

FEBRUARY 2018 Main Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2018 IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL WELDON ROOM, COMMENCING AT 7.00 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, , M. Wilkins. D. Bexon, C. Dabell.

In attendance: Borough Councillor, S. Matthews, K. Mafham,(GPC Planning Representative), L. Beardsley (RBC Planning Dept), S. Hudson (Waterloo Housing), M. Wilson (GEDA). P. Dines (8.00 p.m.)

18/24: Apologies: J. Youatt, County Councillor A. Brown. **Absent:** H. Taylor.

18/25: Acceptance of Apologies:

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

The Chairman welcomed attendees and asked that Agenda Item 10 **Chairman of Planning and Development Committee: Presentation** should be next discussed.

PROPOSAL: Suspension of Standing Orders.

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

Presentation: (Diocese land off Nottingham Road, adjacent to allotments).

L. Beardsley, representing RBC, explained the significance of a rural exception site. The site, off Nottingham Road, would be suitable for a small development of twelve affordable dwellings to serve Gotham's needs, according to the Local Housing Needs Survey. Attractive sites already established in Cropwell Bishop, East Bridgford and Aslockton are proving successful and will remain in perpetuity for local people. The site will not be extended to provide marketable properties. Affordable rent is calculated at 80% of a marketable rent.

Shared ownership available on a staircase basis up to 100%. If sold, the Housing Association buys back the property based on the valuation at the time of sale. If no local person wishes to take over the property, a strict cascade system in place before a Section 106 basis incurred whereby the property is offered to a wider population.

M Wilson, representing GEDA, circulated an indicative plan for twelve dwellings. Before the scheme can go ahead, plans are put before the Highways Team and the Development Control Team for their comments, in the form of a Pre app Planning Application.

L. Beardsley, M. Wilson and S. Hudson left the meeting at 7.50 p.m.

P. Dines arrived at the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

Neighbourhood Plan: (K. Mafham).

The Second Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan to be approved for formal consultation. Once approved, it will be sent to all the Public Bodies plus landowners for comment over a six week period. RBC organise the examination and enquiry, hopefully by October, 2018 for final acceptance by November, 2018. The Parish Council prepare development briefs for all the sites in the village to assist with design, landscaping, etc.

PROPOSAL: Re-instatement of Standing Orders.

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

PROPOSAL: Formal adoption of Gotham Neighbourhood Plan version 2.2.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: J.M.F. Royce. Vote: Nine in favour, two abstentions.

K. Mafham left the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

18/26: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown: Apologies received.

18/27: Report by Borough Councillor S. Matthews:

Borough Councillor, S. Matthews reported the following items:

County Councillor A. Brown has £800 left of his Community Grant.

PROPOSAL: Clerk to apply to County Councillor, A. Brown for £600 from his Community Grant, in favour of the new Playground Equipment fund.

PROPOSED: A. Clayworth SECONDED: G. May. Vote: All in favour.

The 2019 RBC Budgets are currently being negotiated by the Cabinet to be recommended to Council for approval.

The RBC Planning meeting held on the 25th January, 2018 surprised S. Matthews when all ten Councillors voted in favour of the Fairham Pastures planning application for 2,500 dwellings, plus infrastructure. J.P. Anderson's representation on behalf of Gotham Parish Council was very well delivered. A £9.9 million budget earmarked for Fairham Pastures infrastructure.

J.P. Anderson commented, both County and Borough Officers are still not listening to local people and comments on planning issues are routinely ignored.

J.P. Anderson requested Councillor Matthews to take up the request for a dedicated cycle track from Gotham to Clifton, with County and Borough Officers who had recently insinuated that the track could be incorporated into the existing roadway of Nottingham Road. Nottingham Road is too narrow to allow a cycle track and would prove dangerous to cyclists. The correct planning procedure re presentation of a dedicated off-road cycle track for Council approval to be researched by S. Matthews and reported to J.P. Anderson.

Borough Councillor, S. Matthews left the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

18/28: Declaration of Interest: Nil.

18/29: Minutes of the previous meeting:

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th January, 2018 be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted. PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: P. Bower. Vote: All in favour.

18/30: Progress from the Minutes:

18/7: 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.

18/18: Data Protection: M.F. Raven reported, it is still uncertain whether or not smaller Parish Councils will be exempt from Data Protection rules. He is awaiting advice from NALC.

18/21: Picnic Table on Railway Walk: The picnic table bench seat has been repaired by D. Healey. **18/21: Local Minerals Plan:** J.P. Anderson reported, he would respond to the County Council's Local Mineral Plan on behalf of GPC.

18/21: Grit Bin: The Clerk had received advice from NCC Highways that Moor Lane is a minor road so does not qualify for a free grit bin. Price to buy - £155. (Environment Agenda).

18/31: Finance: Monthly Payments and Receipts:

A. Clayworth asked the Clerk to forward the individual budget finance spreadsheets to him.

1. Monthly payments and receipts:

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of Payment and Receipts.

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

G. May queried the origin of the £5,000 Playground fund already agreed that GPC would donate towards the Playground. She called for further of £10,000.

PROPOSAL: Suspension of Standing Orders.

PROPOSED: M. Wilkins SECONDED: J.M.F. Royce. All in favour.

P. Dines reminded Council that £3,000 of the £5,000 approved by the Parish Council at the November meeting was already in the Recreation Ground Budget and held for the Trustees. The Playground Committee need to know how much Parish Council funding they could rely on. She reported that outside grants are hard to acquire. The cost of the Playground had been estimated at £64,000 plus.

J.M.F. Royce responded, the £3,000 was held by GPC in a Recreation Ground Reserve Fund and now, with the consent of the Trustees, formed part of the initial £5,000. GPC were committed to supporting the new Playground and a further interim grant of £5,000 had been proposed by the January meeting of the Finance Committee. Further contributions would be considered when total costs had been established. GPC support for this project is UNEQUIVOCAL.

P. Dines left the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

PROPOSAL: Re-instatement of Standing Orders.

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

PROPOSAL: To add to the existing grant of £5,000 a further interim grant of £5,000 towards the Playground Fund.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: J.P. Anderson. Vote: Ten in favour, one abstention.

PROPOSAL: Amendment to the above Proposal for the next meeting to add a further £5,000 to the Playground Fund.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: D. Bexon. Vote: Eight in favour, three abstentions. (March agenda).

2. Precept 2018/19: (Increase by 2%). Recommendation from Finance Committee:

Precept Paper for 2018/19 already circulated to Council prior to the Finance Meeting held on the 30th January, 2018.

PROPOSAL: To raise the Precept for 2018/19 by 2%.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: M.F. Raven Vote: three in favour, seven against, one abstention.

PROPOSAL: To raise the Precept for 2018/19 by 1%.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: S. Kent Vote: nine in favour, two abstentions.

3. Armistice 100 – Revenue Budget - £1,000. (next Agenda)

4. Remembrance Day Poppies (£3 each).

PROPOSAL: To place an order for five dozen Remembrance Day Poppies.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: D. Bexon. Vote: nine in favour, one against, one abstention.

The Clerk and J.P. Anderson had attended a meeting with the Chairman and Clerk of East Leake Parish Council. They were advised that, due to large attendances at East Leake Remembrance Day Parade, it would no longer be feasible to combine the Commemoration with Gotham.

PROPOSAL: To extend the meeting to the end of the Agenda.

PROPOSED: M. Wilkins SECONDED: A. Clayworth Vote: All in favour.

18/32: Memorial Hall Report:

Next Meeting on the 13th February, 2018.

18/33: Playground and Maintenance:

M.F. Raven had removed the netball net following a number of complaints about its condition. He had asked

A. Howick to estimate the cost of a sturdier replacement.

18/34: Chairman of Planning and Development Committee: (continued) Cycle Lane to Clifton:

PROPOSAL: The re-affirmation of GPC's support for an off road cycle lane to Clifton.

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

Post Office: GPC support the 'Use it or Lose it' campaign to keep the Village Post Office. (item in Gotham News).

18/35: Planning Decisions Received: Nil.

18/36: Planning Applications Received: Nil.

18/37: Report by Chairman of the Environment Committee: Last meeting held in January, 2018.

G. May had circulated a list of 'Areas of Responsibility' to members of the Environment Committee.

The Clerk had notified K. Hourd of NCC Highways of the need to add a finger to the GNR/SSSI to the finger post. This had been sent to the Estimating Team.

18/38: Flooding Progress Report:

The next Flood Committee Meeting to take place on the 27th February, 2018. Clerk emailed the date of the next Flood Committee meeting to the Group. Sandbag order and storage to be discussed.

18/39: Policing Matters/Vandalism: Nil to report.

18/40: Gotham News and Media:

M. Wilkins putting the March edition together assisted by G. May, D. Bexon and H. Trobridge.

18/41: Website: (M.F. Raven)

M.F. Raven meeting webmaster S. Butler, on the 7th February, 2018, to discuss an easier method of saving documents in a folder linked to the website and other matters.

18/42: Chairman's Report: Nil to report.

18/43: Clerk's Report: Nil to report.

18/44: Matters to Report: Nil to report.

18/45: Items for Next Agenda: Armistice 100 Budget of £1,000.

18/46: Date of Next Meeting: The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6th March, 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.