

GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD at GOXHILL PARISH ROOMS
On THURSDAY 12th December 2024 at 19.00

Councillors: Cllr England (Chairman), M Jones, J Lawtey, G Kirwan, D Carnell, V Gorbutt, B Clayton, R Snell,
 Also, in attendance: Ward Cllr Wells
 Members of the public: 2 members of the public
 Clerk: Hannah Hepworth

Public Participation

A member of the public stated that she assumed that JB Rural have submitted an invoice for cutting the public rights of way in the village on the schedule of payments as the parishioner had noticed that some paths had been cut in November. The parishioner pointed out that 6 paths have not been cut at all and 3 have only been partially cut and that it was thought that the PROW committee had volunteers to check these as they seem unable to do it themselves. The petitioner suggested that perhaps the Parish Council would like to ask JB Rural to come and complete the work before they are paid.

The parishioner stated that at the last full council meeting it was requested that the council move forward in a state of co-operation, as it has on numerous occasions by councillors and members of the public. The parishioner stated that sadly, there still seems to be an autocratic group of people, referred to by a growing number of parishioners, as the "Old Boys Club" who are doing everything

possible to undermine the smooth running of council business asking the councillors to please desist and help out even if it is only to help replace the Parish Rooms notice board, again.

Lastly, since this is the budget meeting for 25/26 the Parishioner asked if Councillors would be aware that ALL the money you have to spend comes from Parishioner's Council Tax and that figures need to be accurate and that all councillors are accountable for what is spent; concluding that financial mismanagement public funds is a serious offence.

Minutes

Agenda item	Detail	Action
2412/1 <u>Apologies</u>	Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr T Snell and Cllr H Jaques, Ward Cllr Clark, Ward Cllr Hannigan	
2412/2 <u>Declarations of interests / dispensations</u>	a) 2412/7a Memorial Hall Grant - Sam England Memorial Hall Grant and Millennium Green Trust Grant - Mike Jones b) A written dispensation was given in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting and was accepted	
2412/3 <u>Minute approval</u>	a) Proposed: Cllr Lawtey Seconded: Cllr Clayton Resolved: The minutes from the ordinary meeting of the council that took place 10 th October 2024 at 7.00pm were approved as a true record – unanimous b) Proposed: Cllr Lawtey Seconded: Cllr Jones Resolved: The minutes from the ordinary meeting of the council that took place 14 th November 2024 at 7.00pm were approved as a true record – unanimous c) The Committee Minutes for the meeting in October of the MGT were noted d) The Committee Minutes for the meetings in November of the Personnel Committee, Playing Field Committee, PROW and Verges and Parish Room committee meetings were noted e) The Committee Minutes for the meetings in December for the MGT Committee and Cemetery Committee were noted	Any issues Councillors have with the committee minutes need to be taken to the committee when these are agreed as a true record at the next meeting
2412/4 <u>Report of the Proper Officer</u>	The report of the Proper Officer was noted	

<p>2412/5 <u>Finance approval</u></p>	<p>a) Cllr England stated that he had spoken to the Clerk and that the overtime submitted and the mileage needed to go to the Personnel Committee on 17th December and then be approved at the Full Council Meeting in January 2025. Therefore this was not to be in the schedule of payments Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Clayton Resolved: The schedule of payments for December 2024 were accepted – 7 for, 2 against</p> <p>b) The cashbook summary for November 2024 was received and the Chair agreed that the cashbook summary month end tallies with the month end bank statement November 2024</p> <p>c) The Clerk’s potential salary increase was discussed and when this would commence. Cllr Wells stated this was from the start of employment. Cllr Lawtey proposed that this was back dated to November 2023. Cllr England deferred the item to the January meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk to ask JB Rural to submit a photograph to show they have done the work</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting</p>
<p>2412/6 <u>Report from Ward Councillors</u></p>	<p>Proposed: Cllr England, Seconded: Cllr R Snell Resolved: To agree that the meeting be temporarily suspended to receive the Ward - unanimous Air fryer / slow cooker applications were now live on North Lincs website. This has been posted on the GPC Facebook Page. There is no update on drainage or speed limits in the village. A Cllr asked if there was an update on South End; Cllr Wells confirmed there was no more information. Cllr Wells was asked to chase the Speed limit on Church Side / Thron Lane and the Solar Lights that Lesley Potts had said NLC would trial.</p>	<p>Cllr Wells to feedback at next meeting regarding the Speed Limit, solar lights and South End update</p>
<p>2412/7 <u>Grant applications</u></p>	<p>a) Cllr Jones left the meeting Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Lawtey Resolved: The Memorial Hall will be awarded a grant of £800 – 5 in favour, 2 abstentions Cllr Jones returned to the meeting</p> <p>b) Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Jones, with an amendment by Cllr Kirwan Resolved: The Millennium Green will receive £4800 paid in 12 installments on the 15th of the month by Direct Debit - 4 in favour 5 against Vote not carried</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Jones Resolved: Millennium Green will receive a grant of £4800 in April 2025 6 in favour (Cllrs Clayton, Lawtey, Carnell, Jones, Snell, England), 2 against (Cllr Gorbutt and Kirwan) 1 abstention (Cllr Favell)</p> <p>c) Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Clayton Resolved: GPC agree the amendment to the contract for the MGT grass cutting. The amendment is as follows: the contract will transfer from GPC to MGT. The cost of the contract is £400 per calendar month for 16 grass cuts and one hedge cut (VAT exempt) 5 in favour (Cllrs Lawtey, Jones, Clayton, Snell, Carnell) 4 abstentions (Cllrs Gorbutt, England, Kirwan, Favell) – vote carried</p> <p>d) Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr England</p>	<p>Clerk to inform Memorial Hall and MGT of their successful application and to transfer money when precept is received.</p> <p>Clerk to liaise with contractor to sign the amended contract to commence 1 Jan 2025</p>

		Resolved: GPC will transfer a donation of £1200 of the remaining £1800 to cover the invoices for Jan, Feb and March 2025 6 in favour (Cllrs Clayton, Lawtey, Carnell, Jones, Snell, England), 2 against (Cllr Gorbutt and Kirwan) 1 abstention (Cllr Favell)	Clerk to transfer money on 1/1/2025
2412/8 <u>Precept</u>		Proposed: Cllr England, Seconded: Cllr Kirwan Resolved: The budget for 2025/2026 was agreed – unanimous	Clerk to send budget to Cllrs by email
2412/9 <u>Planning</u>		It was noted there are no new planning applications	
2412/10 <u>VE/VJ Grants</u>		To consider applying for the VE and VJ grants of £250 each – deferred	Clerk to put on agenda
2412/11 <u>Policy update</u>	a) b)	Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr England Resolved: Code of Conduct was accepted with the changing names of Chair and Clerk – unanimous Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr England Resolved: Standing Orders were accepted – unanimous	Clerk to make changes and put in website and in folder
2412/12 <u>HWRCC Housing Survey</u>		Cllr Kirwan stated that this was on the agenda for a vote as HWRCC had said that GPC needed to vote that they wanted a survey. Cllr England informed GPC that he had liaised with Sarah Jackson and GPC are now aware HWRCC are doing a free housing survey which will commence on Friday 13 th December at the Community Café	
2412/13 <u>Blue Plaque</u>		The blue plaque will be facing Howe Lane on the Parish Room exterior wall	Cllr R Snell to put this on the wall
2412/14 <u>General correspondence</u>		There was no correspondence for discussion	
2412/15 <u>Agenda for next and future meetings</u>		Agenda for next and future meetings: Carbon capture, Xero, cemetery, Keigar, North Lincs South End update, transfer of cost of gate from playing fields, updating policies, community café, review of committee status, approving clerk's salary, VE VJ grant and deferred items	Clerk to consider this when compiling agenda
2412/16 <u>Date of next meeting</u>		The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be Thursday 9 th January at 7pm	

Meeting close: 20:52