

## Gosberton Parish Council

### Minutes of Gosberton Parish Council held at the Public Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 commencing at 7.45pm

**Present:** John Clark (Chairman), Councillors Mrs L Allen (LA), M Pell (MP), R Perry (RP), T Smith (TS), M Taylor (MT), Mrs S Thorley (ST), Mrs L Tweddell (Clerk), B Waterland (BW)

Apologies: None received

#### 1. Minutes of the last Parish Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The minutes were approved and signed.

#### 2. Declarations of interest and any requests for dispensations

MP and RP declared an interest in agenda item 6 – Loan Request for Public Hall.

#### 3. Matters arising from minutes

- Clerk asked if the lock had been put on the gate at Westshore Pit - **Action MP**
- Clerk advised unknown donors charity cheques have been issued. Chair suggested the list for next year's charities should be discussed at a future meeting and will include liaison with the Vicar

#### 4. New Clerk/Old Clerk

- New Clerk wages were discussed - documented in **Confidential Minutes** attached – Appendix A
- It was resolved to send future agendas and minutes by email to some councillors. Hard copies to LA and ST – **Action Clerk**
- Chair stated minutes should be sent out within 10 days of the meeting for any comments/amendments – **Action Clerk**
- Contract needs setting up with LALC for new Clerk – **Action Clerk**
- Training for Clerk was discussed as it would benefit both the Clerk and the Committee. Different courses to be investigated - **Action Clerk**
- Chair advised that all interviews for the Clerk position were equal and fair despite some challenges about the recruitment process
- A gift was discussed by the Committee for Sue Roe for her services to the committee over the last 9 years – documented in **Confidential Minutes** attached – Appendix A

- A bottle of wine to be given to leaving internal auditor D Staff – **Action Chair**
- A new auditor needs appointing – **Action Chair to speak to John Ralph**

## 5. Allotments

Tenders for 3 vacant allotments situated on Highbridge, Gosberton and 3 vacant allotments situated on Spalding Road, Gosberton were opened by the Chair. The results for successful applicants:

- **Highbridge Road, Gosberton** – Peter Thorold, 5 Cooks Road, Gosberton. Two unsuccessful tenders were received
- **Spalding Road, Gosberton** – Michael Booth, Cherry Lodge, Lowbridge Lane, Gosberton. Two unsuccessful tenders were received

Modern Farm Tenancy Agreements to be drawn up – **Action Clerk.**

After lengthy discussion regarding the tendering process it was **resolved** to draw up criteria within the next 3 years – **Action ALL.**

Chair advised four Modern Farm Agreements yet to be returned but they have until 31 March 2016.

## 6. Loan Request from Public Hall

Letter received from The Trustees of The Gosberton Public Hall requesting a loan of £2,500 to be repaid within 6 months to cover the general operating of the hall.

After discussion it was **resolved** to seek advice from SHDC whether under the Localism Act the Parish Council are still legally able to loan money. The request was deferred - **Action Chair.**

## 7. Speed signs

- Chair stated a Public Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7pm at St Peter and St Paul's Church Hall, Gosberton to discuss concerns over traffic and parking issues on Gosberton High Street. Invitation to be sent to various relevant bodies. Attendee list given to Clerk - **Action Clerk**
- BW and RP are to carry out a further traffic survey with videoing for evidence for meeting. Survey required by LRSP for speed cameras – **Action Clerk**

- BW requested that Turners Transport are written to requesting they attend public meeting due to the high volume of their vehicles through the village and excessive speed and also request they ask their drivers to slow down – **Action Clerk**

## **8. Report On The Playing Fields in Gosberton and Gosberton Risegate**

- Risk assessment needs arranging for March – **Action Chair to liaise with Simon, MT and Clerk**
- Community Lincs membership to be renewed for 3 years – **Action Clerk**
- Clerk informed official copy of register of title has been received from Land Registry for Gosberton playing field and confirmation from Chattertons that all the legal aspects of the purchase have taken place
- Clerk informed the committee that a letter has been received from SHDC with reference permission needed to install new play equipment – no permission would be needed within 4m height restrictions. No permission needed for fencing again within height restrictions
- No quotes have been received yet for refurbishment of rocking horse

## **9. Update from other meetings where there is Parish Council Representation**

- RP and BW met Emma Walters and Richard Cocker, Playdale Rep, with regards G-CAT play equipment and a quote for over £52,000 has been submitted with plans
- Discussion centred around the need to rent out the field for events such as the Queen's forthcoming 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations or boot sales. Chair stated that the insurance needs revising to include vehicle access – **Action Clerk**
- The maintenance of the field was discussed and the need for regular grass cutting to ensure it is fit for people to use. The opinion of the committee was that the people of the village would appreciate being able to use the field
- Risk assessment needs carrying out – **Action - Chair to liaise with Simon**

## **10. Highways issues**

- BW requested a letter be sent to SHDC regarding flyposting on corner of Belchmire Lane asking them to remove poster – **Action Clerk**
- Clerk advised Community Service have been contacted regarding collecting rubbish and the consensus of opinion was it had already been

carried out. Other suggestions were Churchfleet Lane, Five Bells Corner and Lowgate – **Action Clerk**

- MT asked that SHDC could be contacted regarding glass dropped and fly tipping between South Drove and Quadring Bank – **Action Clerk**
- A discussion was had regarding Simon's litter picking route

## 11. Planning Applications

- 5 Cooks Road, Gosberton – proposed cold storage building for agricultural use – full – supportive/no comments made
- 4 Whitehall, Gosberton – proposed single storey extension for accessible bedroom and level access shower – full – supportive/no comments made
- Gosberton Medical Centre, Lowgate – amended site boundary – no comments

## 12. Correspondence

- Further letter received from Debbie Reynolds regarding the rubbish bin situated in the churchyard – reply to be sent advising bin will be removed if they are not prepared to empty it – **Action Clerk**
- Email received from Darren Bisby-Boyd, Youth and Community Development Worker who would like to attend the next meeting to gain an understanding of the Parish – suggestions made that he would be better contacting the Youth Club or G-CAT – **Action Clerk**
- AON have been written to on 16<sup>th</sup> February to inform them of change of ownership of Gosberton playing field
- Email received from Cllr Jane King on 11 February 2016 which states she has spoken to Mrs Noble again regarding her neighbours garden on Westhorpe Road and the owner has until 7<sup>th</sup> March to clear the untidy garden or face Court action again
- LCC informs of temporary road closure amendment – for Cheal Road Level Crossing at Gosberton Cheal
- LCC informs of a temporary road closure for essential maintenance work at Risegate Road Level Crossing
- LCC informs of essential maintenance work on Cheal Road
- Email received from Matthew Rose regarding Gosberton Parish Council Web Page. It was resolved to use *Gosbertonparishcouncil.co.uk*. Fast host needs registering – **Action RP**
- Voluntary Smoke Free Code signs received
- Letter received from the Post Office advising Gosberton Post Office will open as a new-style branch on Monday 14 March at 13.00
- Email received from Gosberton resident with concerns over parking at the school blocking access to Belchmire Lane. Parking outside the shops near Belchmire Lane is obstructing the view from the lane – reported to PCSO Abbots on 13 February and resident informed

- Queen Elizabeth 90<sup>th</sup> birthday commemorative medal for schools and councils to purchase – Committee to consider purchasing some if an event takes place for the celebration

**13. Parish Matters**

Chair informed the Committee that there was an applicant for Clerk Post who would be better suited for position of Councillor for Gosberton Risegate. He will invite them to attend the next meeting – **Action Chair**

**14. Any other business**

- ST asked that the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board be contacted regarding the inappropriate parking of Mayo’s mini-buses and other vehicles on land they own to see if they can resolve the problem. The offending mini-buses could cause an obstruction to wider, agricultural vehicles and are an eyesore and ST has received complaints from local residents – **Action Clerk**
- BW raised that the cemetery costs are too high for maintenance over winter – agenda item for next time – **Action Clerk**
- It was suggested a letter be sent to Simon to detail outstanding jobs – **Action Clerk in consultation with Chair**
- New contact details for the Clerk are needed for display at the cemetery – **Action Clerk**
- Chair raised that cemetery plot rules need printing for display – **Action Clerk in consultation with Chair**

Meeting closed at 10.50 pm

**Chairman .....**

