

**Minutes of the Meeting of Gosberton Parish Council
held via MS Teams on Monday 14th December 2020**

Open Forum: No members of the public joined the meeting.

Present: Councillors: John Clark (Chair), Jeremy Bennett, Emma Walters, Neil Oakman, Tim Smith, Sue Thorley, Lisa Tweddell (Clerk).

Also present: County Councillor Rodney Grocock, District Cllr Simon Walsh. Winston Brown – Local Press.

1. **Apologies and reasons given.** Sue Wray – reason accepted.
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 November 2020** – Cllr Bennett pointed out a typo with his name in item 2 and Cllr Oakman pointed out an error in years in item 5 from 2019 to 2020. The minutes were then taken as read, approved and will be duly signed when amended.
4. **Chairman's remarks and clerk's report.**
Correspondence:
 - the website for the parish council is soon to be turned off so clerk will send out the link for the new website shortly when LCC have switched the websites over and it goes 'live'.
 - Emails received:
 - (i) *'Will you please register me with interest for an allotment space, I understand there are none currently apart from commercial space but I note if 6 residents request then you may be able to do something. I live in Gosberton on Westhorpe Road and am keen to see if we can get a community drive for allotments going' & (ii) 'I am looking for an area for my apiary, honey bees, the area will be planted with fruit trees and wild flowering plants. later on even have the area as the Boston club apiary for training etc (I would have to ask the club first but I know they are looking to start up)'.*
It was suggested allotments be discussed at the next meeting due to be held on 18th January 2021 as there was potential to offer gardening allotments in view of the fact *'if the council believes that there is a demand for allotments; they have a statutory duty to provide a sufficient number of plots. Section 23 of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908'.*
 - External audit concluded on 26th November 2020.
 - Mr Smith contacted clerk earlier today to say he couldn't lay a wreath on his parents grave due to an overgrown holly bush. Cllr Thorley said she would take a look with a view to clearing the holly.

Pinchbeck Junior Football Team and use of Gosberton Riseagate playing field. George Wallace, Manager, has spoken to Cllr Thorley and also to clerk to say he was aware of the issues with parking and has spaced out the matches to prevent overlapping of cars arriving / leaving. One match will be 9.30am start and another will be 11.30am. He is very keen to pacify residents and some have in fact been very welcoming and even offered their drive for parking. No matches will take place until the New Year now. It was suggested a letter be sent to George to confirm what has been discussed and that he must attend a meeting to discuss further and also clerk to contact Chairman of Pinchbeck Football team to discuss position.

5. Accept budget and Precept for 2021/22.

Budget & Precept report sent to Cllrs prior to meeting with a suggested reduction of £1,115 this year in precept to £31,000. It was felt in view of current circumstances this year was not the year to make an increase in expenditure. Cllr Oakman suggested a budget for replacing equipment next year rather than repairing aging equipment. Discussions were had regarding forming a working group for the playing field in Gosberton to include any interested members of the community to try and kickstart funding bids again.

6. 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 Thorley said the hedge in Gosberton playing field has been cut. It appears people are dumping leaves behind the hedge. She felt the hedge needed pulling up and replacing by fencing. The dog waste bin needs replacing – clerk to contact SHDC.
- Cllr Walters brought up the dented railings in front of the school but the Chair said they had been like that for some time. Issues of inconsiderate parking outside the school was discussed again and Cllr Walters to contact the police as suggested by Cllr Thorley.
- Cllr Walters said wreaths would be laid at the war memorials in the lead up to Christmas then a rota would be drawn up of volunteers to lay regular flowers.

7. Planning Matters

For Comments

H08-1009-20 – land adj 61 Bowgate, Gosberton – proposed chalet bungalow app.
H08-0340-18 modification of Condition 2 to allow amendments to previously approved plans – **NO FURTHER COMMENTS.**

Comments submitted prior to meeting

None

Determinations from SHDC

- I. **H08-0644-20 – 59 Westhorpe, Gosberton – APPROVED.**
- II. **H08-0926-20 – The Rowans, Windmill Lane - APPROVED.**

8. Finance & Payments of accounts

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT (£)	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
16/11/2020	Payroll	810.00	-	810.00	SO
24/11/2020	Wreaths - RBL	55.00		55.00	CHQ 102235
01/12/2020	HMRC	48.30	-	48.30	BACS
01/12/2020	G&J Pecks	118.99	23.80	142.79	BACS
01/12/2020	Payroll	802.85	-	802.85	BACS
04/12/2020	PKF Littlejohn	360.00	-	360.00	BACS

9. Councillor reports from other committees where there is council representation.

No meetings.

10. Agenda items for next meeting:

- Gardening allotment demand
- Parish Agreement Scheme Urban Highway Grass Cutting 2021/22
- Playing field quotes

11. Date & venue of next meeting: Monday 18th January 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Chairman