

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Gosberton Parish Council  
held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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

**Also in Attendance:** District Councillor Simon Walsh.

**Open Forum:** No one in attendance.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.** Cllr Bennett asked whether planning application H08-0964-21 the comments should read 'reduce number of houses **by 2**' not **to 2**. This was confirmed and noted. The minutes were then taken as read, approved and signed.

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

- During some high winds recently, a tree was brought down in the cemetery over the weekend, blocking the path. Simon Kitchen went on the Sunday to chop up the tree and clear the path. A local company has been contacted to quote to clear the remaining debris as a matter of urgency and this will cost £250. Clerk thanked Simon on behalf of the parish council for attending on a Sunday.
- Carters Bridge in Gosberton Rise Gate has once again been reported to LCC for disrepair following contact from a resident.
- Gosberton Community Action Team has been shortlisted for the Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champions for Winter 2021 to raise funds for the 2022 Gosberton Summer Fair which aims to be a celebration of the 2022 Platinum Jubilee – details have been circulated how to vote.
- Email circulated from Lincolnshire Local Listing Campaign – 'a Local List requires input from members of the public, local groups and communities and we are now at a stage in the project to encourage input from members of the public and local communities within this process. As a Parish Clerk, I would be grateful if you are able to raise the preparation of a list of sites that you as a community feel should be put forward for Local Listing'. **Gosberton History Society to deal.**

- 2 more training dates for CSW arranged since last meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov/6<sup>th</sup> Dec via Zoom.
- Rippingdale draft neighbourhood plan forwarded for any comments.
- New 3-year Modern Farming Allotment agreements have been sent out to tenants with revised rent figures. There were still a few rents to be paid and agreements to be returned. Clerk to chase.

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

Unfortunately, Pete Waudby was unable to attend so defer until December's meeting.

**6. Budget 2022/23 – to table budget and accept precept figure to include discussions on playground improvements. Revised plans circulated.**

Discussions over the reserve figure held for playground improvements and a budget figure could not be agreed, despite being strongly advised by internal and external auditors to deplete the reserves held and reduce the precept figure. It was discussed that more reserves should be earmarked for cemetery land than playground equipment as it was felt this would benefit the village more. A working party group is to meet on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm where the playground improvements will be discussed at length and a budget figure set. Clerk advised that the safety inspection was due again and this will highlight the safety hazards as brought up on previous inspections as the rocking horse is still in a medium risk condition, as is the safety flooring around most existing equipment. The equipment is not fenced off as recommended either. The clerk advised a substantial amount of money is held in reserves for improvements but there was reluctance to consider improving the equipment as a whole but to stage improvements over time. Councillor Thorley said the parish council should not be pressured into setting aside large amounts of money for the playground based on a few adverse comments on Facebook. Discussions were had around a celebration/party being held for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year on 4<sup>th</sup> June and a budget for this should be set in the region of £10,000.

The budget is therefore to be reworked and re-presented at December's meeting following the working party meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Precept figure requested was provisionally set at £26,000, a reduction of £5,000 from last year.

**7. To adopt the Social Media Code of Practice.**

**Resolved:** Cllr Bennett proposed the Code of Practice be adopted, seconded by Cllr Smith.

**8. Speeding/parking issues at schools in Gosberton and Gosberton Risegate.**

District Councillor Jane King has asked for this agenda item and has asked for feedback. There is a new PSCO, Paul Holland, and he is working with both schools regarding parking and speeding issues. The CSW is due to start soon

at the Risegate school. Yellow lines were discussed as being needed down Belchmire Lane from Wheelrite to prevent inconsiderate parking and also outside the Co-op as parked cars on the road prevent visibility. Gating into the village had previously been mentioned a few years ago to reduce speeding and it was suggested the question be asked of Cllr King again.

9. **Update – Gardening allotments, policies and rent setting.**

Clerk sent out allotment agreement from NALC as a suggested template for any amendments councillors felt necessary. Longstaffs is arranging for the allotments to be re-measured and clerk to write to all tenants of Brownlows allotments to advise the allotments will be measured for accurate acreage due to plot 1 being made into gardening allotments in the New Year.

10. **Remembrance Sunday Service**

Service to be held at Gosberton War Memorial on both 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November from 10.45am. Gosberton Risegate Service to be held at noon on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

11. **To set meeting dates and venues for Parish Council meetings in 2022.**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan; 7<sup>th</sup> March; 25<sup>th</sup> April (Gosberton Risegate) 30<sup>th</sup> May; 11<sup>th</sup> July; 22<sup>nd</sup> August (GR) 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct; 7<sup>th</sup> November; 12<sup>th</sup> December (GR). The village inspection is scheduled for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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

Quotes still to be obtained.

13. 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.**

- None

14. **Planning Matters**

**For Comments**

- I. **H08-1079-21** - Adj 71 Bowgate, Gosberton – Residential development – erection of dwelling – NO COMMENTS.

**Comments submitted prior to meeting**

- I. **H08-1053-21** – Land off Spalding Road, Gosberton – NO COMMENTS  
II. **H08-1003-21** – Fairview, Lowbridge Lane – NO COMMENTS  
III. **H08-0996-21** – 80 Siltside, Gosberton Risegate - NO COMMENTS

**Determinations from SHDC**

- IV. **H08-0945-21** – Adj 78 Risegate Road, Gosberton Clough – **APPROVED**  
V. **H08-0861-21** – Cheal Road, Gosberton Risegate – **APPROVED**  
VI. **H08-0514-20** – 98 High Street, Gosberton - **APPROVED**

**15. Finance & Payments of accounts**

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT (£)	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
27.09.21	LCC – Savilles	5.00	-	5.00	SO
27.09.21	TN Sneath & Son	400.00	80.00	480.00	BACS
28.09.21	Payroll	15.00	-	15.00	BACS
30.09.21	Anglian Water	14.08	-	14.08	DD
30.09.21	One Stop Promotions - flag	68.37	13.73	82.80	BACS
30.09.21	HMRC	412.46	-	412.46	BACS
30.09.21	Payroll	458.13	-	458.13	BACS
06.10.21	Gosberton Public Hall	24.00	-	24.00	BACS
18.10.21	Payroll	900.00	-	900.00	SO
28.10.21	Payroll	15.00	-	15.00	SO
28.10.21	HMRC	183.65	-	183.65	BACS
28.10.21	Payroll	688.74	-	688.74	BACS

**Payments approved.**

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

Relief in Need – pensioners Christmas gift has been set at £10 each to be distributed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Public Hall and 10.30 – 1pm and at Gosberton Clough at 2pm – 3.3pm. Some rented out land has a new tenant. Public Hall – quiz arranged for this week and other events being considered.

Robert Marjorum Hall – no meeting but the committee have asked to put a poster up in the noticeboard.

G.C.A.T. – Co-op funding may be given towards play ground improvements as the summer fair may not be held next year as it is the Platinum Jubilee.

Unknown Donors – Cllr Thorley has contacted Diane Fairweather to advise a meeting needs arranging as soon as possible as 2 years worth of money needs distributing. Another parish council representative needs appointing as trustee.

**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**

**17. 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.

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

- Co-option – Peter Waudy
- Budget/Precept setting for 2022
- Gardening allotment policies/set rent
- Quotes to repair cemetery railings
- Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

**19. Date & venue of next meeting:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at **7pm** at the Marjorum Hall, Gosberton Risegate.

***Meeting closed at 9.50 pm***

**Chairman .....**