

December Main Minutes

MINUTES OF THE GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5th DECEMBER, 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, C. Dabell, J. Youatt, M. Wilkins.

In attendance: H. Clayworth.

17/241: Apologies: County Councillor A. Brown, Borough Councillor, S. Matthews.

17/242: Acceptance of Apologies: All Councillors present.

17/243: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown: N/a. (absent)

17/244: Report by Borough Councillor S. Matthews: N/a. (absent)

17/245: Declaration of Interest:

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

17/ GOT 8: J. Youatt, J.P. Anderson, M.F. Raven and A. Clayworth in the Recommendation from the Neighbourhood Planning Group re GOT 8:

17/246: Minutes of the previous meeting:

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th November, 2017 be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted with the following alterations:

17/225: Progress from the Minutes: alter Gotham Parish Church to 'East Leake Service of Remembrance'
Add: 'J.M.F. Royce laid the wreath at the Gotham Service of Remembrance'.

17/221: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown: last sentence: alter 'resigned' to 'withdrawn'.

17/227: Memorial Hall Report: Eleventh sentence: alter 'promise' to 'view.'

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

17/228: Chairman of Planning and Development Committee: Remove 'GOT 8' from last sentence.

17/247: Progress from the Minutes:

17/221: J.M.F. Royce had visited contractors carrying out road repairs on The Ridgeway several times to check on progress re culvert clearing. A written report, from ACL on the drainage work, is expected.

17/225: A. Clayworth attended the East Leake Service of Remembrance on the 12th November, 2017 and laid the wreath on behalf of the Parishioners of Gotham. J.M.F. Royce attended the Gotham Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Parishioners.

17/231: The Village noticeboard cabinet has been replaced at a cost of £565.

17/248: Finance: Monthly Payments and Receipts:

1. Monthly payments and receipts:

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of Payment and Receipts.

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

a) Environment Budget Paper 3 - £ 4,596.13 (increase: 11.21%)

b) Recreation Ground Paper 4 - £ 7,846.00 (increase 3.4%)

c) Revenue Budget Paper 2 - £33,067.13 (increase 0.85%)

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of the above Budget papers 2,3 and 4 for the year 2018/19.

PROPOSED: S. Kent SECONDED: M.F. Raven Vote: Twelve in favour, one abstention.

17/249: Memorial Hall Report:

No meeting of Memorial Hall Trustees during November.

17/250: Chairman of Planning and Development Committee:

RBC Local Plan part 2: J.P. Anderson had submitted comments on GPC's site 'preferred options' to RBC.

The Inspector had recently approved building for two hundred and fifty more houses in East Leake, partly due to RBC's poor presentation of data and that the East Leake Neighbourhood Plan had been ruled out of date due to its failure to analyse any building sites. There has been no mention of any extra secondary school provision in East Leake.

Clifton South: (Fairham Meadow Development) The NCC Planning Committee has postponed its meeting until January, 2018. Borough Councillor S. Matthews to present development designs. He plans to visit the Duchy of Cornwall's Poundbury Estate to gain ideas of good architectural design. S. Robinson (RBC web Portfolio Holder for Strategic and Borough Wide Leadership) had been invited to attend this meeting but was unavailable, hopefully he will be able to attend the January meeting. A representative of GPC may be required to liaise with the planners & developers to work on the design of the Fairham Meadow Development (M.F. Raven volunteered if required).

Terms of Reference – Neighbourhood Plan:

To comply with the statutory requirement of submission of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan Group will comply with GPC Standing Orders.

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of the Terms of Reference for The Neighbourhood Plan Group.

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

Neighbourhood Plan: (Public Meeting 11th December, 2017)

A public meeting to be held on the 11th December, 2017 in the Memorial Hall to discuss the Glebe Land, off Nottingham Road as a rural exception site. K. Mafham had met with Barrie Corscadden to discuss a proposal to build ten affordable houses on the Glebe Land. Dermot Spurrier, representing the Diocese Land Agents, supports the proposed scheme if there is a future possible second phase of additional marketable houses built on the site. The Diocese has confirmed its agreement for this land to be developed.

PROPOSAL: GPC confirms its interest in a rural exception site on GOT 10 but would oppose a plan which led to further development of the site.

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

GOT 8: Recommendation from the Neighbourhood Planning Group that GOT 8 be withdrawn as an undeliverable site on the grounds a covenant issue and strong local opposition.

PROPOSAL: GOT 8 be removed from the Neighbourhood Plan due to its complicated deliverability.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: S. Kent. Vote: Nine in favour, (four declarations of interest).

17/251: Planning Decisions Received:

17/7: (ref: 17/02351/FUL) 10 Meadow End - Development: Front extension, rear and side extensions, raising of roof to provide accommodation at first floor, dormers to side.

REFUSED. (reason for refusal: Neighbourhood objections, GPC's objections mostly ignored).

17/252: Planning Applications Received:

17/11: (ref: 17/02515/FUL) 12 Tomlinson Avenue –(Re-submission) Rear/side extension to existing bungalow with pitched roof to rear and flat roof to side. Rear extension replaces existing.

PROPOSAL: NO OBJECTION.

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

17/253: Report by Chairman of the Environment Committee:

Last meeting held in November, 2017.

Picnic Table on Railway Walk: G. May reported the picnic table bench seat is in the process of being repaired having been recently vandalised.

17/254: Flooding Progress Report:

C. Dabell reported, the dyke running from Lochhead's property along to the City Transport Depot and then to the Parish drain, requires clearing. C. Dabell and J.M.F. Royce to inspect. A letter to be sent to the Agent acting for the late Mrs Lochhead's estate, to be contacted re this matter.

PROPOSAL: That the Flood Committee work under GPC's umbrella for liaison purposes. GPC representative to suggest this proposal to the Flood Committee. (Agenda item next meeting).

PROPOSED: C. Dabell SECONDED: S. Kent. Vote: All in favour.

17/255: Policing Matters/Vandalism:

D. Bexon had circulated the October crime figures which showed an increase in East Leake burglaries. An attempted burglary and stones thrown at a property had occurred in Gotham.

17/256: Gotham News and Media:

M. Wilkins suggested money should be set aside to fund setting out Gotham News editions when he is unable to do so due to work commitments. (say £250 per edition). Underspends of the budget could be used for good causes in the village.

PROPOSAL: GPC continue to support Gotham News and set aside £250 per edition to cover payment for its layout work when M. Wilkins is unavailable to do so. The fund to be used for deserving causes within the village.

PROPOSED: M. Wilkins SECONDED: J. Youatt. Vote: Eleven in favour, one against, one abstention.

Proposal to lay on the table for one month.

Next issue of Gotham News will be in March 2018. The Clerk to contact Temple Printers re a reduction in issues to 850.

17/257: Chairman's Report: Nil to report.

17/258: Clerk's Report:

The Clerk and A. Clayworth to attend a Conference for Parish and Town Councils at County Hall on Tuesday, 12th December, 2017 between 5.30 and 8.30 p.m. They will mention the speeding problem in Gotham.

17/259: Matters to Report:

C. Dabell reported the fly tipping on Gypsum Way had been removed.

G. May and C. Dabell witnessed careless driving, on Saturday, 2nd December, on Nottingham Road, opposite the Spar shop, when a car sped past a bus, on the bend in the road, nearly colliding with an oncoming vehicle.

It has been noticed that driving standards have fallen and speeding increasing. Suggestion installation of speed ramps or chicane.

J.M.F. Royce suggested a meeting be held with East Leake Parish Council Chairman and Clerk re Remembrance Day 2018.

J.M.F. Royce suggested speaking to County Councillor A. Brown re a bus shelter outside the New Rectory on Leake Road.

J. Youatt reported the next Playground fundraiser will be a Santa Run on the Recreation Ground on the 17th December, 2017 from 10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

More dog mess reported, especially on the Memorial Hall car park.

S. Kent reported a burglary and ransacking of a house on Bidwell Crescent on the 3rd December, 2017.

S. Kent reported a lack of lighting across the Recreation Ground towards the Memorial Hall from Bidwell Crescent footway. Refer to the Trustees of the Memorial Hall.

PROPOSAL: Extension of meeting Standing Orders until the end of the Agenda.

PROPOSED: A. Clayworth SECONDED: C. Dabell. Vote: All in favour.

M. Wilkins reported the Clerk's Microsoft Office 12 month license is due to expire. Approx. cost to renew - £100.

PROPOSAL: Authorisation for M. Wilkins to renew the Office Software, as appropriate.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: B.J. Walker. Vote: All in favour.

17/260: Items for Next Agenda: Precept Budget 2018/19. (Last date for submission – 14th February, 2018.

17/261: Date of Next Meeting: The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th January, 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.