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Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **Goxhill Parish Council** held on **Thursday 10th April 2025**, commencing at **19.00** at Parish Rooms, Howe Lane, Goxhill.

Present: Cllrs S England (Chair), M Jones, D Carnell T Snell, R Snell, K Favell, V Gorbutt, A Ruddy
Ward Cllr D Wells
Stand-in Clerk Ann Boulton

AGENDA

The Chair welcomed Cllr Tony Ruddy to the Parish Council

He also thanked Ann Boulton for her help. He appreciated the way the Parish Council had addressed the current difficulties and expressed his confidence that it could make the village a better place. He hoped that the few who wanted to disrupt this would cease this and thanked residents who had rallied round.

Public Participation

A resident said that he had asked for the Terms of Reference for the Personnel Committee and found it contained errors. He asked how it had been adopted?

The Chair replied that it had been amended and sent to ERNLLCA. The resident said he may report it to the Standards Committee.

Millennium Green – It was requested that volunteers stop work because of birds and bats. Another resident said she would like to be informed of the work as she has two horses that were “spooked” when the tree came down.

The Chair said that he and Cllr Gorbutt had put the residents in touch with the Millennium Green Committee. Cllr Jones said that in line with the mandate for the Millennium Green, the work would make the green more accessible. No standing trees had been removed, the one by the horse shed that came down was rotten.

Sykes’ Lane – NLC will asked to erect Not suitable for HGV signs and the matter will be discussed with Ward Councillors. It was asked why the public were asked to leave for part of the meeting. The Chair said it was to discuss sensitive issues that would be made public when resolved,

Agenda Item		Detail
2504/1 Apologies		Apologies for absence, if any. Ward Cllrs Peter Clark, Richard Hannigan
2504/2 Declarations of Interests / Dispensations	a)	Declarations of Interests, in respect to agenda items to be made and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared on the register. COUNCILLORS MUST DECLARE ANY AMENDMENT TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS WITHIN 28 DAYS. Item 25/04 – Cllrs R Snell and T Snell – personal interest
	b)	For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the clerk prior to the meeting, and their resolution. None
2504/3 Minute Approval	a)	To receive and approve as a true and correct record the minutes from the ordinary meeting of the council that took place on 13 th March 2025 at 7.00pm. Resolved: The Minutes were unanimously approved – Proposed Cllr T Snell, Seconded Cllr Ruddy
	b)	To receive the minutes of the P&D committee meeting held on 27 March 2025. Received

2504/4 Football		To consider the suggestion for a member of the public to use the playing field for football coaching and matches for children, and to agree any action or support from Goxhill Parish Council A proposal had been circulated to councillors. Cllr Ruddy said they needed to look at toilet facilities, insurance, first aid, storage etc. He wished them the best of luck. Cllr Gorbutt said someone would need to open up and lock up at weekends. The Chair said there was no problem with permission and if the group wanted to get together, they could apply to the PC and other organisations for funding. The PC would support what they wanted to do and his advice was to set up a constituted group.
2504/5 Cemetery		To approve the ICCM annual membership at a cost of £95. Resolved: To approve the payment. It was proposed that the PC becomes a full member. To receive an update on the drainage quotes. The Chair said they had only received one quote so far. To acknowledge that the current cemetery grounds keeping contractor will top up graves as and when needed. Noted
2503/6 Finance (Part A)		To approve the schedule of payments (a) for March 2025 – document circulated with agenda to Cllrs. The Chair said the Microsoft subscription had expired and not all the documents were on the laptop. Resolved: To approve the schedule
2504/7 Report from Ward Councillors	a)	To agree that the meeting be temporarily suspended to receive the Ward Councillors' report. Proposed: T Snell, seconded M Jones Cllr Wells agreed that the HGV sign was needed. He said all the verges needed cutting back. Carbon Capture Pipeline – if it doesn't work another tunnel will be built. It is very important that residents and councillors attend the consultation as the website is not very clear. There is a need for a bypass on South End. It is estimated that it will be 2028 before work is done. Nothing is planned for South End at present.
	b)	To consider any actions arising from the report. Residents thanked NLC through Cllr Wells for the supply of air fryers etc.
2504/8 Planning Applications	a)	PA/2025/352 consultation. Householder planning permission at 44 The Bridles Goxhill. Resolved: To record no objections
	b)	To consider any applications submitted between the date of the agenda and the meeting. None
2503/9 Community Ca- fé		To discuss and agree who is available to set up and run the Community Café for April 2025. Four councillors volunteered to set up the Community Café on Good Friday (22nd April). The Parish Council will buy hot cross buns and butter.
2504/10 Humber Hydrogen Pipeline		To discuss and advise of public consultation date of Wednesday 30 April 2025 at Goxhill Memorial Hall – Documents and email circulated with agenda to Cllrs. Posters have been put around the village and in the library and at the Memorial Hall. The time is 4pm-8pm
2503/11 General Correspond- ence		To receive any correspondence and to agree any actions henceforth. The PC had been asked to put up signs about vehicles parking with engines idling on North End. Environmental Health should be informed as it is against the law. The Chair will email the school to remind parents. St John Ambulance will be informed that they can apply to the PC for a grant in November.
2504/12 Councillor res- ignations & clerk resigna- tion	a)	To acknowledge 2 councillor resignations. Barrie Clayton (19 th March) & Ged Kirwan (25 th March) Noted
	b)	To acknowledge the resignation of the Clerk. Noted
2504/13 Playground Up- date		To take note of any updates to the park, MUGA or field that need to be brought to the attention of the council, and to agree any resolutions henceforth. The Chair thanked Cllr R Snell for his work at the field. Quotes for the bin had been agreed. Zip-wire update. To discuss and agree a way forward to make the Zip Wire operational again. This is ongoing

		<i>and needs doing as soon as possible.</i>
2504/14 VE Day		To confirm that Goxhill Parish Council have been successful in their application to North Lincs Council for the VE Day Grant and to agree any plans. £250 has been awarded (this is only redeemable once an event has passed and is solely for GPC). There are no plans for GPC to provide any celebration as yet.
2504/15 Future Agenda Items		To advise of any agenda items for the next full Parish Council Meeting Policies; Millennium Green; HWRA; AGAR; HMRC update;
2504/16 Date of Next Meeting		To confirm the date, time and location of the next meeting. (subject to any change in circumstances) Resolved: To move the meetings to a 7.30pm start at the Parish Rooms. The next meeting is 8th May at 7.30pm. The date of the Annual Public Meeting is to be arranged.
2504/17 Exclusion of the Press & Public		To consider exemption of press and public for remainder of meeting under Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 (Section 1 (2)) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information. Resolved: To exclude press and public
2504/18 Cemetery		To discuss any on-going concerns at the cemetery and to agree their resolution. To be updated on outstanding complaints at the cemetery and to agree any resolutions. A complaint had been made to GPC regarding cemetery management. The Chair and Cllr Favell met with the complainant regarding the complaint and a resolution. Advice is being sought. Detailed plans must be provided should inspections take place. No inspections will take place without authorisation from the Coroner or the Ministry of Justice. Investigations are on-going with this matter. Mistakes made at the cemetery are human error. The cemetery will be on the agenda every month to check that everything is in order and is being managed correctly. Some mistakes have been found in records of plots purchased. All identified errors have been rectified. The gates have been taken away for repairs and renovation.
2504/19 2025/26 Precept		To discuss the administration error for the 2025/26 precept and agree appropriate action. The 2025-2026 Precept had been submitted to NLC incorrectly. The error is £14500 more than agreed. NLC sent the request back to GPC it back for double-checking but this was not done. Resolved: To ring fence the £14500 and take it off next year's precept. The public will be informed via the notice board and Goxhill Gander.
2504/20 Finance (Part B)		To approve the schedule of payments (b) for March 2025 – document circulated with agenda to Cllrs Resolved: To approve the payments.
2504/21 General Administration		To discuss and agree a way forward dealing with general administration of Goxhill Parish Council. Bank Mandate - on-going , Xero- logged out , email account – 1500 unread , computer software – needs updating , mobile phone PC needs a dedicated phone , website - needs updating , cemetery – All activity needs checking and re-checking and good practice will be employed so no 1 person has ultimate responsibility, committee meetings – chairs of committees to create own agendas if they require meetings and will minute meetings themselves, updating contractors, laptop, security – code needs updating , HMRC – new code needed , AGAR - on-going, annual meeting – TBC.
2504/22 Meeting Times		To consider moving the meeting time for ordinary meetings of the council to 7.30pm and to discuss any other considerations to making meetings more inclusive. See Item 2504/16