

**Minutes of Meeting of Gosberton Parish Council held at the Public Hall
on
Monday 15th August 2016 at 7.30 pm**

Open Forum - no public in attendance

Present: Councillors: Tim Smith (Chair), John Clark (P/T), Mick Pell, Mrs Sue Thorley, Mrs Lisa Tweddell (Clerk)

Also present: PCSO Colin Abbotts; Mrs Rona Perry; Mike Newton

1. Apologies

District Cllr Robert Clark – personal reasons; Cllr Mrs Lindsay Allen – personal reasons; Cllr Mark Taylor – work. All apologies accepted.

2. Declarations of interest and dispensation requests for relevant items

None received

3. Approval of minutes from meeting held on 4th July 2016

Minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate copy

4. Police Report

Nuisance Neighbour Siltside; criminal Damage Gosberton Bank; theft from motor vehicle, High Street; theft from motor vehicle, Gosberton Westhorpe; Loose horse, Clough Road; RTC Boston Road; Nuisance neighbour Salem Street; Burglary Siltside x 2.

PCSO Abbotts left the meeting at 7.35pm

5. Co-option of Councillors

Rona Perry and Michael (Mike) Newton gave short presentations as to why they felt they should be nominated for co-option on to the Council. Rona is to represent Gosberton Village and Mike, Gosberton Risegate.

Resolved: Both applicants were accepted and Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests were signed. They were then welcomed by the Chair and invited to join the meeting

6. Chairman and clerk report

- Permission received from SHDC to pollard trees in Gosberton Churchyard
- No further action has been taken regarding obtaining a mobile phone for clerk
- Gosberton Parish Website has been updated and Debbie Reynolds notified and a link to it added on the website she maintains
- LCC were contacted regarding adding Chair as administrator for website

- Barclay's bank would not send a new payment authorisation card to Mark Taylor on clerk's request. He has to contact bank himself and pass security – details given to MT – **action MT**
- Malc Stacey was contacted regarding more information on the Unknown Donor which was forwarded to Chair
- Further bank mandate form requires signatures to allow clerk to receive cash over the counter with signed cheque
- Reply received from LCC regarding streetlight out at 58 High Street, Gosberton – will be dealt with in programme of works in Sept/Oct
- Letter sent to Mr Woods of Turner's Transport – thanking him for his co-operation with traffic issues in the village, however, numbers of HGVs using village are gradually increasing again. His help in reminding drivers would be much appreciated
- Permission from SHDC to co-opt for vacancy on Gosberton Village ward

7. Consideration of Playground quotes

For the benefit of the new members, Chair explained now that GPC had secured full ownership of the playing field they are trying to assist Emma Walters in agreeing a preferred partner to provide new play equipment although no funds are held for this by GPC. A community interest group called G.C.A.T. are trying to raise funds currently, led by Emma Walters.

Resolved: item to be placed on next agenda for further discussion.

8. Parish Matters

See attached report Appendix A.

Chair to contact Andy Wharf of LCC and thank him for his assistance and discuss the new Patrol Crossing post at the school – **action chair**

Resolved: a sub-committee to be formed to deal with on-going speed/traffic issues.

9. Report on Playing fields in Gosberton and Gosberton Risegate

Inspection Report received from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd, carried out on 20th July 2016 which highlighted the rocking horse in Gosberton playing field as medium/high risk.

Resolved: to remove rocking horse as soon as possible – **action JC**

Damage to wire mesh raised as medium risk at Gosberton Risegate.

Resolved: to ask Simon Kitchen to attend to this.

10. Staffing Matters

Resolved: Simon Kitchen's contract to be sent out to newly appointed councillors for comments to clerk within 7 days. Chair to review contract following receipt of any comments.

11. Installation of speed signs

Resolved: Chair and MP to install passive speed signs this week.

12. Quotes for pollarding trees in churchyard

MP raised the question again why are GPC paying for the pollarding of the trees in the Church of England land? Chair explained it was not necessarily a legal requirement for the parish council to fund this but seen as a good and proper thing to do. MP suggested it be insisted that the churchyard is tidied up and the weed garden brought under control if this is the case.

Resolved: Chair to speak to Rev Ian Walters regarding pollarding funding/condition of churchyard.

Quotes received from Malc Firth Landscapes and Arb Core for pollarding trees.

Resolved: ST to obtain a third quote from Eddie Mears and agree a contractor at next meeting.

13. Cemetery signs and rules

Quotes received from Stuart Signs of Holbeach and Spalding Signs.

Resolved: to send revised rules to Stuart Signs of Holbeach for definite quotes for two signs and to establish whether installation of the signs is included.

14. To consider the Aveland Neighbourhood Development Plan

Resolved: to send out information to newly appointed councillors for any comments to clerk by 31 August 2016.

15. Allotments

Agreements still not returned from Mr Kerfoot x 2, Mr Bates and Mr Smith.

ST distributed criteria list for renting allotments so future allotments will not just be let on the basis of the highest tender submitted but on a points system and this criteria system should be in place for the allotment due to be available for letting from 11 October 2016 (Barchard's, Gosberton Clough) and a new tenant needs selecting at next meeting.

Resolved: advert needs displaying by 1st September 2016 – notice boards in village, fields, website and via Phyllis Baxter of the Freepress. Also criteria for letting needs deciding at next meeting **agenda item – action clerk.**

16. Correspondence

- Email received from Anglian Water in response to letter from Clerk regarding pumping station at Bowgate, Gosberton – station has been put on a higher priority so will be attended to within 2 hours should power fail in future.
- Letter from Lincolnshire County Council regarding Gosberton village traffic issues and possible solutions

- Audit for year ending 31 March 2016 concluded and returned by Grant Thornton, external auditor – audited accounts available for viewing by public by request to the clerk – notice currently displayed in notice boards

17. Planning updates

- H08-0646016 - Mr P Twell, 114 Siltside, Gosberton Risegate - rear single storey bedroom and wetroom extension
Resolved: no objections
- H08-0678-16 – Mr & Mrs Dennis, 25A High Street, Gosberton - residential development
Resolved: no objections
- H08-0695-16 – Thorold Ltd, Bank House Farm, 5 Cooks Road – side extension for use as cold storage for agricultural use
Resolved: no objections
- H08-0657-16 – Mr R Cooney, 106 Siltside, Gosberton Risegate – conversion of horticultural building to dwelling and alterations in connection and change of use to C3
Resolved: no objections
- H08-0670-16 – Land to rear of 1 Clough Road – removal of condition 6 of H08-0033-16 to affordable housing
Resolved: no objections

APPROVED APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

- H08-0588-16 – Mr & Mrs Woodfield, 5 Bakers Yard, Gosberton - extension
- H08-0691-16 – Mr D Matthews, The Firs, Siltside Gosberton Risegate – listed building – replacement of windows/doors and repointing of brickwork

John Clark joined the meeting at 8.50pm

18. Finance and payments of accounts

04/07/16	Payroll	£ 810.00	standing order
18/07/16	LALC - clerk course	£ 24.00	on-line payment
28/07/16	Wicksteed- inspections	£108.00	on-line payment
28/07/16	Payroll	£624.00	standing order
28/07/16	Clerk - ink/phone	£ 15.00	standing order
01/08/16	Payroll	£810.00	standing order
15/08/16	TN Sneath-grass cutting	£648.00	cheque to be issued
15/08/16	Jewson – cremation plots	£269.70	cheque to be issued
15/08/16	G & J Pecks – mower parts	£185.35	cheque to be issued
15/08/16	Grant Thornton – ext audit	£360.00	on-line payment
15/08/16	Petty Cash	£100.00	cheque to be issued
15/08/16	Mileage –clerk 27/6-7/8	£ 42.75	cheque to be issued

19.To receive reports from any other committees where there is council representation

- Robert Marjorum – no meetings – next meeting 31 August 2016 to choose tenants of the land
- Relief in Need – no meetings
- GCAT – MP reports they are actively starting fundraising – Christmas fayre planned and calendar

20. Agenda items for next meeting

- Allotment selection criteria
- Tree pollarding quotes

21. Date and venue of next meeting

Monday 26th September 2016 at 7.30pm at the Public Hall

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman