

## **Minutes of Gosberton Parish Council Meeting held**

**On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** John Clark (Chair)(JC), Tim Smith (TS), Lindsay Allen (LA), Mick Pell (MP), Rowland Perry (RP), Mark Taylor (MT), Sue Thorley (ST), Lisa Tweddell (Clerk)

**Apologies:** PCSO Colin Abbotts

Also present was Andy Woods (AW), Regional Manager of Turners Transport, who attended this meeting due to issues raised at the Public meeting held on 30 March 2016 to discuss issues with large volume of HGV's through the village. He was welcomed to the meeting and went on to explain that he was happy to try and work with the Parish Council to alleviate some of the issues being experienced, however, was realistic with what they are able to achieve and also acknowledged that it obviously is not just transport from Turners passing through the village. BW stated that HGVs were coming through all hours of day 7 days a week and devalue property prices in the High Street. Parked cars make the problems worse especially at school time and near the businesses and all cause the lorries more problems. AW started, however, by saying a measure being put in place with immediate effect by Turners is that lorries will not pass through Gosberton from the Donington depot between 8am and 9am. Over the next 12 months there is a new distribution centre being built at Bicker which should alleviate some of the problem. BW raised excessive speeding by the lorries to which AW stated that the trucks are fitted with cameras which record speed and sends a message to a system which notifies Turners if a driver is speeding, smoking in the cab etc. Money has been invested so the men and trucks can be monitored more closely and drivers will be warned if caught speeding. AW welcomed anyone on the committee to the depot to look at the logging system. BW asked if the volume of traffic at night could be reduced but AW said that all he is achieving is moving the problem to another village but it could be looked at. ST stated that the nature of the business of transport lent itself to working unsociable hours and pressure from retailers to deliver. MP suggested that Turners could contact Highways about potholes as this adds to the noise to which AW replied he would help in any way he could. BW stated pressure needed putting on Highways before a serious accident occurs. MT said the lorry problem is worst at night when it is all quiet and the road is clear which adds to speeding. BW advised we would all like to work together to try and alleviate some of the problems and AW was thanked for his time and left the meeting at 7.50pm.

### **1. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present

### **2. Declarations of Interest and any requests for dispensations**

RP declared his wife as Treasurer of the Public Hall

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Amendments to be noted – *tender amounts of allotments omitted from confidential minutes and Spalding Road allotments had 5 unsuccessful bids not 2.*

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

- MP gave keys to Clerk for Wastelands, Westhorpe Railway Approach
- Contract not yet received by Clerk
- Clerk has joined Society of Local Council Clerks and the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils for support and with a view to commencing training
- Risk Assessment yet to be carried out
- Insurance policy covers playing field for events such as bootsales
- SHDC were contacted regarding flyposting on corner of Belchmire Lane – poster now removed
- Community Service had been advised of litter picking requirements but was incorrect email address. Clerk to contact again – **action Clerk**
- SHDC have been advised of fly-tipping and glass between South Drove and Quadring Bank

Other items covered further in the meeting.

**5. Allotments**

JC advised Modern Farm Tenancy agreements have now been signed for allotments allocated at the last meeting.

Modern Farm Tenancy agreements for Mr Kerfoot (2) and Mr Bates are yet to be returned. A reminder letter to be sent – **action Clerk.**

**6. Report of playing fields in Gosberton and Gobserton Risegate**

Risk assessment arranged for 6.15 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Clerk informs Community Lincs membership is ready to be sent and documents received from Longstaffs regarding purchase of playing field confirming a fair market price was paid. There were no issues raised by Simon.

JC commented the Gobserton playing field was looking good following grass being cut.

**7. Public Meeting held on 30 March 2016 regarding traffic issues**

Following the meeting RP has emailed Look North regarding Richard Davies MP and the surplus of money for speed for devices.

No response has been received from Highways regarding various issues raised.

BW said a report was to be sent to John Hayes giving him an update of how the public meeting went as he was unable to attend and BW was pleased that he was taking an interest. It was suggested he be invited to visit the village to look at the issues faced.

MT said the volume of traffic recorded during the surveys going through the village had shocked a lot of people. BW suggested Highways are contacted every week to keep pressing the issue. JC said Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership needed contacting frequently too. MT said a letter needed to go to the Police to ask for the mobile speed camera to be placed near the school – **action Clerk.**

BW said that zig zag lines are needed outside the Risegate School. ST advised she had monitored the traffic situation near the school for 3 nights last week near Chopdyke Drove and some people are parking as close as they can to school gate despite the fact they could park in the carpark. HGV's and agricultural vehicles could not get through holding up the traffic. ST said the zig zag lines need extending to where the curb ends to keep the road free. BW said photos of cars parking inconsiderately are needed but ST said they are parking where they are allowed and the lines need extending to resolve the problem – **action Clerk to write further letter to Highways.**

RP and BW advised Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to advise on position of poles for speed calming devices.

BW advised petitions in several local businesses. MP said the pub may be interested in having a petition in there as they showed an interest and possibly the shop at the top of the village. BW felt interest was waning both inside the room and outside.

LA advised her parents had written to John Hayes and Jane King regarding traffic issues. Jane King had replied.

MP advised zig zag line criteria is they have to be on a school entrance and Belchmire Lane is not the entrance so it would have to be double yellow lines.

BW said he did not understand why some villages like Pinchbeck have several crossings being installed and speed devices and MP advised that different budgets are for different types of road. Also traffic calming in Quadring was helped by the late Councillor Puttick and the Healthy School Initiative Funding which is no longer available. BW said Quadring school was not even on a main road.

BW said he was trying to encourage the village with 'slow down' posters but JC said to check with the police that they are not a distraction issue.

JC suggested that Highways do an inspection of the village.

BW advised the survey had not yet been sent to Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership for speed devices – **action – Clerk to request survey.**

TS offered to undertake a Freedom of Information request on behalf of the Parish Council for the criteria regarding the implementation of traffic calming measures at or near schools generally and which criteria were failed with regards to the request by Gosberton Parish Council and its residents for traffic calming measures at and around Gosberton Primary School and the data from the traffic surveys that suggested there was no case for a pedestrian crossing at or near to Gosberton Primary School - **action TS.**

## **8. Update from any meeting held with Parish Council Representation**

JC reported on the Relief in Need Meeting in that there was now a new Chairman – Charles Cornish. Tony Fovargue has stood down.

No one from GPC attended the GCAT meeting.

RP and BW advise they were asked to attend the Public Hall Meeting by JC in view of the loan request made at the last meeting but, on attending, they were asked to leave in no uncertain terms by Mr Carter and they were told there was to be no Parish Council representation in future. MP advised that only Trustees of the Public Hall should be in attendance and not members of the public. RP said surely MP had a conflict of interest therefore. MP advised that the loan is not required now.

#### 9. **Update of cemetery rules**

ST to review rules with Clerk with a view to two possible signs in the cemetery – **action ST and Clerk.**

ST and RP said that the notice board in the cemetery was in a very bad state of disrepair – to be looked at during annual inspection.

#### 10. **Simon Kitchen**

BW and RP have monitored work being done over the winter and, despite being written to following last meeting, they did not feel Simon was fulfilling his hours. Very poor standard of painting the door of the Chapel and the grass has not been cut. BW pointed out that it was in Simon's contract that he is to paint railings. In BW's opinion the cemetery keeping is very poor and winter hours need dispensing of. He wants to know why the council pay nearly £5,000 over winter for nothing to be done.

ST explained that Simon wanted a regular wage so the hours were calculated over the year and it was known that Simon would not work as many hours over the winter but would make up for them over the summer months. A timesheet was put in place for Simon to record his hours and perhaps it needed reviewing. MP said his contract was due to be reviewed in September so will not be conclusive until a year is out. ST said the contract was best for him and for the council as it meant, by him being self-employed, there was no holiday/sick pay for the Council to be responsible for and he has his own insurance etc. MT asked whether BW was saying the quality of the work was not good enough as the issue is the workman and not the contract/hours.

ST suggested a quote be obtained from Richard Sneath for grass cutting and strimming – **action JC.**

*BW left the meeting at 9.35pm.*

#### 11. **Gosberton Parish Website**

RP advised the website has not been able to be set up due to not being able to pay for the membership as it has to be paid by PayPal, credit or debit card. Another bank account needs to be investigated to maybe obtain a credit card or pre-loaded card to enable the payment – **action Clerk.**

## 12. Update risk register

Update SHDC with Clerk details – **action Clerk.**

Update of risk register to be carried over to next meeting – **action Clerk.**

## 13. Audit Report

Clerk informs good progress has been made with year-end accounts. New internal auditor is Vivienne Gensiorskij and has been most helpful.

## 14. Annual Review of Clerk and holiday dates

JC and ST suggested all extra hours worked over 12 hour contract by Clerk were recorded and presented at next meeting. Holiday dates for Clerk are noted in confidential minutes – **see Appendix A.**

## 15. Planning Applications

- H08-0285-16 - PC Thorold Ltd, Bank House Farm, Cooks Road, Gosberton  
Retrospective permission for agricultural building – *no objections*
- H08-0296-16 – Mr J Grant, Witham House, Church Street, Donington  
Agricultural produce store at Muxlow's Farm, Gosberton Bank – *no objections*
- H08-0249-16 – Mr M Le-Sage, 124 Siltside, Gobserton Risegate  
2 new residential developments – *comments made - overlooking house to rear, loss of light, no off road parking*
- 2 approved applications

## 16. Correspondence

- Reply received from Debbie Reynolds in response to our letter sent 21 March 2016. She has queried the fact the Parish Council are willing to move the bin and asks why it cannot be emptied there instead. JC to ask Simon to empty the bin and take it to the cemetery for collection – **action JC**
- Email received from Councillor Jane King stating the owner of the property with the untidy garden in Westhorpe Road is going back to Court
- Letter received from SHDC regarding the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, offering guides on how to plan a street party
- Email from Mr Udy at SHDC- are we requiring more land for the cemetery – **action JC to contact Mr Udy**

### On the table:

- Blacksluice Drainage Board leaflet
- Celebrating our community heroes leaflet
- Welland and Deepings Drainage Board newsletter

### 17. Payment of accounts

• S Kitchen	£ 810.00
• L Tweddell telephone/ink	£ 15.00
• Marjorum Beehive Association	£ 60.00
• Lalc	£ 555.46
• Longstaffs	£ 480.00
• LCC – Rent Crawleys	£ 5.00
• CPALC membership (Clerk)	£ 30.00
• Community Lincs	£ 110.00
• Black Sluice Drain	£ 259.43
• SLCC (Clerk)	£ 128.00
• HMRC National Insurance	£ 348.14
• S Kitchen	£ 810.00
• Welland and Deepings Drainage Board	£ 409.59
• V Gensiorskyj (audit)	£ 81.00
• L Tweddell (Backdated wages)	£1008.00
• L Tweddell (ink/phone allowance backdated)	£ 22.50

### 18. Parish Matters

Report from PC Abbotts ;

Harecoursing Beck Bank x 2; Harecoursing Second Drove, Gosberton Clough; Loose horses Broad Drove, Gosberton Clough; Criminal Damage, High Street; Nuisance communication High Street; Nuisance neighbour Whitehall x 2; Criminal damage Whitehall.

ST said she will get photos of Mayo's minibuses to send on to Clerk as house opposite them has been complaining to Cllr Jane King for months regarding the issue and action is needed.

RP advises that a licence is required to hold car bootsales but it is provided with landowner's permission, therefore no problem as the playing field is now owned by GPC. RP is to register with Real Deal, a free service, as they will provide leaflets to distribute to sellers regarding what they are allowed to sell etc. RP has already made a poster which he showed to the committee, with a view to them being held once or twice a month. ST suggested a bootsale be incorporated with the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration somehow.

**Meeting closed at 10.40pm**