

**APRIL 2018 - Main Minutes**

**MINUTES OF THE GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 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, , G. May, B.J. Walker, M.F. Raven, J. Youatt, H. Taylor, S. Kent. (8.40 p.m.)

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

**18/72: Apologies:** C. Dabell, M. Wilkins, D. Bexon.

18/73: Acceptance of Apologies:

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

18/74: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown:

A. Brown reported the following items:

Potholes within the County had become a major problem. G. May had recently reported a motorcycle accident on Nottingham Road, due to a pothole which the Clerk had telephone in to the County Council. To date, no inspection had taken place.

H. Taylor raised the issue of potholes along Hill Road and enquired whether the County Council owned some responsibility due to it being a bridle way. H. Taylor to contact J. Baines at Notts County Council for further advice.

J.P. Anderson asked both Councillors to put pressure on the County and Borough Councils to support a dedicated cycle track between Gotham and Clifton, as part of the Clifton South development. A. Brown offered to hand in a cycle track petition should one be necessary.

Residents of Hall Drive and area, had drawn up a petition of objection to housing in the area of Hall Drive/Kegworth Road which will add to the already chaotic traffic environment seen outside the school on a daily basis. A. Brown advised the Clerk should keep this petition on file until such time a planning application for development in the Hall Drive area was submitted. It could then be handed in to Council as an objection.

G. May asked if a meeting could be held with the County Council to discuss village verge grass mowing.

M.F. Raven reported blocked culverts causing highway flooding. A meeting of the Gotham Flood Action Group is taking place on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 when the item will be further discussed.

**18/75: Report by Borough Councillor S. Matthews:**

S. Matthews reported the following items:

He passed a cheque for £1,000, from his personal account, towards the Gotham Recreation Ground Playground Fund. The Chairman thanked him for his generosity on behalf of the Parish Council and Playground Funding Group

An RBC rate rise of 3% this year followed next year by a rise of 2.2%.

Rushcliffe Borough Council will lose eight million pounds revenue following the closure of Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station. The Monitoring Officer, Mr. Glen O'Connell had cancelled a visit to this meeting due to illness. It is hoped he will soon recover and be able to attend a GPC meeting in the future.

J.P. Anderson thanked RBC for its long and constructive response to the Gotham Neighbourhood Plan.

J. Youatt thanked County Councillor, A. Brown and Borough Councillor, S. Matthews for their very generous support of the Playground refurbishment.

Both Councillors left the meeting at 8.04 p.m.

**18/76: Declaration of Interest:** Nil.

**18/77: Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted, with the following amendments:

**18/49: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown: Gotham News and Media:** 4<sup>th</sup> line: alter 'Borough' to 'Ward'.

**18/60: Planning Application:** alter 'Nottingham' Road to 'Leake' Road.

**18/58: RBC Local Plan Part 2 update:** Bracket 'declaration of interest' after vote of abstention.

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

**18/78: Progress from the Minutes:**

**18/49: Report by County Councillor, A. Brown: Clifton Park and Ride:** Car park charges might not now take effect. Clerk to query with Notts County Council.

**18/54: Data Protection:** The framework has been received from NALC to assist GPC in setting up its own data protection. It is still unknown who is eligible to hold the office of Data Protection Officer. G. May and M.F. Raven to work on the initial framework for the Policy.

**18/55: Finance: Item 3a: Software:** M.F. Raven reported both the old and new accounting systems are complete and reconcile with the bank, for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.

**Item 5. Bowls Club Grant (£900). Item 6. Cricket Club Grant (275).** The Treasurer of Gotham Cricket Club had queried the difference in the grant between the Cricket and Bowls Clubs. J.P. Anderson had responded, pointing out the difference in revenue earned by the two clubs which reflected the support required.

**18/58: Chairman of Planning and Development Committee: Neighbourhood Plan Grant:** J.P. Anderson reported, the remainder of the Neighbourhood Plan grant 2017/18 - totalling £3,603.70 will be repaid and reapplied, before the 14<sup>th</sup> April, in the new financial year 2018/19.

**18/69: Matters to Report: Easter Egg Hunt (25<sup>th</sup> March, 2018).** J. Youatt reported the Easter Egg Hunt attracted 200 adults and 82 children. £500 was raised to boost the Playground Refurbishment Fund.

**18/79: Finance: Monthly Payments and Receipts:**

**a. Monthly payments and receipts:**

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of Payment and Receipts.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: A. Clayworth. Vote: All in favour.

**b. Appointment of Internal Auditor:**

J.P. Anderson reported, his contact who might have undertaken the Council's internal audit, had not responded within the allotted time. M.F. Raven to engage the contact in Keyworth with a formal letter of engagement.

**Memorial Hall Report:** defer until S. Kent arrives at the meeting.

**Playground and Maintenance:** defer until S. Kent arrives at the meeting.

**18/80: Chairman of Planning and Development Committee:**

**a) RBC Local Plan Part 2 update:**

J.P. Anderson reported, the Borough Council were expected to publish the plans for 2,500 houses during April but this had been deferred until May. GOT 5a is the preferred building site in Gotham.

**b) Neighbourhood Plan Update and Six Week Consultation:**

J.P. Anderson reported, responses to the Neighbourhood Plan were received up to the 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 and forwarded to K. Mafham. A Neighbourhood Plan meeting is due to take place next week.

Rushcliffe Borough Council had commented on the Gotham Neighbourhood Plan and sought a figure of 100 houses when Gotham Parish Council's mandate, following consultation, is 80 houses maximum. The

Inspector might have to decide on the actual number. An ecological inspection of GOT 1 (land behind the former RBL site) is due to take place in May.

**18/81: Planning Decisions Received:**

18/1 (ref:17/03048/FUL) **16 Wallace St.** Single storey rear extension. **GRANTED.**

**18/82: Planning Applications Received:** Nil.

S. Kent arrived at the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

**18/83: Memorial Hall Report:**

S. Kent reported, the Trustees are progressing new radiators for the Cheeserollers' Room.

The accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 are nearly prepared.

The Race Night raised £1000+.

Hall bookings are currently down.

**18/84: Playground and Maintenance:**

The replacement goal net has been commissioned. M.F. Raven to check the price of side nets.

S. Kent and M.F. Raven are continuing sand maintenance once a month. Broken glass had been discarded in the tots playground during a teenage party in the Memorial Hall. This had been collected.

C. Dines regularly sprayed the playground sand areas with diluted Jeyes fluid.

M.F. Raven reported, two quotations had been received for the extension of contained sand around the climbing frame - £4,620 and £7,385. 18/85: Report by Chairman of the Environment Committee:

Last meeting held in March, 2018.

G. May reported the following items:

One quotation had been received for the removal and disposal of prunings from the Railway Walk. £440.

The next Flood Prevention Group meeting is being held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

**18/85: Report on Flood Prevention progress: (J.M.F. Royce)**

J.M.F. Royce reported the following flooding difficulties:

1. Flooding on Moor Lane, adjacent to Dead Man's Island.

2. Flooding on Gypsum Way mini roundabout leading to Leake Road culvert. This is now on the NCC list for further investigation.

3. Flooding on Kegworth Road, opposite to Gotham Primary School there is a ditch problem which requires silt excavation at the Railway Walk end. The inlet to the culvert at this site is difficult to locate. This has been reported to NCC.

4. The culvert at Gypsum Way/Kegworth Road is blocked and overflowing.

Via Highway Drainage is responsible for drains crossing under the highway.

Land drainage is the responsibility of NCC.

St. Gobain ditch clearance alongside Leake Road is blocked again with tree debris. Clerk to contact J. Saunders at St. Gobain.

**18/86: Policing Matters/Vandalism:**

B.J. Walker had circulated the March crime figures.

Tools stolen from a van on Monks Lane and also in East Leake. (Article in next edition of Gotham News).

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

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

**18/87: Gotham News and Media:** Gothamnews@outlook.com.

Editorship: The Chairman had spoken with M. Sheppard who, in principle, has agreed to take on the production of Gotham News, together with R. Plant.

The Clerk to send advertising invoices out for 2018.

**18/88: Annual Parish Meeting:**

The Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018.

Agenda to include:

1. WW1 Armistice Service and Centenary of Armistice function.
2. Dedicated Cycle Track from Gotham to Clifton.
3. Neighbourhood Plan
4. New Playground.

Invitation to be sent to Police Constable K. Lucock.

Notts County Councillor A. Brown Borough Councillor S. Matthews,

Ask the History Society for loan of the stands.

Refreshments to be provided by the Parish Council.

**18/89: Notts. County Council WW1 Centenary Roll of Honour Memorial Project:**

A letter had been received from NCC which is to erect a single lasting tribute to all those people from the County and City who lost their lives fighting throughout the First World War. The Memorial will be installed at the Memorial Park at the side of Victoria Embankment.

Clerk to send a copy of the letter to A. Vickers who was actively involved in assisting in the correctness and inclusion of all Gotham victims of War. It is important that the list of names sent to NCC does not contain duplications.

Clerk to respond in favour of assisting NCC with the list of Gotham victims.

**18/90: Chairman's Report:** Nil to report.

**18/91: Clerk's Report:** Nil to report.

The Parish Forum has been rearranged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018. G. May and B.J. Walker to attend.

The recent Village Litter Pick, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, was very poorly attended. Only three parishioners took part and four Parish Councillors. Thanks to D. Plant, L. Wilkins, J. Raven and Councillors, J. Youatt, M.F. Raven, G. May and M. Wilkins for their hard work.

**18/92: Matters to Report:**

P. Bower queried if there had been any news of the former RBL building which is falling into dereliction and attracts litter and is being used as a public lavatory. J.P. Anderson replied, that no news as to the site's future had been made available.

J. Youatt reported, Playground Refurbishment Group had obtained donations from British Gypsum for £100 and £500 from the Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station.

**18/93: Items for Next Agenda:** Annual Parish Meeting, Climbing Frame, Report from Flood Group, WWI Centenary arrangements.

**18/94: Date of Next Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.