

July Main Minutes

MINUTES OF THE GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4th JULY, 2017 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL WELDON ROOM, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: A. Clayworth, (Vice-Chairman), J.M.F. Royce, P. Bower, S. Kent, J. Youatt , G. May, M. Wilkins, J.P. Anderson, H. Taylor.

In Attendance: Borough Councillor S. Matthews.

17/145: Election of Chairman:

Nomination: A. Clayworth: (Until May, 2018)

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce, SECONDED: G. May. Vote: All in favour.

A. Clayworth accepted the role of Chairman and thanked the Council.

The Chairman asked that the Standing Order rule of Councillors speaking for only three minutes on a subject, should be adhered to and interruptions announced by a raise of the hand and calling "point of order".

17/146: Election of Vice-Chairman: (Until May, 2018)

Nomination: J.P. Anderson.

PROPOSED: A. Clayworth. SECONDED: J.M.F. Royce. Vote: All in favour.

J.P. Anderson accepted the role of Vice-Chairman and thanked the Council.

17/147: Casual Vacancy:

A casual vacancy had arisen following the resignation of Councillor G. Hutter. A notice advertising the Casual Vacancy had been posted on the public noticeboard dated 3rd July, 2017.

17/148: Apologies: D. Bexon, B.J. Walker., C. Dabell, County Councillor, A. Brown.

17/149: Acceptance of Apologies:

PROPOSED: J.P.Anderson SECONDED: G. May. Vote: All in favour.

17/150: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown: (Apologies received)

17/151: Report by Borough Councillor, S. Matthews:

S. Matthews wished the new Chairman, A. Clayworth, well in his new role as Chairman of GPC.

He reported the following matters:

Changes regarding Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Meetings whereby the Public are allowed to attend and voice an opinion.

RBC Planning Councillor, A. Pegrum, suggests cluster meetings of Parish Councils to share planning updates and issues. Available dates to be forwarded to S. Matthews and A. Pegrum. It was agreed, the Weldon Room would be a suitable venue for the meetings.

RBC are in the process of checking cladding on public buildings following the recent fire in London of a cladded high rise building. The newly cladded houses in Clifton are not in danger. He will seek information on the sale of the RBL site from A. Pegram.

S. Matthews left the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

17/152: Declaration of Interest:

Memorial Hall Trustees in any business pertaining to the Memorial Hall.

17/153: Minutes of the previous meeting:

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th June, 2017 be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted with the following alterations:

Pg. 2: 2nd para: PROPOSAL: change wording to include 'after a disagreement between two Councillors, G. Hutter left the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

PROPOSED: A. Clayworth SECONDED: J.P. Anderson Vote: seven in favour, one against.

Pg. 3. 17/130: Finance: (end para). Alter 'new software' to 'Monitor'.

Pg. 3. 17/132: (3rd para) Playground: add basketball and 'football goal net' to be replaced.

Pg. 4. 17/135: Village Seat: alter needs 'relocation' to cleaning and repainting'

Acceptance of amended Minutes: PROPOSED J.P. Anderson SECONDED: G. May. Vote: All in favour.

17/154: Progress from the Minutes: Nil to report.

17/155: Finance: Monthly Payments and Receipts:

1) Monthly Payments and Receipts

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of Payment and Receipts.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: J.P. Anderson.

Vote: All in favour

2) Funds to be vired for Playground maintenance.

PROPOSAL: Authorisation for funds of up to £3,000 to be spent on Playground maintenance.

PROPOSED: M. Wilkins SECONDED: G. May

Vote: All in favour.

17/156: Memorial Hall Report:

Playground and Maintenance:

Removal of concrete:

J.M.F. Royce had received three quotations for the removal of the former witches hat concrete circle.

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of the Horizon quotation of £1,550 (maximum price) to remove playground concrete as soon as possible. The depth of the middle concrete to determine the exact price. Extraction of basketball post included. J.M.F. Royce and the Clerk to draw up a letter of contract to send to Horizon.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: M. Wilkins. Vote: All in favour.

Swing seats:

J.M.F. Royce had received three quotations for the replacement of swing seats and chains.

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of the Town and Country quotation of £310 to fix two new galvanized chains with two black swing seats.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: J. Youatt. Vote: All in favour.

Playground Maintenance Handover (formal agreement):

PROPOSAL: Playground Maintenance to be formally taken over from the Memorial Hall Trust to Gotham Parish Council.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: J. Youatt. Vote: All in favour.

Appointment of Playground Maintenance Project Manager: (to carry out work before the end of the summer and overseen by A. Clayworth).

Nomination: J.M.F. Royce'

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: J. Youatt Vote: All in favour.

A small Committee has formed to undertake playground maintenance planning and execution. Committee Members: J.M.F. Royce, P.R. Dines, M.F. Raven, C. Dines. Other members accepted. Once new Playground equipment has been installed, a sinking fund to be accrued for ongoing maintenance.

New Memorial Hall/Recreation Ground Trustee to represent GPC:

Nomination: G. May.

PROPOSED: J. Youatt, SECONDED: S. Kent. Vote: All in favour.

17/157: Chairman of Planning and Development Committee:

J.P. Anderson confirmed that GPC Planning Committee had voted not to invoke an Asset of Community Value on the RBL site.

RBC Local Plan Part 2. Nil to report.

Neighbourhood Plan:

J.P. Anderson progressing the Neighbourhood Plan with the Open Space document drawn up with the help of parishioners walking the parish paths and drawing up a list of appreciated views along the routes.

17/158: Planning Decisions Received: Nil.

17/159: Planning Applications Received:

Ref: 17/01332/FUL – 12 Tomlinson Avenue – Rear/side extension to existing bungalow with pitched roof. Rear extension replaces existing.

PROPOSAL: NO OBJECTION

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: J. Youatt Vote: All in favour.

17/160: Report by Chairman of the Environment Committee:

No meeting held in June, 2017.

Representatives to serve on the Gotham Countryside Trust:

Nomination: G. May.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: J.M.F. Royce. Vote: All in favour.

Nomination: S. Kent

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: M. Wilkins. Vote: All in favour.

Speed Camera/Village Traffic Questionnaire:

During the recent traffic survey, it was apparent many vehicles were speeding through the village. There had been numerous complaints about speeding. GPC own and previously used speed data recording equipment, currently stored at the home of Councillor B.J. Walker. J.P. Anderson offered to collect this equipment and check it for use.

Other traffic problems occur on Nottingham Road when parked cars obscure the view from Meadow End and Wallace Street making pulling out hazardous.

The Sun sandwich boards displayed in The Square, obscure the view of traffic travelling along Leake Road making pulling out of The Square hazardous.

PROPOSAL: To set up the mobile interactive speed sign along Leake Road, adjacent to Hill Road. (To be advertised on the village Facebook page).

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: G. May Vote: All in favour.

PROPOSAL: Meeting to continue to conclude the business on the Agenda.

PROPOSED: A. Clayworth SECONDED: M. Wilkins. Vote: All in favour.

17/161: Clerk's Appraisal:

A. Clayworth carried out the Clerk's appraisal.

Result: Documents to be saved as PDF files with serial number added at the end for identification.

17/162: Tape Recording Meetings:

PROPOSAL: For GPC to have the ability to record meetings for minute accuracy with the appropriate protocol in place. Draft protocol to be sent out to Council for approval before the next meeting, re use of tape recording.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: J.P. Anderson. J.M.F. Royce requested a recorded vote:

In favour: J.P. Anderson, G. May, S. Kent, H. Taylor, M. Wilkins, J. Youatt, P. Bower, A. Clayworth.

Against: J.M.F. Royce.

Conduct at Meetings:

Councillor conduct should be as per Standing Orders.

Sharing of Important Information before Meetings.

Important Emails should be forwarded to all Councillors prior to the meeting. (Clerk to use email read/receipt).

17/163: Renewal of Appointment of Clerks Assistant, M.F. Raven:

PROPOSAL: M.F. Raven to continue to assist the Clerk for a further six months.

PROPOSED: J.M.R. Royce SECONDED: H. Taylor. Vote: seven in favour, two abstentions.

17/164: Policing Matters/Vandalism:

Notts Police had advised that applications are to be made to the County Council for road closure permission prior to the Remembrance Day Parade. (this year the parade takes place in East Leake).

17/165: Gotham News and Media:

M. Wilkins thanked for his work on drawing up the July edition of Gotham News.

M. Wilkins warned his new job might call him away for long periods making the next production of Gotham News difficult to fit round his work schedule. G. May offered to chase contributors to the magazine. A. Clayworth offered to produce a Chairman's Report for the next issue and is able to put the next issue together, if necessary.

17/166: Chairman's Report:

A. Clayworth said he is on a steep learning curve having taken over Chairmanship of GPC so suddenly. He will turn to Vice-Chairman, J.P. Anderson for advice when needed. He hopes GPC will go forward in unity.

17/167: Clerk's Report:

The Clerk had received notice from CPRE that GPC's application for the Best Kept Village Competition – The Well House, had failed to reach the second round of the competition.

17/168: Cancellation of the August Meeting:

J.M.F. Royce suggested, GPC might need to meet on the last Tuesday of July if important issues occur.

PROPOSAL: To authorise J.M.F. Royce and the Clerk to pay bills during August. A meeting in late July to be held only if circumstances dictate.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce **SECONDED:** J.P. Anderson. **Vote:** All in favour.

17/169: Matters to Report:

Kids Fun Run: J. Youatt reported, a playground fund raiser to take place on the 10th September, 2017.

Verge Mowing: H. Taylor reported poor verge mowing. He was advised that NCC carry out two verge mowing sessions during the summer.

Bollard: J.M.F. Royce reported, the bollard in The Square knocked over in a car accident, had not yet been replaced.

Council Training: G. May called for Councillors to attend training sessions when possible.

17/170: Items for Next Agenda: Committee Structures, Policies.

17/171: Date of Next Meeting: The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th September, 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.20 p.m

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