberton – Amendment – **NO COMMENTS**
- II. **H08-0744-21** – 25A High Street, Gosberton – **NO COMMENTS**
- III. **H08-0765-21** – Flintfield, Station Road, Gosberton – **NO COMMENTS**

Determinations from SHDC

- I. **H08-0517-21** – 43 Mill Lane, Gosberton – **APPROVED**

12. Finance & Payments of accounts

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT (£)	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
07/07/2021	G & J Peck	62.27	12.45	74.72	BACS
13/07/2021	TN Sneath & Son	500.00	100.00	600.00	BACS
26/07/2021	Payroll	900.00	-	900.00	SO
28/07/2021	Payroll	15.00	-	15.00	SO
28/07/2021	HMRC	9.05	-	9.05	BACS
28/07/2021	Playdale Playground	213.78	42.76	256.54	BACS
28/07/2021	Payroll inc tax refund	1013.34	-	1013.34	BACS

05/08/2021	RBL Wreaths	55.00	-	55.00	Chq 102236
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Payments approved.

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

Relief in Need – no meeting.

Public Hall – meeting next week.

Marjorum Hall – discussed and amended guidelines for educational grants.

14. Agenda items for next meeting:

- Co-option
- Retrospective decision on how much to pay GCAT towards public loos for fair
- Gardening allotment policies/set rent
- Quotes to repair cemetery railings
- Remembrance Service

15. Date & venue of next meeting: Monday 27th September at 7.30pm at the Public Hall meeting room

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Chairman