

Gotham Parish Council

Meeting held on Tuesday 15th August 2017 at 7.30pm in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall

Notes taken by Barbara Walker in the absence of the Clerk who is on holiday

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 C.Dabell (arrived at 7.40pm) B.J.Walker

AGENDA

Ken Mafham and Stuart Mathews were in attendance so the Chairman adjusted the Agenda to enable them to speak first.

Borough Councillor Stuart Mathews had met Andrew Pegram of RBC and reported that the next RBC planning meeting will take place on 27th September. They had discussed the £26 million that would be generated from the 3000 houses on the Clifton SUE. Some of this money will go to the improvement of the A52 , some allocated for bus services to the Harry Carlton school. It is likely that the first development would be the industrial site. It appears only 10% allocation has been made for affordable housing. Stuart Mathews left the meeting at 8.25pm and requested he is kept in touch with developments

Cllr John Anderson highlighted the flaws in the Traffic modelling to which GPC will respond directly. The assumptions for traffic flow in the Lawrence Walker report were too low and for them to say there will only be car journeys generated from 900 vehicles from the SUE was risible.

Barton in Fabis council will put in the main objections as the SUE site is in their Parish

K.Mafham, our planning advisor stated that we should be able to comment on the master plan and was disappointed that there was no critical assessment from the RBC planners.

We need to complain about the minimal time we have had to submit responses

PROPOSAL: Gotham Parish Council agrees Cllr John Anderson and consultant Ken Mafham will reply on behalf of GPC to RBC Planning 14/01417 outline with co-ordination from Barton in Fabis Parish Council.

Proposed J.P. Anderson seconded G.May Vote 10 for with 1 abstention.

AGENDA item for the September meeting for formal ratification

ITEM 7 Neighbourhood Plan (Acceptance of Draft)

The draft response had been drawn up by Cllr John Anderson Ken Mafham and members of the community. Gotham was set in the greenbelt and had been 'washed over'. It is now the intention of RBC to amend the status to an inset village. (Part 1 of RBC's core strategy) The new boundary will be tight up to the existing line but then a Further Options document will be generated which means the village may be expanded which could include hundreds more houses. KM suggested that this proposal is totally at

odds with statements made in the Core Strategy that development in villages like Gotham should be for local housing ONLY. It is the view of the draft Neighbourhood Plan that up to 80 houses up to 2028 would fulfil this need with preference for small sites near the centre of the village. KM pointed out that the quality of the houses was just as important as the quantity. There would be further consultations with a presentation in the Memorial Hall to agree the policies. We will seek further guidance from RBC planner Philip Marshall and Jenny Kirkwood re the Neighbourhood Plan. It is intended to apply for a grant and KM had worked up costings - this item to go on the AGENDA of the next Main meeting.

PROPOSAL: Cllr John Anderson seconded by Councillor Jane Youatt that the Neighbourhood Plan document be submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council as an initial submission .Vote: All in favour

As the Parish Council is a statutory consultee we have to respond within 21 days

Ken Mafham left the meeting at 9.0pm

Back to the Agenda

1. CASUAL VACANCY. On the 13th August a letter of application had been received from Martin Raven (who is currently acting as the Clerks unpaid assistant). This link has been queried with NALC who suggested it was not uncommon. It was proposed by Martin Wilkins and seconded by Gillian May that Martin Raven be requested to relinquish his post as the clerk's assistance straight away but this fell and an amendment was proposed by Cllr John Anderson seconded by Cllr Fraser Royce that GPC co-opt Martin Raven on to the Council with the proviso that Martin Raven should step down from position of Assistant Clerk in 5 months' time. AGREED.

2. APOLOGIES – Debs Bexon

3. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES proposed by Cllr Anderson seconded by Cllr Youatt

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – none

5. MINUTES of the meeting held on 4th July 2017

Accuracy 17/151 Pegram not Pegrum. 17/153 delete annual. Progress: goods ordered from Town and Country have been cancelled as the company are unable to deliver and these items have now been ordered from On-Line Playground. A decrease in cost is being anticipated.

Congratulations were extended to all who had been involved in the safe removal of the concrete base on the Recreation Ground and the further watering of the turf. Progress - the bollard near the Square has been replaced.

RESOLVED that the previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council held on 4th July 2017 be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted with the alterations indicated above.

Acceptance of Minutes proposed by J. P. Anderson seconded by J.M.F. Royce.

J. P. Anderson and J.M.F.. Royce sought to extend the meeting to comply with standing orders

6 FINANCE: 1) Monthly payments and Receipts. None. 2) Handelsbanken. Fraser Royce reported that the Bank no longer covers Parish Council deposits with the Swedish Government's guarantee scheme

AGENDA item for the next Main meeting.

7) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – see above

8) Railway Walk – quotations for pruning/mowing – None received

9) Planning - noted. A request was made by Cllr Dabell that we request a finger post indicating the Gotham Nature Reserve and for it to be erected near the British Legion site. AGENDA item for the next Environment meeting

10) Matters to report – nil

11) Items for next Agenda – see above

12) Date of the next meeting – 5th September at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm.