

JANUARY Main Minutes

MINUTES OF THE GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH JANUARY, 2018 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, J. Youatt, M. Wilkins.

In attendance: L. Goulbourn, County Councillor A. Brown, Borough Councillor, S. Matthews.

18/1: Apologies: D. Bexon, C. Dabell. **Absent:** H. Taylor.

18/2: Acceptance of Apologies:

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

18/3: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown:

County Councillor, A. Brown reported the following items:

A full County Council meeting is due to take place next week.

The County Council budget setting meeting will take place in February.

The results of the Public Consultation by the Fire Authority will be announced on the 5th February, 2018.

Planning applications, regarding Highways procedure - Officers put responses in to the Council's Planning Authority and will now get issued with advice on the outcome of the planning decision.

An interactive speed sign for The Ridgeway is in the pipeline.

The Clerk reported a badly blocked ditch alongside Leake Road, between Hill Road and the mini roundabout. Details of the exact location to be forwarded to A. Brown for a decision on whether the County Council or landowner, of the adjacent field, is responsible for its clearance.

18/4: Report by Borough Councillor S. Matthews:

Borough Councillor, S. Matthews reported the following items:

An outline planning application had been received for Fairham Pastures. A consultation meeting in the Council Chamber is to take place on the 16th January, 2018. Ten GPC Councillors to attend. J.P. Anderson stressed the need to hear information such as the Section 106 allowances, transport issues, tram access, provision of a secondary school. S. Matthews offered to defend the Fairham Pastures on behalf of the A453 parishes in order to achieve the best outcome re design, job creation and schooling. The meeting will enable GPC to make a meaningful representation at the Borough Council planning meeting, due to take place the following week.

Nottingham City Council are committed to providing a Comprehensive School, as a separate development, within the catchment of Fairham Pastures.

A grant of £1,000 will be donated to GPC Playground Fund from S. Matthews's Borough Councillor Allowance.

The Borough Council are being pushed to grant fund the Gotham Playground.

PROPOSAL: Suspension of Standing Orders.

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

L. Goulbourn commented on Planning Application : (**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. (revised proposals).

GPC had repeated its objection to the revised planning application, as per December minutes, with the addition of 'loss of light concerning East Street residents'.

PROPOSAL: Re-instatement of Standing Orders.

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

County Councillor, A. Brown and Borough Councillor, S. Matthews left the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

18/5: Declaration of Interest:

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

J. Youatt, J.P. Anderson, M.F. Raven in Neighbourhood Plan issues.

18/6: Minutes of the previous meeting:

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th December, 2017 be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted.

PROPOSED: B.J. Walker SECONDED: G. May. Vote: All in favour.

18/7: Progress from the Minutes:

17/247: The Ridgeway Road Resurfacing: J.M.F. Royce had not yet received a written report, from ACL on the drainage work along The Ridgeway. He will contact the contractor.

17/253: Picnic Table on Railway Walk: The picnic table bench seat has not yet been repaired. Clerk to contact D. Healey.

17/258: Conference on the 12th December, 2017: The Clerk and A. Clayworth had been unable to attend a Conference for Parish and Town Councils at County Hall, due to other commitments.

18/8: Finance: Monthly Payments and Receipts: (Next meeting – 30th January, 2018).

1. Monthly payments and receipts:

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of Payment and Receipts.

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

2. Precept 2018/19: Deferred until February meeting.

18/9: Memorial Hall Report:

A meeting of Memorial Hall Trustees took place during December when the subject of dog fouling on the Recreation Ground was discussed. The Trustees are to consider banning dogs from the recreation ground. It was agreed that the Council would support the Trustees in measures to reduce the problem and suggest consideration be given to improved lighting and improved CCTV coverage & monitoring.

Reporting miscreants to RBC who can prosecute, especially if photographic evidence is submitted.

Next Memorial Hall meeting will take place on the 13th February, 2018.

18/10: Playground and Maintenance:

J. Youatt reported, £300 was raised at the last Playground fundraising event.

The NCC Local Improvement Scheme application form will be submitted, by J. Youatt, for endorsement by County Councillor A. Brown.

S. Kent, J.M.F. Royce and M.F. Raven had undertaken a recent playground inspection.

18/11: Chairman of Planning and Development Committee:

Neighbourhood Plan: J.P. Anderson reported, a Public meeting took place on the 11th December, 2017 for a discussion on GOT 10 – Glebe land off Nottingham Road. Support was gained for an exception site for ten affordable houses.

A Neighbourhood Plan Group meeting took place on the 4th January, 2018. K. Mafham, J.P. Anderson and S. Horner are drawing up the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Four members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group are meeting with RBC representatives, R. Mapletoft and P. Marshall, in the afternoon of the 16th January, 2018. The meeting is to discuss the merits of the green belt sites in Gotham earmarked for potential building.

RBC Local Plan part 2: J.P. Anderson to attend the RBC Planning Committee meeting on the 22nd January, 2018 when he will speak on traffic issues surrounding the Fairham Pastures development.

18/12: Planning Decisions Received: Nil.

18/13: Planning Applications Received: Nil.

18/14: Report by Chairman of the Environment Committee:

Last meeting held in November, 2017.

Litter Pick date on the next Environment Committee Agenda.

The Clerk to research the cost of a new finger post to GNR/SSSI. The post might be funded by the NCC Building Better Communities Grant.

18/15: Flooding Progress Report:

The Clerk had reported, the dyke, running from Lochhead's property along to the City Transport Depot, to the Agents handling the sale of the site. The Agents had confirmed they had spoken to the vendor who would inspect the dyke.

G. May reported, the dyke alongside Leake Road, opposite to Hill Road, had recently been cleared by the adjacent landowner.

Flood Committee work under GPC's umbrella for liaison purposes: (already discussed in December minutes).

The Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Flood Committee with GPC representatives, G. May, J. Youatt and J.M.F. Royce, on the 27th February, 2018, to discuss the purchase and storage of sandbags etc.

18/16: Policing Matters/Vandalism:

B.J. Walker to ask P.C. Kelly Warwick whether or not it would be wise to display the speed monitoring equipment once more, in respect of previous vandalism.

A recent burglary on Bidwell Crescent had not been mentioned in the reported crime figures.

18/17: Gotham News and Media:

Ratification of fund of £250 for good causes:

The Clerk reported, Temple Printers had agreed to reduce the cost of printing Gotham News by £15 if only 850 copies were ordered. Cost of layout, if M. Wilkins unavailable, would be £150.

The budget of £900, if unspent on Gotham News printing, appears in the accounts as an underspend. If extra funds for good causes are required, the underspend can be vired to that cause.

M. Wilkins to let the Clerk know if he will be available to lay out the March copy of Gotham News if work commitments do not require him to be out of the Country. If so, Temple Printers will produce and print the copy.

Appointment of Data Protection Officer:

G. May suggested a professional person, outside of GPC, should undertake the Data Protection work.

G. May and M.F. Raven to investigate the correct procedure.

18/18: Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported a successful Christmas market and carol singing event. He asked the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to G. Holbrook, C. Dabell and the Howick family for their hard work.

18/19: Clerk's Report:

The Clerk had received a thank you letter from Elliott News for the Gotham News copies.

A Christmas Card had been received from Ben Copithorne showing the progress of the Stanford Hall Rehabilitation Centre building work. The card circulated to Council.

18/20: Matters to Report:

G. May reported, a need for a salt and gravel box at the top of Moor Lane, outside The Manor.

G. May reported, the empty former Royal British Legion Building was being used as a public lavatory. Clerk to report to Agents, Innes England.

G. May reported, a resident of Kegworth Road had recently pruned the shrubbery along the Railway Walk that backed onto the former school canteen site. Some of the prunings had been piled up against the wooden fence. (Environment Committee Agenda).

J.P. Anderson reported, he would respond to the County Council's Local Mineral Plan on behalf of GPC.

18/21: Items for Next Agenda: Precept Budget 2018/19. (Last date for submission – 14th February, 2018.

18/22: Date of Next Meeting: The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6th February, 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.