

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD at GOXHILL PARISH ROOMS
On THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024 at 19.30**

Councillors: J Lawtey (Chairman), M Jones, G Kirwan, S England, D Carnell, T Snell, V Gorbutt, B Clayton

Also, in attendance:

Members of the public: 3 members of the public

Ward Cllr David Wells

Clerk: Hannah Hepworth

The meeting commenced with a minute silence in remembrance of Freda Dunkley and condolences for her family. Her funeral will take place on 19th March at Scunthorpe Crematorium.

Public Participation

PA/2024/52: several objections were raised regarding concerns of this increasing traffic through South End.

- 2403/1 **Apologies**
Apologies were received and approved from Cllr R Snell, Cllr L Spilman, Ward Cllr Clark and Ward Cllr Hannigan.
- 2403/2 **Declarations of interests / dispensations**
a) Cllr England – 2403/9 prejudicial
 Cllr Lawtey – 2403/18 personal
b) None
- 2403/3 **Minute approval**
a. Proposed: Cllr Jones, Seconded Cllr Carnell
Resolved: That the council resolved to approve the minutes from the ordinary meeting of the council that took place on February 8th 2024 with the amendment that the 260 bus service would be reviewed in 6 months by NLC – 7 in favour, 1 against
- 2403/4 **Committee meeting minutes**
(i) There have been no committee meetings
(ii) Committee meetings will be on 14th March as follows:
 6pm – 6.30pm Playing Fields Committee
 6.30pm – 7pm Public Rights of Way Committee
 7pm – 7.30pm Cemetery Committee
 7.30pm – 8pm Parish Rooms Committee
 8pm – 8.30pm Millennium Green Trust Committee
- 2403/5 **Finance approval**
Proposed: Cllr Jones, Seconded: Cllr Lawtey
Resolved: The payments were approved except for Barton Mowing – 5 in favour, 3 against

(ii) Deferred to next meeting

(iii) It was confirmed by the Chair that the cashbook reconciles with the bank statements
- 2403/6 **Report from Ward Councillors**
Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr England

Resolved: The meeting was temporarily suspended to receive the Ward Councillors' report.
– unanimous

Cllr David Wells confirmed town councils had been reduced in numbers and encouraged Councillors and parishioners to put views on the portal so it goes through Governance scrutiny.

260 Bus Service – this is a trial period for 6 months and feedback will be taken into consideration through either emailing the Ward Councillors or going through the Call Centre

A Councillor expressed the feedback so far to the Bus Service was it was more difficult for villagers and is not reliable; Cllr Wells asked for this information to be emailed to him by the councillor.

Cllr Richard Hannigan had provided comments through email which were shared. He had spoken to Lesley Potts who had informed him that her team continues to search for a satisfactory intervention to improve traffic conditions in South End. Her team are taking all views into account as part of this. The Clerk will put this on GPC Facebook page.

A member of the public brought up the conditions of PROW. Clerk to report to NLC that the Fingerposts need replacing, branches and trees are overhanging and the tree outside the cemetery is rotten.

2403/7 **Planning**

To consider the following Planning Applications:

Application: PA/2025/52

Proposed Cllr Kirwan, seconded Cllr Carnell.

Resolved: That the Parish Council have no comment on the application but raise concerns to CS19 and of additional traffic movement in an area already of concern – unanimous

Application: PA/2024/153

Proposed Cllr Clayton, seconded Cllr T Snell

Resolved: That GPC support this planning application – 7 in favour, 1 abstention

2403/8 **Council Vacancy**

The election was noted with no further information received from NLC.

2403/9 **Memorial Hall Records**

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Jones

Resolved: The records will be transferred to the Memorial Hall – 6 in favour, 1 abstention

2403/10 **Playground**

a) The weather / saturated ground has meant no work has been completed on the playground. Money from this year's budget has been ring-fenced for playground repairs. These invoices agreed will be paid out of the 2023-34 budget when the work is completed.

b) The Clerk will cancel the Playground Inspection Course

2403/11 **Parish Notice Boards**

Following discussion about how the council communicates its business and decisions this item was deferred and the whole subject of Council Communication will be on the next agenda.

2403/12 **General correspondence**

i) General correspondence was shared and noted

ii) Clerk to reply to email

iii) Noted

2403/13 **Community Governance Review**

Proposed: Cllr England, Seconded: Cllr Kirwan

Resolved: The council does not want to create, merge, alter or abolish the Parish - unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Gorbutt, Seconded: Cllr T Snell

Resolved: The council does not want to amend the name of the parish - unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Clayton

Resolved: The council approves and supports the current electoral arrangements for your parish i.e. council size, number of councillors, parish warding - unanimous

2403/14 **Policy Reviews**

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Kirwan

Resolved: Disciplinary approved with name changes – unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Lawtey

Resolved: E-mails approved with name changes – unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Gorbutt, Seconded: Cllr Jones

Resolved: Equality approved with name changes - unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Carnell, Seconded: Cllr Clayton

Resolved: Member / Office protocol approved with name changes - unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Clayton

Resolved: Publications approved with name changes and changes to staffing structure, Class 7 and an increase to 25p – unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Gorbutt, Seconded: Cllr Carnell

Resolved: Reserves approved with name changes - unanimous

2403/15 **Risk Assessments**

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Clayton

Resolved: The updated risk assessments are accepted - unanimous

2403/16 **Planters**

Proposed: Cllr Clayton, Seconded: Cllr Gorbutt

Resolved: Planters to be repaired / replaced as agreed - unanimous

2403/17 **Flag**

Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Clayton

Resolved: The flagpole to be replaced and a Union Jack purchased – unanimous

2403/18 **Blue Plaque**

The Church Council Meeting decided this was not something they wished to do.

2403/19 **Agenda for next and future meetings**

Future agenda items to include: Blue Plaque, Bench, Banking update, Council's Communication 260 Bus Service, Q3 reconciliation, Conversation event update, Direct Debit Mandate, Xero

2403/20 **Next meeting**

The next meeting to be 4th April 2024 at 7.30pm, Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill

Meeting closed 21:34