

**Minutes of the Meeting of Gosberton Parish Council
held at the Public Hall on Monday 20th January 2020**

Open Forum: No one in attendance.

Present: Councillors: John Clark (Chair), Jeremy Bennett, Neil Oakman, Rowland Perry, Tim Smith, Sue Thorley, Lisa Tweddell (Clerk).

Also present: County Councillor Rodney Grocock & District Councillors Henry Bingham & Simon Walsh.

1. **Apologies and reasons given.** Samantha Mumby & Emma Walters.
2. **Declarations of interest and dispensation request for relevant items.**
None received.
3. **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2019** - minutes were taken as read, approved and signed.
4. **Chairman's remarks and clerk's report.**
Clerk informed:
 - 4) Report and correspondence
 - DPI forms required to be sent to SHDC for JB, EW & NO – only JB confirmed form returned so far.
 - LCC are changing the parish council website – clerk to attend training at a date to be confirmed.
 - SHDC have confirmed the vacancy created following the resignation from Rona Perry can be filled by co-option
 - Hedge encroaching onto Belchmire Lane, near the junction with Wargate Way, was trimmed with a flail mower on Friday 10 January. Thanks to Cllr Grocock for his help with this.
 - Incident in cemetery over festive period with items being moved or taken from the graves (of no monetary value) and human faeces having to be cleared up by Simon Kitchen.
5. Budget 2020/21 – Precept application for £31,115 (1% increase on last year) equating to an annual increase of 50p to a Band D Council Tax charge. **All agreed.**
6. **Pinchbeck United Football Club Agreement.** In the absence of George Wallis, Chairman, the agreement was accepted with some clauses that (i) the field cannot be used the weekend of the G.C.A.T. Summer Fayre 14th June 2020; (ii) if the field is required at any time in the future the Parish Council

reserves the right to give 3 months' notice to the football club informing them of this (iii) to keep the grass trimmed all year (iv) parking policy is observed. Commencement date to be confirmed.

7. **G.C.A.T. Summer Fair 2020** – item deferred until next meeting.
8. **War Memorial improvement plan update.** The work to the memorial has been well received locally at a cost of £700+VAT. Memorial bench is now in situ. Flagstones need cleaning and pointing up and the cost of planters which match the bench to be investigated (RP action).
9. **To decide on Unknown Donors payments.**
The money, when received, to be divided between the Gosberton Handbell Society; Majorum Beehive Association & G.C.A.T. for the summer fair.
It has been agreed that more trustees are needed to run the Unknown Donors charity according to the Scheme.
10. **To agree on contribution towards VE Day 75th Celebrations – 8TH May 2019.** Concerns still expressed over the principal of giving money away to be spent outside the parish plus G.C.A.T. are holding their own celebrations which need support. However, Cllr Grocock explained that a justification for using the money would be to support veterans in the parish to attend, should they wish. This was well received by all and it was **resolved** that GPC would reimburse the committee for any tickets required for anyone accompanying veterans from the parish, as their tickets are free. Cllr Walsh to find out an idea of numbers.
11. **Staffing matter.**
Cemetery Keeper annual contract discussed. Time sheets to be requested and time spent on litter picking in the village was raised as a concern. JC/TS to discuss with contractor. To chase Pride in South Holland Team regarding list of jobs sent to them last year – **action clerk**. To contact LCC regarding Five Bells Bridge railings in poor condition.
12. **S.H.D.C. Highway Verge Grass Cutting Agreement – (2019/20 - £519.69) 2020/21 - £1617.06)** The reason for the significant increase is due to extra roads being included in the cuts this year. To send details to Cllr Bingham for him to discuss with SHDC – **action clerk/HB**.
13. **Planning Matters**
For Comments
None

Comments submitted prior to meeting
I. **None**

Determinations from SHDC

- I. **H08-1026-19** – The Church of St. Peter & St. Paul Westhorpe Road – APPROVED.
- II. **H08-1026-19** - Cawood Hall Apple Tree Farm, Cawood Lane – APPROVED.
- III. **H08-0807-19** – 61 High Street, Gosberton - APPROVED

14. Playing field regeneration

Resolved to replace trees in Gosberton playing field where the maple was felled – Chair to deal – **action JC.**

15. Finance & Payments of accounts

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT (£)	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
16/12/19	Payroll	810.00	-	810.00	STANDING ORDER
23/12/19	HMRC	95.70	-	95.70	BACS
23/12/19	Payroll	773.69	-	773.69	BACS
30/12/19	Payroll	15.00	-	15.00	BACS
02/01/20	Anglian Water	15.00	-	15.00	DIRECT DEBIT
10/01/20	Public Hall		-		BACS
13/01/20	payroll	810.00	-	810.00	BACS

16. Matters for urgent discussion in the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

- Complaint received to Cllr Thorley regarding a privet hedge leaning out over highway at Allendale, Beck Bank, Gosberton Rise Gate – to report to LCC.
- Cllr Thorley expressed concern over condition of Five Bells Carpark in Gosberton Rise Gate – to report to Env Health at SHDC.
- Sink hole at Lowgate Road, Gosberton - to be reported to LCC.
 - **Clerk to action**

17. Councillor reports from other committees where there is council representation.

Robert Marjorum Trust – no meeting.

Public Hall – no meeting. Library coffee mornings still being well attended

Relief in Need – no meeting.

G.C.A.T. – no meeting.

18. Agenda items for next meeting:

- Summer Fair – 14th June 2020

- Cemetery – decision needed for future
- Pinchbeck United Football Club agreement

19. Date & venue of next meeting: Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.30pm at The Public Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman

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