

GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY MAIN MEETING 2019

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY, 2019
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. Youatt, C. Dabell.

In Attendance: Borough Councillor R. Walker.

19/1: Apologies: J.P. Anderson, County Councillor A. Brown.

19/2: Acceptance of Apologies:

PROPOSED: M. Wilkins SECONDED: M.F. Raven. Vote: All in favour.

19/3: Casual Vacancy:

RBC Electoral Officer had confirmed ten parishioners had signed a letter seeking a bye-election to fill a casual vacancy. This will take place on the 10th January, 2019.

The Clerk was asked to write to the unsuccessful candidate and mention that the opportunity to apply to serve on GPC may arise in the May election.

19/4: Report by County Councillor A. Brown: (Apologies received).

19/5: Report by Borough Councillor R. Walker:

Fairham Pastures: A meeting took place at RBC on the 6th December, 2018 re progress on the development of Fairham Pastures. The Developers were keen to stress the importance to them of producing a 'Poundbury' type estate with easy access for residents to walk to work, leisure and school facilities.

Nottingham Unitary Authority: This matter has been permanently shelved.

Rural Exception Site: Former Gotham residents are ineligible for an affordable home on the rural exception site if they are currently residing elsewhere when applying. R. Walker to seek further clarification on this matter from RBC, Waterloo Housing, East Midlands Housing and other villages.

A52 Edwalton Opening Events: Open events to take place to celebrate the new Conservatory development adjacent to Notcutts (formerly Wheatcrofts).

Burns Night Ceilidh: To be held on the 26th January, 2019 in Kingston Village Hall.

Planning Application for 63 Moor Lane: To be discussed at RBC Committee Meeting at the end of January. (if the Agenda is not already too full).

NCC petition for Speed Sign: A petition is running in favour of a speed sign at the bottom of Hill Road and Leake Road. M. Wilkins to post on the Village Facebook page and website. Closing date: 14th February, 2019.

19/6: Declaration of Interest:

J.M.F. Royce registered an interest in any discussion re Agenda item 8. Finance: Monthly Payment and Receipts – item 3.

B.J. Walker registered an interest in Planning Application ref: 18/02842/FUL.

19/7: Minutes of the previous meeting:

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on the 4th December, 2018, be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted.

PROPOSED: M. Wilkins SECONDED: M.F. Raven. Vote: All in favour.

Progress from the Minutes:

Software: M. Wilkins had renewed the Clerk's annual software and anti-virus subscription at a cost of £39.

Pothole: A. Clayworth had reported to NCC, the badly repaired pothole outside the former RBL building, **The Square, decorative pavement:** The Clerk had reported the shoddily repaired pavement outside Clifton House, The Square, to Cadent who had recently undertaken gas repairs and replaced some of the decorative slabs with tarmac.

Christmas Tree Exhibition decorations: B.J. Walker reported the Christmas Tree decorations could be sold to Councillors. After discussion, it was agreed the decorations should be donated to the Needles and Pins sale of crafts in aid of the DNRC.

19/8: Finance:

a) Acceptance of Receipts and Payments:

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of the January Receipts and Payments with the addition of Cheque no. 304056 for £300 in respect of an invoice for Cemetery tree pruning and Cheque no. 304062 for £45.60 to Community Heartbeat Trust for defibrillator maintenance.

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

b). Precept 2019/20:

PROPOSAL: 2% increase in the Precept - £38,146.

PROPOSED: M.F. Raven SECONDED: J.M.F. Royce. Vote: Ten in favour, one against.

c) Cemetery – grave renovation invoice.

This matter is revisited due to being omitted as an agenda item at the December meeting.

A discussion took place whether or not it is fair and proper to invoice individual families who are still contactable when other graves are abandoned to GPC for their upkeep.

PROPOSAL: That one contactable family be invoiced for a payment.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: M. Wilkins. Vote: Ten in favour, one declaration of interest.

3rd Quarter Financial Update: M.F. Raven had circulated financial papers for the end of the 3rd quarter of the year. All budgets are within normal limits.

19/9: Memorial Hall Report:

New Playground Funding Update: New Playground funding goal - £75,000. Total raised to date: £58,230.

J. Youatt reported a successful outcome from two funding applications, as follows:

RBC Community Support Grant of £750 and WREN £16,200 less £1,935 to allow the Grant to be processed.

A fundraising Scout Ball raised £2,016.

Further grant applications have been submitted to RBC and Sport England.

The next fundraising event will be the Easter Egg Hunt.

Four companies are currently drawing up plans/estimates for supplying playground equipment, Hags, Proludic, Kompan and Wicksteed. This usually takes 4-6 weeks. Various discounts are available. The Council expressed congratulations and thanks to the Playground Fundraising Committee.

19/10: Report by Chairman of Planning and Development Committee:

S. Kent reported, a planning meeting took place on the 18th December, 2018.

RBC Local Plan Part 2: Nil to report.

Neighbourhood Plan: Thirteen responses to Gotham Neighbourhood Plan which will be passed to the appointed Inspector. No indication re the date of the Inspector's decision.

19/11: Planning Decisions Received: Nil.

19/12: Planning Applications Received:

19/1 (ref: 18/02842/FUL) – Paradise Farm, The Rushes, Insert 2no. Velux conservation windows in north facing roof slope, insert bifold doors and gable window in east facing gable and insert first floor window in east facing elevation.

The above Planning application to be considered at the next Planning Committee Meeting. The Clerk to seek an extension on the response date.

19/13: Report by the Chairman of the Environment Committee: (G. May)

Railway Walk: M. Guest has been appointed to carry out tree clearance, cherry tree canopy pruning and brash removal. Work to commence this week. Cost £300.

19/14: Policing: (B.J. Walker)

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

A Neighbourhood Watch alert had been posted and also been put on the Village Facebook page.

M. Wilkins had been called on at home by a representative conducting a survey on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner, re satisfaction with local Police performance and the Police Force financial quota.

19/15: Gotham News and Media:

G. May reported, advertisers had received a letter detailing the 2019 advertising rates.

Barton parishioners are enjoying reading Gotham News and have asked if they could include some articles in future editions. All agreed to this suggestion.

Gotham News distribution has also been extended to include Thrumpton and Kingston. Delivery undertaken by individual villages.

19/16: Chairman's Report.

The Chairman congratulated B.J. Walker, J. Youatt and the Clerk who had provided and decorated a Christmas Tree for the St. Lawrence Christmas Tree Exhibition.

19/17: Clerk's Report:

RBC Parish Forum to take place on the 12th March, 2019. G. May and the Clerk to attend.

19/18: Matters to Report:

Borough Councillor R. Walker requested the Clerk to forward an email from ex Councillor S. Matthews re Borough Council allowances to community good causes.

Building Listing: C. Dabell suggested the original half of The Cuckoo Bush Public House should be listed to prevent its probable renovation. Also, the Pill Box on Soldiers' Lane had never been listed. Clerk to progress the process of listing a building.

Pony: G. May reported a pony had recently got itself inside the Pill Box and had to be released.

Dog Bins: S. Kent had received a complaint from a member of the public, re unemptied dog bins. As this was caused by the Christmas period, the matter has now been resolved.

19/19: Items for next Agenda:

19/20: Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th February, 2019 in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.