

## ***October Main Minutes***

### **MINUTES OF THE GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER, 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, G. May, H. Taylor, B.J. Walker, M.F. Raven, C. Dabell. (7.40 p.m.)

**17/195: Apologies:** J. Youatt, D. Bexon, M. Wilkins.

**17/196: Acceptance of Apologies:**

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

**17/197: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown:** N/a. (absent)

**17/198: Report by Borough Councillor S. Matthews:** N/a. (absent)

**17/199: Declaration of Interest:**

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

J.M.F. Royce, (member of the RBL), in Agenda item 7: Contribution to the Remembrance Day Wreath.

**17/200: Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted with the following alteration:

17/178: Progress from the Minutes: The Neighbourhood 'DRAFT' Plan had been submitted to RBC on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

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

**17/201: Progress from the Minutes:**

J.P. Anderson reported A. Pegram and M. Marshall, RBC planners, held a ninety minute cluster session on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 in the Moonrakers' Room, for the benefit of the A453 Parish Clerks and Councillors to better understand planning procedures. The importance of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan was stressed. Borough Councillor S. Matthews opinion on planning decisions holds large sway.

**17/202: 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: Contribution to RBL Wreath for Remembrance Sunday: (12<sup>th</sup> November, 2017)**

G. May to order two wreaths from T. Coles, Chairman of the RBL.

PROPOSAL: To donate £250 to the RBL Gotham & District Branch to offset the cost of two wreaths.

PROPOSED: J.P.Anderson SECONDED: G. May. Vote: nine in favour, one abstention.

### **3: Application from Cricket Club for increased Annual Grant:**

A. Robinson, Secretary of Gotham Cricket Club had sent an application for an increase in the GPC annual grant of £275.

PROPOSAL: J.P. Anderson to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to the Cricket Club reminding it that materials can be purchased for use VAT free if invoiced directly to GPC and that there will be a review of grants next year when new budgeting software is in place.

SECONDED: G. May. Vote: All in favour.

### **4: Purchase of Scribe 2000 Software:**

PROPOSAL: J.P. Anderson to purchase Scribe 2000 software to assist the Clerk with the accounting system. Cost £283 per annum.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: M.F. Raven. Vote: seven in favour, one against, two abstentions.

### **5: Agreement re Chairman's Allowance:**

The Clerk had written a £175 cheque for resigned Chairman, G. Hutter, to cover the first three months of this financial year. Current Chairman, A. Clayworth had received £175 for the second three months.

### **6: Date of Finance Committee Meeting (24/10/2017)**

The Clerk asked that the Finance Committee meeting could be moved to the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 to allow a break between meetings.

### **7: Audit 2016/17 Closure**

**Handelsbanken:** The Clerk reported, Handelsbanken, West Bridgford, had mistakenly announced the cancellation of the compensation scheme for small councils which is still in effect.

Grant Thornton had completed its work with Parish Councils. The external audit would be handled by a different accountant next year.

A new internal auditor is needed for 2017/18.

Closure of Audit 2016/17 public inspection notice has been posted on the village noticeboard.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting: (Not an agenda item).**

C. Dabell reported a Christmas Committee meeting had been held when it was agreed not to ask local businesses to sponsor the lighting and carol singing event. He applied for a grant of £200 to pay the Limelight Quartet.

PROPOSAL: Agreement, in principle, to grant £200 to fund the Limelight Quartet on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 Christmas Carol singing event.

PROPOSED: C. Dabell SECONDED: P. Bower Vote: seven in favour, three abstentions. (November agenda).

### **17/203: Memorial Hall Report:**

J. Youatt had sent a message of thanks to M.F. Raven and J.M.F. Royce for their work on the playground.

The recent playground picnic, in aid of new equipment, raised £700.

A. Clayworth volunteered his £175 Chairman's Allowance towards playground equipment funds.

### **17/204: Chairman of Planning and Development Committee:**

**RBC Local Plan part 2:** J.P. Anderson reported, RBC had set out its preferred options, published after a meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017, as being the Gotham bus station and adjacent land (GOT 5a). Some confusion has arisen over the ownership of part of the land in question.

An RBC presentation to take place in the Memorial Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Leaflets advertising this meeting to be distributed by GPC to every house in the parish. It is important to attend the presentation to demonstrate solidarity.

The land behind the RBL has been strongly protected from building by the local wildlife groups. St. Gobain appear to not be interested in offering this land for sale (GOT 1).

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Consultation period from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 in the Weldon Room.

K. Mafham aiming to produce the final Neighbourhood Plan by Christmas for formal consultation over a period of six weeks. J.P.Anderson has started to complete the Neighbourhood Plan grant application.

**Barton Sand and Gravel Extraction:** A planning application had been submitted by London Rock and Greenfield Associates to create a quarry at Barton. This had come at a time of new NCC administration and no current mineral plan. GPC are not a statutory consultee but Councillors and parishioners are being urged to write letters of objection. The first plan, submitted last year, was objected to by GPC.

PROPOSAL: J.P. Anderson to draft a response on behalf of GPC opposing a sand and gravel quarry at Barton, on the basis of an environmental disaster, a quarry not required in this area and that the site would be too close to the village of Barton.

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

**17/205: Planning Decisions Received:** Nil.

**17/206: Planning Applications Received:** Nil.

**17/207: Report by Chairman of the Environment Committee:**

Last meeting held in September, 2017.

**Railway Walk:** G. May reported, the pruning and clearing work had been satisfactorily completed on the Railway Walk. A. Urry been asked to submit a quotation for annual work to prune the Railway Walk and Cuckoo Bush Mound on an annual basis in May and October.

A budget for annual maintenance of the two areas to be included in the Environment Budget for 2018/19.

A Facebook message suggests GPC should pay for removal of horse manure left on the highway. Agreed, the facebook contributor should move to the City! Legally, no one is obliged to clear up after horses.

**Speeding:** East Leake are holding a one day course in hand held speed gun use.

A recent police speed gun session had been undertaken by the Police at the bottom of Kegworth Road.

J.P. Anderson regularly moving the speed monitor to different venues. The next is to be Gypsum Way.

He called for someone else living closer to the venue, to take on the battery charging.

H. Taylor reported speeding vans belonging to NCT.

**17/208: Policies for Adoption:**

**1. Recording at Meetings:**

PROPOSAL: Adoption of policy circulated to members relating to recording meetings.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: P. Bower Vote: four in favour, six against.

**Motion fell.**

**2. Social Media:** Adoption of policy circulated to members relating to social media protocol.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: M.F. Raven. Vote: six in favour, two against, two abstentions.

**Motion carried.**

**3. Emails:**

PROPOSAL: Adoption of policy circulated to members relating to Email protocol.

PROPOSED: S. Kent SECONDED: J.P. Anderson Vote: nine in favour, one against.

**Motion carried.**

PROPOSAL: Extension of meeting to the end of the Agenda:

PROPOSED: A. Clayworth SECONDED: J. P. Anderson Vote: All in favour.

**17/209: Policies for Discussion:**

Further policy documents (Terms of Reference for Committees) to be studied and brought back for decision at the November meeting. Comments to be addressed to J.P. Anderson.

**17/210: Document Control:**

A Councillor reported, a parishioner had recently requested the Chairman to send a copy of the August minutes. The Chairman had followed procedure and requested the parishioner apply to the Clerk.

It was agreed that the Gotham website should be reviewed. A working party comprising of J.P. Anderson, H. Taylor and M.F. Raven to conduct the review and report back to full Council.

**17/211: Flooding Progress Report:** Nil to report.

**17/212: Policing Matters/Vandalism:**

B.J. Walker reported the August crime figures had been received showing no crime in Gotham. A speed monitor session had been requested from the police for Gotham.

**17/213: Gotham News and Media:**

M. Wilkins currently drawing up the November issue of Gotham News. Some advertisers had not yet submitted their changes to their advertisements.

The Clerk reported two unpaid adverts.

Gotham News Round circulated by J.P. Anderson. S. Kent taken over former Councillor G. Hutter's round and M.F. Raven to ask former Councillor G. Clarke round if he wishes to hand his round on.

D. Bexon happy to continue two rounds.

**17/214: Chairman's Report:** Nil to report.

**17/215: Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk and B.J. Walker to attend the RBC Town and Parish Forum on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

**17/216: Matters to Report:**

Western Power to carry out ground maintenance from around pylons.

M.F. Raven had received a complaint about the pavement opposite to Bidwell Crescent entrance.

G. May had received a complaint about the road surface at both ends of Meadow End. Tree roots pushing up tarmac at the Gas entrance. Nottingham Road badly surfaced.

S. Kent had received a complaint from wheelchair users re uneven pavements.

H. Taylor reported ongoing problem of drug dealing and littering at the top of Hill Road, opposite to Elliott's garage.

Clerk to report to the Police re Hill road and to NCC re road & pavement issues.

**17/217: Items for Next Agenda:** Policies.

**17/218: Date of Next Meeting:** The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

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