

**Minutes of the Meeting of Gosberton Parish Council
held on Monday 3rd March 2025**

Present: Councillors: J Clark (Chair), I Hobling, D Leworthy, J Ascough, T Smith, S. Weatherley-Barton and F Newton (Clerk)

Also, in Attendance: Dist Cllr H Bingham, Dist Cllr M Geaney and four members of the Public

A moments silence was observed in remembrance of Cllr Haydn Richardson

Open Forum: MOP made a representation to the Council regarding the issue of car parking along Lowgate in Gosberton, and requesting that the Parish Council put forward a request to LCC Highways for double yellow lines to be placed at the village end of Lowgate and also along the stretch near the Doctors surgery, concerned also raised about the proposed path joining the new estate to Lowgate. Dist Cllr Bingham advised that this path had been removed from the planning application. Council advised MOP to contact LCC councillor and Clerk to pass on concerns also. MOP spoke regarding the state of the pavement along Risegate road, very muddy, slippery and vegetation growing. Cllr Ascough reported that she has taken photographs and reported the pavement on Fix my street. Clerk to add this issue to the next Ward ward.

3 MOP left the meeting at 7.22pm

513. To note apologies and accept valid reasons for absence: Cllr Gore and Oakman. It was **Resolved** to accept apologies and reasons given.

514. To receive declarations of Interests and consideration for any requests for dispensations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011- Cllr Clark declared an interest in item 529.

515. To receive and approve the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2025. It was **Resolved** approve the minutes

516. To receive report from District Councillors: Dist Cllr Bingham updated Council about the Devolution plans. SHDC are currently on target for housebuilding and the current Local plan is not due to be renewed until 2028. Dist Cllr Geaney passed on the thanks from Mr B Richardson for the respect that the Council have shown towards the late Cllr Richardson. Cllr Geaney reported that the Police budget is based on incidents reported, currently a lot of anti-social behaviour goes unreported hence the cut in PCSO's. Council should encourage residents to report any ASB to police. The Clerk reported on behalf of Dist Cllr King- the update from the recent ward walk has been circulated via email, a further ward walk is being planned for the end of March.

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

Correspondence received

LALC	Planning training information
SHDC	Introduction from Homelessness Prevention officer-circulated
Parishioner	Complaint about wreaths being removed from the cemetery
Lincs Comm Foundation	Funding update
SHDC	Undated Electoral register
LALC	Training scheme information 2025
LALC	Introduction from Lincs Armed forces and community officer
Email from Parishioner	Speeding along Quadring Road
Email from Parishioner	Parking on Lowgate
Dist Cllr King	Update on Ward walk
Email from Parishioner	Speeding along Boston Road

Speeding and parking issues are to be discussed as part of the agenda

518. To consider and adopt

- I. Grievance policy
- II. Disciplinary policy
- III. Communications protocol

It was **Resolved** to adopt all policies

519. To discuss co-option of members to Council- Clerk has been approached by an ex- Cllr who would like to be considered for adoption- It was **Resolved** for clerk to invite parishioner to the next meeting

520. To discuss update on Cemetery and complaint about removed of wreaths from cremation plots – Cllr Clark reported that currently there is no update, he will make contact again with relevant parties in the next few weeks

521. To note update on SIDs and report on Speed watch group- Cllr Smith reported that all the posts are in situ, the post along Quadring Road is actually in Quadring parish, Dist Cllr Bingham agreed for the SID to be placed here as this would benefit both parishes. Cllr Ascough reported that a new site for Speedwatch . along Boston Road had been agreed, and that a further site along Spalding Road is being looked into, but not yet agreed with LRSP, the group has a new schedule and are planning to meet every 2 to 3 weeks. Also, there is an issue with parking on the corner of Chopdyke Drove and Clough Road by parents collecting children. This is causing an issue for traffic travelling along Clough Road. The Clerk was asked to write to the school to ask that a reminder can be sent out to parents to show consideration when parking.

522. To discuss any update on LCC Emergency planning group- nothing to report

523. To discuss complaint about speeding on Boston Road and Quadring Road- The clerk reported that both residents had been updated regarding actions that have been taken

524. To consider purchase of new Union Jack flag- Cllr Clark reported that the old flag was damaged, when used recently had to be tied to pole by cable tie. It was **Resolved** – quotations for a new flag that can be used for special occasions. It was noted that the ex Gosberton RBL have a Union flag to donate to the Council but if this is not forthcoming then a new flag would be purchased.

525. To discuss damage to play equipment and actions taken – one of the Towers had been damaged, this was reported to the Clerk on Sunday 16th Feb, warning tape and notices were placed the same day, Online playgrounds inspected the equipment on 17th and fencing was placed around the equipment on 18th. Quotations for repairs have been received by the original installer. Cllr Ascough and Dist Cllr Bingham have offered use of Heras fencing if required in the future to avoid hire fees. It was also suggested that CCTV is installed to deter any further vandalism. It was **Resolved**- to accept the quotation from Online Playgrounds and arrange for repairs to be carried out.

526. To discuss issue of parked cars on Lowgate/TRO- as discussed in the public forum, there is an issue with vehicles being parked at both ends of Lowgate obstructing the view of motorists travelling along this road. It was **Resolved**- Clerk to pass concerns onto LCC councillor to request TRO.

527. To consider SHDC verge cutting contract for 2025/2026- It was **Resolved** to accept this quotation

528. To discuss damaged bench in Cemetery and consider quotes for replacement metal bench- clerk to seek quotes for a replacement bench similar to the one that was recently installed in the Risegate park.

529. To consider request from Gosberton Academy to use the Playing field for sports day and an open day- The school have sports day on Friday 20th June and fun day on 11th July. It was **Resolved**- to allow this subject to the hire forms being completed.

Dist Cllrs Bingham, Geaney and 1 MOP left the meeting at 8.41pm

530. To discuss update on Village Maintenance person/s- Council considered all the applicants- It was **Resolved** – Cllr Smith to contact preferred applicant, D Lewis to arrange a meeting on site, to confirm contract and possible start date

508. To consider Planning matters:

Planning decisions received since the last meeting of Council
For Comments

Applications

- I. H08-0039-25- Proposed Rear extension, Front Porch Extensions and alterations, 39 Mill Lane, Mr Inglis
- II. H08-0166-25 – Change of use from Methodist Church to single dwelling, Methodist Church, Beck Bank Gosberton Clough- L Smith

No Comments

Determinations

- I. H08-0408-24- Erection of fence- The Bell, High Street- APPROVED
- II. H08-0976-24- Erection of single storey dwelling- resubmission of H08-304-21- Rear of 2 and 4 Godfrey Ave- APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
- III. H08-1015-24- Modification of 106 agreement- Site adj- Silverdene, Boston Road=REFUSAL
- IV. H08-0657-24- Details of external materials etc- Land off York Gardens- APPROVED
- V. H08-0972-24 Change of use of agricultural building to two dwellings- Belnie House, APPROVED
- VI. H08-0970-24- Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling and removal of timber lean to- Belnie House – APPROVED
- VII. H08-1034-24- Erection of 2 detached residential dwellings following demolition of existing agricultural building- Tomlinson Farm Buildings, Cheal Road- APPROVED
- VIII. H08-1058-24-Details of proposed means of foul and surface water disposal to separate systems, biodiversity measures and finished floor levels- APPROVED
- IX. H08-0098-25- Proposed overhead lines- Off Chaintoft lane, Quading- APPROVED-
- X. H08-0101-25- Proposed 10m medium wooden pole- Opposite Aorangi House, Gosberton Road, APPROVED

532. Finance

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

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT (£)	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
21/01/2025	LALC	160.00	32.00	192.00	BACS
04/02/2025	P Godfrey	180.00		180.00	BACS
04/02/2025	P Godfrey	245.00		245.00	BACS
01/02/2025	Gosberton Public Hall	15.00		15.00	BACS
19/02/2025	Online Playgrounds	200.00	40.00	240.00	BACS

Payments made between meetings using delegated authority

DATE	PAYEE	NET AMOUNT (£)	V.A.T. (£)	TOTAL PAID (£)	PAYMENT METHOD
23/01/2025	Austen Group(wheelbarrow)	62.46	12.49	74.95	DEBIT CARD
03/02/2025	Vodafone	13.36	2.67	16.03	DEBIT CARD

24/01/2025	Click Flowers	100.00		100.00	DEBIT CARD
21/01/2025	Hp Instant ink	15.41	3.08	18.49	DEBIT CARD
12/02/2025	SLCC Training	120.00	24.00	144.00	DEBIT CARD
27/01/2025	Postage	6.80		6.80	DEBIT CARD
21/02/2025	Hp instant ink	15.41	3.08	18.49	DEBIT CARD
13/02/2025	Microsoft one drive	4.90	.98	5.88	DEBIT CARD

It was **resolved** to authorise all payments

II. To receive Bank reconciliation within Clerks report- up to 13th January 2025

Current account - £1374.61
Deposit account £52268.54
Community Account £37.28
NS & I account £54541.39

It was **resolved** to accept bank reconciliation

III. To review income and expenditure within Clerks report

Expenditure since last meeting
£1256.64
Income
£405.00
Expenditure year to date £43411.51
Income year to date £53098.56

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

IV. To review Budget to date

It was **Resolved** to accept budget figures

533. To receive reports from other Committee's

Cllr Ascough reported that GCAT has been closed down at Companies house and bank accounts closed. At the recent RMT meeting S Thorley has been elected Chair, no grant applications received and a loan has been made by RMT to the MBA to help cover the costs of the recent renovations. A copy of the MBA accounts has also been requested.

534. Agenda items for the next meeting

Cemetery, Budget, policy updates, village maintenance person, LCC highways, Methodist chapel grant, Play equipment and inspection, Cemetery Bench. Union flag, Maintenance person

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Meeting closed at 9.21 pm

Chairman.....