

**Minutes of the Meeting of Gosberton Parish Council  
held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Present:** Councillors: N Oakman (Chair), T Smith, N Gore, H Richardson, I Hobling and F Newton (Clerk)

**Also, in Attendance:** none in attendance

**Open Forum:** nothing reported.

**414. To note apologies and accept valid reasons for absence:** Cllrs Clark and Ascough- It was **Resolved** to accept and approve apologies

**415. To receive declarations of Interests and consideration for any requests for dispensations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011-** none received

**416. To receive and approve the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.** It was **Resolved** approve the minutes

**417. To receive report from District Councillors:** A report has been received from Dist Cllr King on the recent Ward Walk- this has been circulated to Council

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

Correspondence received

Lincolnshire Libraries	Mobile library timetables-added to website
Gosberton PCC	Request for payment to pollard lime trees in Churchyard- to be discussed at meeting
Eastern green link consultation	Forwarded to all- comments?
LCC Aggregate consultation	Forwarded to all- comments?
PKF Littlejohn	Confirmation of completion of Audit
Parishioner	Dog waste bins not being emptied again
LALC training	Circulated to all
Green homes grant	Uploaded to social media and website
WHP Telecoms	Planning for smart water hub
LALC news	Forwarded to all
LCC	Traffic restriction

The Clerk reported that there has been graffiti sprayed/written on some of the Play equipment in the Risegate and also on the swings and play tower in Gosberton Park. Remover product is on order. There was a discussion about dog waste bins, Clerk reported that this is an ongoing issue and is continually reporting to SHDC, also reported that the External Audit had been completed with no queries. Council thanked the Clerk for her work on this. **It was resolved** to accept Clerks report and to order 2 new dog waste bins for Siltside

**419. To elect representatives to remaining committees**

- I. 1 member to RMT – **It was resolved** to elect Cllr Ascough
- II. 1 member to GRIN- **it was resolved** to elect Cllr Richardson

**420. To elect members to the Staffing Committee-** It was **resolved** -Cllr Smith. Oakman, Clark, Ascough and Hobling were elected to this committee

**421. To discuss Cemetery, purchase of new land and grass cutting/spraying-** following on from recent complaints via social media about the spraying around headstones in the Cemetery. The Clerk reported that no complaints had been received either via phone or email, the contractor had sprayed following instructions given by the Clerk as agreed by Council following the village inspection in 2023. The Contractor was very upset that they had been blamed for this, and has advised that from now on they will only act on instructions received via email, a pest controller has also been employed to deal with the mole infestation. Some Councillors felt that there should have been a quicker response via social media to the complaints made. The Clerk also reported that the pre-planning advice had been received, as the land at the rear of the current cemetery is ear marked in the local plan to enable planning to be applied for in a different location there would have to be a document stating reasons by the original land cannot be used. The suggestion of employing a new cemetery keeper/village maintenance person is to be discussed at a later date. **It was resolved** to set up sub-committee to deal with the potential new Cemetery.

**422. To note update of SID installations-** It was reported that the posts have been installed but the one along the Boston Road requires resetting. Cllr Smith to contact LRSP to report this. The Solar powered SID has been installed near the Clough school and the battery SID has been moved up towards the Risegate xroads and has been changed to a Xroads warning sign.

**423. To note update of action following RTA at Risegate crossroads-** Cllr Richardson reported that work is now taking place on the house at the xroads, he also requested that it is looked into to change the existing "Give Way" sign to a "Stop" sign and that mirrors are installed at the junction. A request for this to be put into highways, Clerk explained that due to glare from sunlight that it is not practice to install mirrors, also that Dist. Cllr King is in ongoing contact with relevant parties to resolve this matter.

**424. To consider and adopt**

- I. New Reserves policy
- II. New Expenses policy
- III. New lone working policy and procedure
- IV. New vexatious complaints policy and procedure

**It was resolved** to adopt all of these policies with an amendment to the Expenses Policy to state that "employee's must have business use on their vehicle insurance policy when using for Council business"

**425. To discuss plans for Remembrance Sunday-** Clerk is to order 3 wreaths from the British Legion. Matter to be deferred to the next meeting

**426. To consider request from Gosberton PCC for funding towards pollarding the lime trees in the Church Yard-** the clerk explained that from January 2024 new

legislation came in that now allows Parish Councils towards maintenance of Church properties. **It was resolved** to offer a grant/donation of £1000.00 towards this

#### 427. To consider Planning matters:

Planning decisions received since the last meeting of Council

For Comments

- I. H08-0493-24 Proposed replacement dwelling, 120 Westhorpe Road, Gosberton- Tawny Homes
- II. H08-0551-24- Replacement windows, 57-59 Salem Street, Gosberton, Mr A Wilde. III. H08-0593-24- New Dwelling adjacent to 47 Clough Road, Gosberton Risegate- OUTLINE

#### No comments

Determinations from SHDC

- I. H08-0430-24- Replacement detached garage- ! Siltside GosbertonAPPROVED II. H08-1124-23 – Erection of outbuilding-home office- Retrospectively, 50 Belchmire Lane- APPROVED
- II. III. H08-0553-24- management of surface water, Gosberton House SchoolAPPROVED
- III. IV. H08-0465-24- Change of use from agricultural building to 2 residential dwellings- Tomlinson Farms- prior approval app- APPROVED V. H08-0512-24 -conversion of existing agricultural building to form 3 dwellingsRisegate House Farm- prior approval app- APPROVED
- V. H08-1112-23 – proposed extension to existing garage- Reeves Tyres- APPROVED

#### No comments

#### 428. Finance

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

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT (£)	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
24/07/2024	T N Sneath	2095.00	419.00	2514.00	BACS
02/08/2024	T N Sneath	715.00	143.00	858.00	BACS
29/07/2024	Second to none pest control	650.00		650.00	BACS
01/08/2024	Gosberton Public Hall	24.00		24.00	BACS
02/08/2024	PKF Littlejohn	315.00	63.00	378.00	BACS
08/08/2024	P Godfrey	230.00		230.00	BACS
08/08/2024	P Godfrey	275.00		275.00	BACS
12/08/2024	Online Playgrounds	994.70	198.94	1193.54	BACS

Payments made between meetings using delegated authority

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT (£)	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
19/07/2024	Amazon kneeling pad	15.82	3.16	18.98	DEBIT CARD

15/07/2024	R Newell	230.00		230.00	DEBIT CARD
03/08/2024	Vodafone	13.36	2.67	16.03	DEBIT CARD
11/07/2024	HP instant ink	15.41	3.08	18.49	DEBIT CARD
07/08/2024	Spalding Auction Markers	3.12	.62	3.74	DEBIT CARD
05/08/2024	One drive	4.90	.98	5.88	DEBIT CARD

**It was resolved to authorise all payments**

- II. To review income and expenditure to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024- within Clerk's report**  
Expenditure since last meeting (includes payments to be approved at meeting)  
£6236.78

Income since last meeting up to 12<sup>TH</sup> August 2024 -£1005.00

Expenditure year to date £28796.07

Income year to date £36380.68

It was **resolved** to accept income and expenditure report

- III. To receive Bank reconciliation**

Current- online balance as at 12<sup>th</sup> August- £2454.18

Deposit – online balance as at 12<sup>th</sup> August - £56772.55

Community- online balance as at 12<sup>th</sup> August -£37.28

NS & I as at 16<sup>th</sup> August - £53999.91

It was **resolved** to accept Bank reconciliation

- IV. To review Budget 2024/25**

It was **Resolved** to virement £600.00 from Verge cutting to Pest Control budget

- V. To review Fixed asset register**

It was **resolved** to accept the fixed asset register

**429. To receive reports from other Committee's**

Cllr Gore reported that there had been an information meeting of the RMT with the MBA to discuss funding. The MBA have acquired grant funding of pay towards the replacement of the floor in the hall, refurbishing the toilets and painting the hall. The Trustees have agreed to loan funds to cover the shortfall if any.

Public Hall committee- nothing to report

Unknown Donors- no meeting

GRIN- no meeting

**430. Agenda items for the next meeting**

Cemetery, RTA Risegate, Village maintenance person, Remembrance Day

**Meeting closed at 9.02pm**

**Chairman.....**