

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Gosberton Parish Council
held on Monday 27th September 2021**

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

Also in Attendance: District Councillors Henry Bingham & Simon Walsh.

Open Forum: Peter Waudby 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 & Kate Sanders sent their 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 16th September 2021. The minutes were then taken as read, approved and signed.

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

- External Audit has been concluded and to quote from the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2020/21 ' *the smaller authority should ensure that it has regard to the level of reserves held when considering future precept requests*'. I will therefore be looking at reducing the precept for next year.
- Playground plans and quotes from 2016 circulated – new quotes will be obtained for the 3 plans. Both Simon and myself will be putting time into trying to find grants.
- Annual allotment letters and agreements will be prepared in the next few days in line with the agreed rents set last year.
- Email received from resident regarding items being taken off a relative's grave within the cemetery and also the fact they have been weeding around the cremation plots on a regular basis. **Resolved:** to write to Simon and tell him to remove the weeds after they had been sprayed and died. It was decided that regular walk rounds would be carried out to inspect the cemetery. CCTV was discussed and possibility of solar CCTV as no power at the cemetery. Feedback would be given to the parishioner on what was discussed.
- Following on from the email from Jan Whitborn regarding 'Project Edward' and the CSW, I asked whether we could receive a little more notice regarding training and other events – I was told we receive the information as soon as she does.

5. **Co-option of Kate Sanders-Baker on to the Gosberton Risegate Ward.**

Clerk read a brief presentation sent on behalf of Kate.

Resolved: to co-opt Kate as parish councillor for Gosberton Risegate.

6. **G.C.A.T. Summer Fair and retrospective agreement for payment of public loos for the fair.**

Resolved: the total cost of the loos at the fair (£204 inc). £200 would be used from the Unknown Donor money.

Cllr Wray said the fair had a good turn out and was more of a social event than a money-making event.

7. **Gardening allotments and policies.**

Chair to instruct Land Agent to mark the boundaries of the allotments once the land is available in October with a view to letting the allotments with effect from April 2022. Clerk to draw up agreement and circulate, based on the agreement used by SHDC. Land to be prepared over the winter, trees to be cut then to look at parking situation. Clerk to advise on those who expressed an interest of the intended letting date.

8. **Remembrance Sunday**

Services to be held on Thursday 11th November and Sunday 14th November at 10.45 in Gosberton followed by 12 noon at Risegate. A 2-yard Union Flag has been ordered at a cost of £82.80 inc. which Councillor Bingham is paying for. Cllr Benjamin to clean the stones before Remembrance Day. Chair has spoken to Ian Walters who is retiring but would still be happy to officiate the service. Some more wreaths to be ordered, Service sheets are needed and Chair to look at organising the music. To also discuss with the Gosberton School for possibility of children being involved in the service and reading names on Thursday 11th November. Cllr Thorley to read names at Risegate and to approach Geoff Reynolds regarding reading them for Gosberton on Sunday.

9. **To receive quotes for repairing railings at Gosberton Cemetery.**

Waiting quote from Gary Marshall and Cllr Wray to obtain another one.

10. Matters for **urgent** discussion in the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda. **Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.**

- Cllr Wray brought up the pot holes on Lowgate and the bizarre repairs by LCC who have repaired a single pot hole when the road is full of them! Clerk to report to District Councillor Jane King.
- Chair still waiting for meeting with LCC regarding ownership of Gubboles Drove land and maintenance of it.

11. **Planning Matters**

For Comments

- I. **H08-0945-21** – Adj 78 Risegate Road, Gosberton Clough – proposed dwelling and detached garage including vehicular access. – **NO COMMENTS.**

- II. **H08-0964-21** – Duke of York, 106 Risegate Road – demolition of public house and outline permission for residential – **COMMENTS – insufficient parking for this number of 3 bed houses, overdevelopment – reduce number of houses to 2.**
- III. **H08-0767-21** – Almondbury, Belchmire Lane – proposed vehicular access – **NO COMMENTS.**

Comments submitted prior to meeting

- I. **H08-0858-21** – Section 73 Modification 78 Risegate Road, Gosberton Risegate – **NO COMMENTS**
- II. **H08-0861-21** – Prior Approval App – Cheal Road, Gosberton – **NO COMMENTS**

Determinations from SHDC

- I. **H08-0724-21** – Gosberton Medical Centre - **APPROVED**
- II. **H08-0170-21** – land east of Fifth Drove, Gosberton Clough - **REFUSAL**
- III. **H08-0765-21** – Flintfield, Station Road, Gosberton – **APPROVED**
- IV. **H08-0607-21** – rear of Winton Green, Boston Road, Gosberton – **APPROVED**
- V. **H08-0809-21** – Adj 38 Siltside – **APPROVED.**

12. Finance & Payments of accounts

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT (£)	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
23/08/21	Payroll	900.00	-	900.00	SO
31/08/21	Payroll	15.00	-	15.00	BACS
01/09/21	Payroll	427.15	-	427.15	BACS
01/09/21	HMRC	445.24	-	445.24	BACS
09/09/21	Bates Environmental Services	170.00	34.00	204.00	BACS
09/09/21	PKF Littlejohn - audit	300.00	60.00	360.00	BACS
20/09/21	Payroll	900.00	-	900.00	BACS
21/09/21	Marjorum Beehive Ass	15.00	-	15.00	BACS

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 – Cllr Wray raised the rate of hiring the meeting room at the public hall but it was felt if rates were reduced for the parish council then they would set a precedent and they are not in a financial position to look at reducing costs.

Marjorum Hall – no meeting.

G.C.A.T. – no meeting.

14. Agenda items for next meeting:

- Co-option – Peter Waudy
- Gardening allotment policies/set rent
- Quotes to repair cemetery railings
- Remembrance Service
- Set meeting dates for 2022
- Playground improvements
- Budget for 2022

15. Date & venue of next meeting: Monday 8th November at 7.30pm at the Public Hall meeting room

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Chairman