

## ***September Main Minutes***

### **MINUTES OF THE GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL WELDON ROOM, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor, M.F. Raven, to the meeting.

The Council stood for one minute's silence in memory of Aubrey Bradley, deceased, former GPC Chairman and Clerk.

**In Attendance:** County Councillor, A. Brown and Borough Councillor S. Matthews.

**17/172: Apologies:** D. Bexon, C. Dabell.

**17/173: Acceptance of Apologies:**

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

**17/174: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown:**

County Councillor A. Brown reported the following matters:

There had been no meetings at NCC during the August holiday period.

The Ridgeway would be closed, between Bunny Lane and Gypsum Way, for ten days during resurfacing.

Talks to take place re bus transport to East Midlands Airport to include stops in nearby villages, including Gotham.

The Kegworth bypass is going ahead.

No electronic bus timetable destined for Gotham.

NCC responsible for verges – A. Brown to obtain a map of Gotham verges mown by NCC.

Confirmation that the Railway Walk is not a cycleway.

Traveller sites now in Stragglethorpe, Sutton Bonington, East Leake and on Hathern Industrial Estate.

**17/175: Report by Borough Councillor, S. Matthews:**

Borough Councillor, S. Matthews, reported the following matters:

There had been no meetings at RBC during the August holiday period.

A Planning Meeting to be arranged with A. Pegram on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at Gotham Memorial Hall.

Councillors A. Brown and S. Matthews left the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

**17/176: Declaration of Interest:**

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

**17/177: Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Resolved: That the previously circulated Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted with the following alterations:

1. Casual Vacancy:

PROPOSAL: Reword 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, as follows: 'That M. F. Raven step down after another five months as the Clerk's assistant'. PROPOSED: M. Wilkins SECONDED: G. May. Recorded vote requested by J.M.F. Royce. In favour: A. Clayworth, M. Wilkins, J. Youatt, S. Kent, G. May, P. Bower. Against: J.M.F. Royce, B.J. Walker, H. Taylor. Abstention: J.P. Anderson, M.F. Raven. Motion carried.

**17/178: Progress from the Minutes:**

J.P. Anderson reported, GPC's response to the Oxalis planning application for Clifton Pastures had been submitted to RBC.

The Neighbourhood draft Plan had been submitted to RBC on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

**17/179: Finance: Monthly Payments and Receipts:**

**1: Monthly payments and receipts:**

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of Payment and Receipts. One cheque issued for £5 still uncashed since May, 2017.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: G. May. Vote: All in favour **2: Quarterly Financial Update:**

The Clerk had circulated the individual budget papers, prior to the meeting. All figures were in line with budget prophecies.

**3: Handelsbanken:**

In view of the recent communication from Handelsbanken re the removal of the compensation scheme for Local Councils, it was PROPOSED by J.P. Anderson and SECONDED by B.J.Walker to move £20,000 to a new bank.

Vote: All in favour.

**4: RBC Local Plan Budget additional allocation:**

PROPOSAL: To top up the RBC Local Plan budget by £1,000 taken from unallocated monies: PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: J.P. Anderson. Vote: All in favour.

**17/180: Memorial Hall Report:**

No Committee meeting held during August.

S. Kent reported, the new turf, replacing the recently removed concrete circle, is flourishing.

The swing has been replaced with anti-wrap chains. The spares required to refurbish the swing bridge, are arriving, via the post, and will be fitted by J.M.F. Royce and M.F. Raven. Other defects on the adventure trail will be fixed, as soon as possible, to comply with ROSPA recommendations.

J. Youatt thanked J.M.F. Royce for his hard work on the playground and reported, she had heard favourable comments from parents at the playground.

Fundraising events in aid of the new playground equipment will be held during September and October.

J.P. Anderson reported, the Trustees are purchasing a new projector screen and stand. M. Wilkins advised such equipment available at a cheap price from the Cattle Market sales.

**17/181: Chairman of Planning and Development Committee:**

**RBC Local Plan Part 2:** PROPOSAL: Ratification of authority for J.P. Anderson and K. Mafham to respond to RBC on behalf of GPC. PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: J.M.F. Royce. Vote: All in favour.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** PROPOSAL: Formal agreement to apply for a grant to cover the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan. PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: G. May. Vote: All in favour.

**17/182: Planning Decisions Received:**

**17/6: (ref: 17/01332/FUL) 12 Tomlinson Avenue** – Rear/side extension to existing bungalow with pitched roof. Rear extension replaces existing. **GRANTED.**

**17/183: Planning Applications Received:** Nil.

**17/184: Report by Chairman of the Environment Committee:**

Last meeting held in July, 2017.

**Speeding:** G. May reported, the temporary speed sign outside St. Lawrence Church, is having the desired effect. The battery needs recharging every three days' which is currently undertaken by J.P. Anderson. Other sites to place the speed sign are Leake Road, adjacent to Hill Road, Gypsum Way, The Ridgeway and Kegworth Road, adjacent to Home Farm. B.J. Walker to investigate a Police speed gun session in Gotham. (Roads in Gotham classified 'C').

**Committee Structures (Environment Committee Future)**

G. May thought it frustrating that the jobs to be undertaken by the Environment Committee took so long to approve by main council, by which time they were often left undone or carried out too late. M.F. Raven suggested an annual contract with the mowing contractor for jobs, such as pruning the Railway Walk ditches and sides of the path overgrowth.

**Railway Walk Maintenance Quotations:**

The Clerk had received a quotation to cut down the Cuckoo Bush Mound for £280 and to trim and clear the Railway Walk for £360.

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of the above quotations, with reduction of £20 for the Railway Walk, (£340) due to some previous strimming work already undertaken. PROPOSED: May SECONDED: J. Youatt. Vote: All in favour.

**17/185: Policies for Discussion:**

Three policies had been drawn up by working party, A. Clayworth, G. May and J.P. Anderson. More work required to refine them to GPC needs. Financial policies to be made available to the public in line with openness and transparency and to include reserves and 'specific' reserves.

PROPOSAL: To agree in 'principle', to draw up a Financial Reserves Policy, Social Media and Recordings at Meeting Policies to be brought back for adoption, once refined.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: G. May. Vote: ten in favour, one against.

**17/186: Flooding Progress Report:**

J.M.F. Royce reported, no further progress on ditch maintenance, etc. The NCC grant of £1,050 had been received.

PROPOSAL: To weedkill the weeds along the Railway Walk ditch, alongside the BT building. PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: P. Bower. Vote: ten in favour, two against.

**17/187: Policing Matters/Vandalism:**

B.J. Walker reported the July crime figures had been received and include a report of an unsecured bicycle being stolen from Leake Road.

**17/188: Gotham News and Media:**

M. Wilkins confirmed copy date for the next edition of Gotham News to be received by the end of September. M. Raven to take over D. Bexon's extra round.

**17/189: RBL Lamp Post Poppy Appeal:**

The Royal British Legion had issued an order form for large poppies to be fixed to lamp posts in commemoration of the two World Wars. It was agreed, not to send an order in this year. **17/190:**

**Chairman's Report:**

A. Clayworth welcomed new Councillor, M. F. Raven and said he hoped he would consider joining some GPC committees and sub-committees.

**17/191: Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk had received notice from B. Sketchley re RBC Awards Ceremony, (Recognising Rushcliffe Awards). PROPOSAL: that GPC support B. Sketchley in her wish to nominate A. Howick for an RBC award. PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: M. Wilkins Vote: Ten in favour, one against.

**17/192: Matters to Report:**

**Ex-Chairman:** G. Hutter had applied for the remainder of the Chairman's allowance for the month of June.

**Signage:** G. May reported, the Cuckoo Bush Public House have reduced the amount of advertising swing boards on the pavement. Others have been moved nearer to the wall to allow a clearer pavement. Clerk to seek advice re signage rules on public highways.

**Fly tipping:** G. May reported fly tipping on the Brickyard containing a name and address. This had been reported to NCC.

**Drain in The Square:** J.M.F. Royce reported a blocked drain in The Square.

**Village Seats:** J.M.F. Royce reported, the village seats had been repainted by D. Healey. The three seats from the Well House had not yet been relocated.

**Old Post Office Seats:** B.J. Walker asked the Clerk to remind D. Healey to sweep under the seats outside the old Post Office.

**17/193: Items for Next Agenda:** Contribution to Remembrance Day Wreath, Policies.

**17/194: Date of Next Meeting:** The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.25 p.m

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