

November Main Minutes

MINUTES OF THE GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7th NOVEMBER, 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, B.J. Walker, M.F. Raven, D. Bexon, H. Taylor. (7.45 p.m.)

Council stood for one minute's silence in memory of those who fell in the two World Wars.

17/219: Apologies: C. Dabell, J. Youatt, , M. Wilkins, Borough Councillor, S. Matthews.
Clerk to remind Councillors that they should give a reason for their absence at a meeting.

17/220: Acceptance of Apologies:

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

17/221: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown:

County Councillor, A. Brown reported the following items:

1) The Ridgeway - Some of the road is still in good condition and will not be re-tarmaced.

Objections had been received from residents on The Ridgeway, re the decision by Highways not to tarmac the whole road. J.M.F. Royce to query whether ditches on the residential side of The Ridgeway will be cleared to prevent further flooding. In the past, houses had a small bridge to cross over a ditch running alongside the pavement. This has become blocked over the years.

More funding is required over the whole County for road repairs. One million pounds has been ringfenced for pothole repairs.

2) The eight week RBC Local Plan Public Consultation is now available on the website.

3) East Leake have started running Speed Watch sessions.

4) A third mow of verges in Gotham will begin in 2018 following an inspection of the areas required. A meeting to take place with an NCC representative and members of GPC.

5) The sand and gravel quarry application at Barton will not be heard at the December or January NCC meetings. Questions to the applicant are awaiting a reply. Borough Councillor S. Matthews can apply to speak on the application at the Council meeting. County Councillor, A. Brown can apply to speak as he has withdrawn his membership of the Planning Committee.

The Chairman thanked A. Brown for attending the meeting. Councillor Brown left the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

17/222: Report by Borough Councillor S. Matthews: N/a. (absent)

17/223: Declaration of Interest:

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

D. Bexon and G. May in item 7 on the Agenda: 2. Ratification of proposal to fund the Xmas Carol singing musicians - £200.

17/224: Minutes of the previous meeting:

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3RD October, 2017 be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted with the following alteration:

17/210: **Document Control:** alter 'A. Clayworth' to 'A Councillor'

17/216: **Matters to Report:** alter Bidwell 'Close' to Bidwell 'Crescent'.

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

17/225: Progress from the Minutes:

A.. Clayworth to lay the GPC wreath at the East Leake Service of Remembrance on the 12th November, 2017. J.M.F. Royce laid the wreath at the Gotham Service of Remembrance.

17/202: J.P. Anderson has clarified with the Secretary of Gotham Cricket Club, the best use of its Cricket Club Grant.

The Clerk had submitted an application for the 2016/17 VAT return.

17/226: 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. Ratification of proposal to fund the Xmas Carol singing musicians - £200.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: P. Bower Vote: eight in favour, two abstentions. Invoice from the band to be directed to GPC for payment.

3. Application to fund Gotham Fest in 2018

Clerk to advise M. Lowe to apply for Gotham Fest grant in April, 2018 giving exact details of the items to be funded and their expected costs.

4. Application from the Trustees for an extra mow of the Recreation Ground.

PROPOSAL: To agree to an extra cut of the Recreation Ground up to the cost of £150. (taken from 2016/17underspend.

PROPOSED: B.J. Walker SECONDED: A. Clayworth Vote: All in favour.

5. Neighbourhood Plan Grant application. (not an agenda item)

J.P. Anderson reported a successful outcome to the application for a Neighbourhood grant. £5,900 should be received into the GPC bank account by the end of November. However, payment of £800 to cover the planning adviser had put the current budget into £550 deficit. It was, therefore,

PROPOSED by J.M.F. Royce, to vire £1,000 from the 2016/17 underspend to the Neighbourhood Plan budget to cover this deficit until the grant is received.

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

17/227: Memorial Hall Report:

No meeting of Memorial Hall Trustees during October.

Councillors J. Youatt and M. Wilkins had emailed a suggestion that GPC grant £10,000 towards new play equipment to match fund grants from funding bodies.

J.P. Anderson spoke in favour of supporting the enthusiastic Playground Committee who have successfully raised £1,700 from their two recent events. The playground capital, held by GPC, is £4,540.

PROPOSAL: To make up the existing £4,540 to £5,000 with a view to add another £5,000 when costs are submitted.

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

17/228: Chairman of Planning and Development Committee:

RBC Local Plan part 2: J.P. Anderson reported a meeting to be held in Barton on Monday, 13th November at 7.30 p.m. in advance of the RBC Planning Committee to be held on the 22nd November, 2017 when the application for the Clifton Pastures development will be heard. J.P. Anderson proposing to attend on the 22nd and speak on the traffic issues surrounding the application but was unable to attend the meeting on the 13th.

Despite Section 106 payments of £26,000,000 already being allocated, Cllr S. Robinson had indicated Barton could be granted a playing field and the Clifton development might incorporate a secondary school. He said after 100 homes had been built that the new development would cease to be part of Barton. J.P. Anderson suggested this might be to do with the Community Infrastructure Levy with Barton receiving CIL payment for 100 homes. If so he was in favour of applying for Gotham to receive payments for the next 1,000 homes as Gotham will be greatly affected by the Clifton development re transport, medical services, playing fields, schooling, etc. and should benefit from the CIL payment to a great extent. He urged GPC Councillors urged to respond to the Local Plan Part 2 consultation by the closing date of the 26th November, 2017.

The following 2 questions on the RBC Local Plan Part 2 consultation form were considered, as follows:

- 1). Do you agree that the Local Plan should allocate greenfield land for housing development at Gotham for around 100 homes in total? Answer: NO. (Neighbourhood Plan feedback suggests 80 homes in total).
- 2). Do you support the proposed allocation for housing development of the following site at Gotham? GOT 5 Answer: NO. (Too large with potential to be even larger)

PROPOSAL: To reply NO to the above two questions on the RBC Local Plan Part two questionnaire.

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

A detailed response will be drawn up by J.P. Anderson in time for the Planning meeting on the 21st November, 2017.

N.B. The village sewage system is at full capacity.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The application for the Neighbourhood Grant has been successful to the amount of £5,900 for 2017/18.

J.P. Anderson presented draft Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee which would be subject to normal financial regulations of the Parish Council. He hoped they would be formally accepted by the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee at its next meeting. Given the size of the Committee, J.P. Anderson suggested it was appropriate for a third PC member to join.

M.F. Raven nominated to join the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee.

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

The analysis of responses proved impressive and helpful. The document now goes to formal consultees such as emergency services, police, etc.

The next stage is the deliverability of sites identified as popular.

GOT 1: An ecological survey commissioned by Notts Wildlife identified this site as an 'important nature corridor'.

GOT 10: An approach from Southwell Diocese had been received re land off Nottingham Road for affordable houses. K. Mafham has quoted £400 to carry out an analysis of the site which would be a rural exception site.

PROPOSAL: To respond positively to the Diocese re GOT 10 site for affordable housing, subject to K. Mafham's positive analysis.

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

Notts Minerals Local Plan Consultation: (Move to Planning and Development Agenda).

PROPOSAL: Extension of meeting to the end of the agenda.

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

17/229: Planning Decisions Received: Nil.

17/230: Planning Applications Received:

17/9: ref: 17/02299/FUL Ridgeway House, 301 Leake Rd. – erection of 3m high acoustic boundary fence and extension of dropped kerb.

PROPOSAL: OBJECTION

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: B.J. Walker. vote: seven in favour, two against, one abstention.

Reasons for objection: On the basis the fence is unsightly and out of character with the landscape at an important and charming feature at the approach to the village.

17/10: ref: 17/02404/FUL 4 Wallace St. – single storey side extension.

PROPOSAL: NO OBJECTION

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

17/231: Report by Chairman of the Environment Committee:

Last meeting held in October, 2017.

Noticeboard: G. May reported Paul Hunt currently undertaking construction of a new wooden cabinet part of the village noticeboard which should be completed by the end of November. M.F. Raven to assist with installation.

Speeding: The speeding monitor was vandalised and the battery stolen. It is now in storage. J.P. Anderson had applied to manufacturers in Kentucky, U.S.A, for the cost of a solar panel and traffic count. Cost in excess of £400. (not including shipping or solar battery). This was considered too expensive.

The Neighbourhood Plan feedback highlighted speeding through the village as an important issue.

Finger Post: The Clerk had applied to NCC for a finger post pointing to the Gotham Nature Reserve and SSSI. An emailed reply stated that funding has been withdrawn for this item but an application could be made for the Supporting Local Communities budget in 2018/19.

17/232: Policies for Adoption:

Terms of Reference for Finance Committee:

PROPOSAL: Adoption of Finance Terms of Reference for Finance Committee already circulated to members.

PROPOSED: B.J. Walker SECONDED: J.M.F. Royce Vote: nine in favour, one abstention.

17/233: Flooding Progress Report:

The Flooding Committee to be asked what items of flood prevention they wish to purchase with the Flood Grant of £1,050.

17/234: Policing Matters/Vandalism:

No September crime figures to date. 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.

17/235: Gotham News and Media:

The November edition has been circulated.

Thanks to M. Wilkins for his work on putting the magazine together.

G. May suggested a meeting to discuss the magazines content length, i.e. how many words should articles contain. This would assist the proof reader. G. May to organise a meeting with H. Trobridge and M. Wilkins. M.F. Raven has taken over ex Councillor G. Clark's Gotham News delivery round.

The Clerk to enquire whether the printer could reduce the number of copies of Gotham News by one hundred to prevent wastage.

17/236: Chairman's Report: Nil to report.

17/237: Clerk's Report:

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

The NALC A.G.M. to be held at Epperstone Village Hall on Wednesday, 15th November, at 6.30 p.m.

J.M.F. Royce to receive a long service record certificate for forty years' membership of GPC.

J.M.F. Royce left the meeting at 10.00 pm.

17/238: Matters to Report:

B.J. Walker reported her new address is 'Fairholme', The Rushes.

H. Taylor reported fly tipping on Hill Road. He will report it to Streetwise for removal.

G. May to attend Councillor Training Course in January, 2018.

17/239: Items for Next Agenda: Policies.

17/240: Date of Next Meeting: The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th December, 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.