

DECEMBER MAIN MEETING 2018

MINUTES OF THE GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2018 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL WELDON ROOM, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillors A. Clayworth, (Chairman), G. May, (Vice-Chairman), B.J. Walker, M. Wilkins, J.M.F. Royce, H. Taylor, P. Bower, M.F. Raven, S. Kent, J.P. Anderson, J. Youatt, C. Dabell.

In Attendance: County Councillor A. Brown, Borough Councillor R. Walker.

18/209: Apologies: Nil.

18/210: Acceptance of Apologies: N/a

18/211: Casual Vacancy:

The Chairman had received confirmation from the RBC Electoral Officer, that ten parishioners had signed a letter seeking a bye-election to fill a casual vacancy. Nominations to be received by RBC up to the 10th December, 2018. Should more than one nomination be submitted, a bye-election will take place on the 10th January, 2019. This could cost GPC up to £3,500.

18/212: Report by County Councillor A. Brown:

A. Brown reported the following items:

Unitary Council: Vote by NCC on whether to proceed to the next stage to be taken on the 6th December, 2018. This would be a consultation by ORS. If it proceeds through that stage it is taken back to NCC until after the Elections in May and then to the Minister to see if it progresses further. A unitary Council would mean bigger buying and bargaining power.

A unitary Council may see the end of non- mandatory services, such as libraries. Parish Councils may be expected to undertake other duties such as grass mowing services to save money.

National Rehabilitation Centre: Meetings taking place re public transport to the NRC. Trent and Barton buses looking at a new circular bus route.

East Midlands Airport: Six thousand jobs at the airport and the A453 villages still have no bus service. The Airport seems only interested in public transport to and from Leicester and Derby.

Gamston Sustainable Urban Extension: J.P. Anderson queried NCC's opposition to building at Gamston. A. Brown thought this is due to the costs of roads and infrastructure in that area.

Gotham Traffic Survey: Analysis and data to be sent to A. Brown to deliver to the correct NCC. Department.

Ridgeway Interactive Speed Sign. The installation of the Speed Sign has been delayed due to residents' complaints at the choice of site. The sign will now be sited adjacent to Highthorn Farm.

Horse Warning Sign: Residents asked for the Horse warning sign to be removed but this request has been refused.

18/213: Report by Borough Councillor R. Walker:

RBC Local Plan Part 2: A meeting will take place at RBC on the 5th December, 2018, re GOT5 development. Representatives from GPC to attend.

A meeting will take place at RBC on the 6th December, 2018 to discuss the progress of the Fairham Pastures development. The Chairman and Clerk to attend.

Fly-tipping: Fly-tipping has increased by over 100% within the Borough this year. The prosecution rate is low but one Gotham resident has been successfully prosecuted and fined.

Dog Fouling: This is an ongoing problem within the Borough. Only one culprit has been given a fixed penalty notice over the past year.

RBC Financial Position: The scrutiny of RBC's financial position is overall very good compared to other Councils across the County.

Unitary Council: Nottingham City Council maybe looking to annexe some of the County Boroughs should a unitary Council be elected.

RBL Site: An application has been submitted to RBC for nine houses to be developed on the RBL site in a new layout.

Loan to CWC: RBC Cabinet have agreed to loan CWC £2.5 million to bring forward the electrical infrastructure for Fairham Pastures. They have also agreed to invest £1.5 million in the Fairham Pastures industrial site.

Community Support Scheme: (£760).

The following schemes have received financial support:

Gotham Playground.

Scouts P.A. System.

ELSA Programme for Gotham Primary School.

County Councillor A. Brown left the meeting at 8.12 p.m.

18/214: Declaration of Interest:

M. Wilkins registered an interest in any discussion concerning GOT4. (land at the end of Hall Drive).
J.M.F. Royce registered an interest in any discussion discussing the invoice for the Cemetery graves renovation.

18/215: Minutes of the previous meeting:

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on the 6th November, 2018, be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted.

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

Progress from the Minutes:

18/201: **b) Committee Terms of Reference: Action in May, 2019 – reference re Budget settings – these should be set in October for presentation to full Council in November.**

18/216: Finance:

b. Finance Report.

M.F. Raven reported, £30,000 has been deposited in Redwood Bank 95 day deposit account and £20,000 in Redwood Bank 35 day deposit account.

M. Wilkins reported, the Clerk's software is due for renewal. Cost £39.

PROPOSAL: M.Wilkins to renew annual software, including anti-virus, subscription at a cost of £39.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: S. Kent. Vote: All in favour.

Election Sinking Fund to be further discussed with a view to increasing the annual budget.

c. Horizon Contract 2019.

M.F. Raven had received three quotations for the 2019 mowing contract. Horizon Landscapes remain the cheapest option. They have agreed to forego the 3% increase in 2019. Two minor areas of the Recreation Ground will be cut less often.

PROPOSAL: To continue to employ Horizon Landscapes to undertake mowing during 2019.

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

a. Monthly Payments and Receipts.

J.P. Anderson reported the invoice for the front row of graves' renovation in the Cemetery, totalled £2,099.37. Cost per grave is £260. One parishioner had responded to the notice in The Messenger and Gotham News that they did not require their family grave renovated.

Another family had been contacted re an invoice for £260. J.P. Anderson read out an emailed appeal against the payment, due to previous voluntary work on the Cemetery by a family member.

PROPOSAL: That in the light of the parishioner's email appeal, that an invoice for £260 is still sent.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: M. Wilkins. Vote: Eight in favour, three abstentions, one declaration of interest. Motion carried. The Clerk was asked to raise an invoice,

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of Payments and Receipts: PROPOSED: M. Wilkins SECONDED: J. Youatt. All in favour.

18/ 217: Report by Chairman of Planning and Development Committee:

Report on Rural Exception Site - presentation Thursday 15th November 2018:

J.P. Anderson had circulated a report on the Rural Exception Site meeting. The mood of the village was very positive. The balancing pond to be reviewed and created, only if required.

J.M.F. Royce left the meeting at 9.48 p.m.

RBC Local Plan Pt2 – Inspection:

J.P. Anderson had attended two legal meetings. The Fairham Pastures section 106 agreement still unsigned. No reason given. There is a suggestion that the Core Strategy requires reviewing.

A meeting to take place at RBC on the 5th December, 2018 from 9.30 – 1.00 p.m. to look at development sites within Gotham. J.P. Anderson and M.F. Raven to attend.

Neighbourhood Plan update:

The Gotham Neighbourhood Plan has started the representation stage from November until 4th January, 2019.

PROPOSAL: J.P. Anderson to be delegated to respond on the Neighbourhood Plan on GPC'S behalf.

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

Traffic issues - Survey - Thursday 8th November, 2018.

A policy about Transport in Gotham s - traffic survey data sent to D. Prior for his professional opinion.

"I ❤️ Gotham".

A Gotham Showcase Day was discussed at the November main meeting with the possibility of it being held on the 19th January, 2019. A Working Group has since been appointed and have decided that a six month trial of events to involve residents and draw attention to the Neighbourhood Plan would be preferable. L. Third (Public Relations representative) assisting. Events suggested: cycle run, bark in the park, fun run.

18/218: Planning Decisions Received:

18/10 (ref: 18/01379/FUL) Home Farm – Extension and remodelling of the existing domestic dwelling (1 retained and 2 new) including new parking and access to Kegworth Road. **GRANTED**

18/15 (ref: 18/ 01832/FUL) 13 Curzon street – Two storey rear and single storey front extensions. **REFUSED**

18/16 (ref: 18/01859/FUL) 5, Naylor avenue - Demolition of garage, two storey side extension and single storey front extension. **GRANTED**

18/18 (REF:18/02044/COU) 10 Monks Lane – Change of use of summerhouse to dog grooming business
GRANTED.

18/219: Planning Applications Received:

18/19 (ref: 18/01491/FUL) Royal British Legion Site: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 9 dwellings with parking and new access.

PROPOSAL: OBJECTION

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: S. Kent. Vote: Ten in favour, one abstention.

Comment: GPC do not necessarily agree with the RBC Heritage Officer who may have raised concerns about the roof style – this does not form part of our objection. We are still keen to see the site developed in the correct manner.

The next Planning Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 18th December, 2018. In the absence of the Clerk, J.P. Anderson to take the Minutes.

Borough Councillor R. Walker left the meeting at 9.25 p.m.

18/220: Memorial Hall Report/Playground from GPC representatives: (A. Clayworth, G. May, S. Kent, M.F. Raven).

Nil to report. Next Trustee meeting to take place on the 11th December, 2018.

a) Playground Maintenance: Nil to report.

18/221: Report by the Chairman of the Environment Committee: (G. May)

Railway Walk: Two quotations received for brash clearance and removal at the Kegworth Road end of the Railway Walk. M. Guest - £300 (including VAT? Clerk to check) Horizon Landscapes - £295. (excluding VAT).

Boundary Signs: J. Youatt progressing.

18/222: Mobile Phone use during Council Meetings. (A. Clayworth)

The Chairman asked that mobile telephones be silenced during Council meetings.

PROPOSAL: To extend the meeting beyond 9.30 p.m. to the end of the Agenda.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: : S. Kent. Vote: All In favour.

18/223: St. Lawrence Church Christmas Tree Festival on 8/9th December, 2018.

B.J.Walker, J. Youatt and the Clerk to set up the Christmas Tree in the theme of 'Mistletoe and Wine' on the afternoon of the 7th December, 2018.

18/224: Policing Matters/Vandalism: (B.J. Walker)

B.J., Walker had attended a Police Priority setting meeting which has now been renamed 'Rushcliffe South Villages Community Safety Group'. Gotham's local police station is at Cotgrave but there is no public admission. Minor issues reported on telephone no: 101.

18/225: Gotham News and Media:

The Winter edition of Gotham News currently being delivered.

J.P. Anderson had noted the East Leake magazine contained many more references to the Parish Council. He congratulated the Gotham News Editorial Team on the fantastic Winter edition of Gotham News

which is a fantastic read. He suggested Gotham Parish Council take more of a lead in the Gotham News and urged Councillors to submit articles.

H. Taylor suggested one Gotham Tale should be incorporated in each edition for new parishioners to read and enjoy. This will help new residents become aware of the Famous Tales of Gotham.

18/226: Chairman's Report.

The Chairman had attended the NALC A.G.M. held on the 15th November, 2018.

NALC Budget increased by 4% which is the same as last year. Councillor John Cottee addressed the meeting with a talk about The Transport and Pothole problem. There is a £2million pothole fixing budget for the County which is inadequate. Viofix is used to fill potholes. Viofix has been used in Gotham and is ineffective. A. Clayworth to report the poorly filled pothole outside the former Royal British Legion to NCC.

The Remembrance Day Parade held on the 11th November, 2018 was organised by RBL and GPC and went very well. Parishioners were urged to join the RBL at a cost of £17 per annum.

A vote of thanks to B.J. Walker who organised the Remembrance Day event brilliantly. B.J. Walker confirmed she had written a time table of work to be undertaken to organise the event and would pass it on to the Clerk for filing.

18/227: Clerk's Report: The Clerk wished Councillors a very Happy Christmas.

18228: Matters to Report:

M. Wilkins reported, NCC hope to buy the other 50% of Via which is currently owned by Cornwall Council. The Chairman had responded to a complaint from an ex Councillor re derogatory comments made by a member of GPC. The complainant now seems to be backtracking over the matter.

C. Dabell reported, fly-tipping in the first gate way, behind the School, on Gypsum Way. M.F. Raven to report to RBC.

18/229: Items for next Agenda: Precept 2019/20.

18/230: Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th January, 2018 in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.