

**Minutes of the Meeting of Gosberton Parish Council
held on Monday 11th December 2023**

Present: Councillors: N Oakman (Chair), J Clark, T Smith, J Bennett J Ascough, D Leworthy and F Newton (Clerk)

Also, in Attendance: One Member of the public(observing) Dist Cllr H Bingham

Open Forum: N/A

290. To note apologies and accept valid reasons for absence: Cllr P Waudby, Dist. Cllr Geaney, Cllr Weatherley Barton (attending public hall meeting, to join this meeting later)

291. To receive declarations of Interest and consideration of requests for dispensations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011: none received

292. To receive and approve the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023. It was **Resolved** approve the minutes

293. To receive report from District Councillors: Dist. Cllr Bingham reported that funding for projects is still available to improve facilities in the village, Clerk reported that District and County Councillors are working on the TRO for Boston Road/Spalding Road and resurfacing the cul-de-sac at the top of Church fleet lane.

294. To receive the Clerk's report on correspondence received and consider any recommendations:

Correspondence received

Anglian Water	Update on roadworks
LCC	Lincolnshire devolution proposal
Belinda Taylor	Thanks for sponsoring a Xmas tree
LALC	Schools' admission policy
LCC Highways	Road closures
LALC	Confirmation of Audit
YMCA	Community engagement email
SHDC	Updated electoral register

295. To co-opt P Waudby onto the Council representing the Risegate Ward- As Cllr Waudby was not in attendance this item is to be carried forward to the next meeting

296. To review and adopt :

- I. Publication scheme – it was **Resolved** to adopt this policy
- II. Health and Safety Policy- it **Resolved** to adopt this policy; it was noted that all Contractors should show proof of current Public Liability insurance
- III. Complaints procedure Policy – it was **Resolved** to adopt this policy

297. To consider and adopt

- I. Notice Board Policy – It was **Resolved** to adopt this policy
- II. Procedure for a Casual Vacancy – It was **Resolved** to adopt this policy
- III. Policy for handling Freedom of Information requests- It was **Resolved** to adopt this policy

298. To receive update on actions from Village inspection: Quotes have been received from P Godfrey £160.00 to trim hedge on Gosberton Playing field, and £200.00 to repair bench at the War Memorial-It was **Resolved** to accept the two quotations

299. To consider revised grass cutting quotation from SHDC: A quotation of £51.66 P/a has been received to add the grass at the front of the Little Stars nursery onto the SHDC grass cutting contract - It was **Resolved** to accept the quotation

300. To discuss vases for Cemetery and proposed purchase of Cemetery Land: investigations are still being made to source alternative vase holders. Cllr Waudby not present so no update on Cemetery purchase- to be discussed at the next meeting

301. To discuss consider draft Budget and set the Precept for 2024/2025: As the Clerk is also working for Quadring PC, Dist. Cllr Bingham and the Clerk suggested that it might be worth considering splitting the training fees between both Councils- to be discussed at the next meeting. To also look into purchasing a further speed warning sign. It was Resolved to adopt the budget and set the precept at £29700.00, a 6% increase

302. Planning matters-

Planning decisions received since the last meeting of council

For comments

- I. H08-0805-23- Proposed rear conservatory and alterations – 5 Primitive Gait, Gosberton Clough- Milward
- II. H08-1023-23 – Residential development- 2 dwellings, 8 Beck Bank, Gosberton Clough, Mr A Brown
- III. PL/0088-23 – new classrooms, Gosberton House Academy
- IV. PL/0075/23 – change of use, Old Ship Inn, Beck Bank, Gosberton Clough

Determinations from SHDC

- I. H08-0987-23 – s73a continuation- Proposed dwelling- Tawny Lodge, Cheal Road, Surfleet- Mr and Mrs Wheeler
- II. H08-0863-23 – 3 Park Close, Tree work in preservation area. APPROVED
- III. H08-0936-23 – 25 Lowgate Gosberton. Tree work in preservation area. APPROVED
- IV. H08-0538-23 – Details of precautions to prevent mud on highway- Site adj Silverdene, Boston Road- APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
- V. H08-875-23 – Works to Tree preservation order 18 2008- 2 Poplar Drive, APPROVED
- VI. H08-0882-23- Details of contamination of land or pollution to controlled waters- Corner of Cheal Road (Tawny Lodge) Mr & Mrs Wheeler- APPROVED
- VII. H08-0891-23 – Siting of static Caravan- 19 Quadring Road- Mr W Smith APPROVED

NO COMMENTS

303. Finance

I. To approve payment of accounts -within Clerk's report

01/12/2023 673	Gosberton Public hall	36.00		36.00	BACS
6/12/2023 676	Yates Playground	5420.00	1084.00	6504.00	BACS

Invoices to approved -retrospectively

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT (£)	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
6/11/2023 653	One Drive	5.88		5.388	DEBIT CARD
3/11/2023 654	Vodafone	12.38	1.47	14.85	DEBIT CARD
4/11/2023 612	Amazon	11.23	2.25	13.48	DEBIT CARD
8/11/2023 655	Amazon	5.71	1.14	6.85	DEBIT CARD
8/11/2023 653	Andrew Gosling	325.00		325.00	BACS
6/11/2023 650	Beechtree Farms	50.00	10.00	60.00	BACS
22/11//2023 666	All Star Fuels	26.55	5.31	31.86	DIRECT DEBIT
17/11/2023 667	Postage	9.75		9.75	DEBIT CARD
21/11/2023 669	HP Instant ink	15.82	3.17	18.99	DEBIT CARD
12/11/2023 662 662 663 664 665	S Kitchen	900.00		900.00	SO
15/11/2023 659	Amazon	47.43	9.52	56.95	DEBIT CARD
30/11/2023	Clerk Back pay	701.52		701.52	BACS
08/12/2023	Clerk Salary	726.24		726.24	BACS
3/12/2023 675	Vodafone	12.38	1.47	14.85	DEBIT CARD

It was **Resolved** to approve payments

- II. To review income and expenditure to 4th December
 Income and expenditure since last meeting (includes payments to be approved at meeting- up to 11th December) £1868.33
 Income since last meeting up to 4th December £2368.94

Expenditure year to date £31312.78
Income year to date £50155.78
It was Resolved to accept this report

- III. To receive Bank Reconciliation
Balance of Bank Accounts
Current- online balance as at 4/12/2023 £4370.92
Deposit – online balance as at 4/12/2023 £53833.33
Community- online balance as at 4/12/2023 £4647.28
NS & I as at 26/09/2023 £53535.49
It was **Resolved** to accept this report. Cllr Ascough has reviewed outstanding Bank recs
- IV. To review Budget 2023/2024- no comments
- V. Review Fixed Asset register- n/a

304. To receive reports from other committees:

Cllr Clark reported on the recent GRIN meeting – the Xmas gifts for local pensioners was on 7th December. A further representative from the Parish Council is required to sit on the GRIN Trustees- Cllr Ascough agreed to accept this role. Cllr Clark reported on the recent RMT meeting- I Walters offered his resignation, this was accepted by the Trustees, three educational grants were also made. There has been no Gcat meeting.

To resolve to move into closed session in accordance with the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960 due to confidential nature of the business in Agenda items 305 and 306

It was **Resolved** to move into Closed session-

305. To consider Staffing committee terms of reference and appraisal policy-
To be discussed at the next meeting. The Clerk returned to the room

306. To consider Cemetery keeper/grass cutting tenders – the tenders received were discussed at length. Cllr Clark has offered to attend an ICCM course on Cemetery management so that he can help with any future cemetery queries. Tenders to be discussed again at the next meeting

307. Agenda items for the next meeting:

Co-option of Councillors
Shared prosperity projects
Shared Training with Quadring
Staffing committee TOR and appraisal policy
New Speed camera
Cemetery and groundsman tenders

At this point Cllr Weatherly- Barton joined the meeting and gave an update on the Public Hall- there is a plan to have a Pop-up pub.

Meeting closed at 8.56pm

Chairman.....

