

GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL APRIL MAIN MEETING 2019

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd APRIL, 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, P. Bower, M.F. Raven, S. Kent, J. Youatt, J.P. Anderson, L. McAulay.

In attendance: County Councillor A. Brown, Borough Councillor R. Walker, K. Mafham.

19/64: Apologies: Nil.

19/66: Acceptance of Apologies: N/a.

19/67: Report by County Councillor A. Brown:

County Councillor A. Brown reported the following items:

Via: Via East Midlands now under the full control of Notts County Council with the Head Office in Bilsthorpe. Via is available for maintenance work around the East Midlands.

Potholes: 90,000 potholes have been filled in around the County in 2019. Kegworth and Nottingham Road potholes are scheduled for repair. A. Clayworth requested urgent action on the pothole in front of the former RBL building due to its dangerous condition, especially to motorcyclists.

Gulley clearance: Street gulleys between the New Rectory and Hill Road on the East side of Leake Road, are in urgent need of repair. Councillor Brown promised to push this matter at NCC.

EMA Community Fund: This fund had previously turned down an application for funds for the Gotham Playground. A. Brown had raised this matter and it had been decided to grant £1,000 towards the new play equipment.

Culvert Clearance: Gotham is listed for culvert clearance.

Ridgeway road surface: The road surface between Bunny Lane and Rushcliffe Holt has been unable to be retarmaced due to water repairs, required by Severn Trent, to be carried out beforehand.

19/68: Report by Borough Councillor R. Walker:

Borough Councillor R. Walker reported the following items:

Gotham School Council: During March, R. Walker had welcomed members of Gotham School Council to a meeting at Rushcliffe Arena.

Fairham Pastures: No update on the development of houses on Fairham Pastures.

RBL Plans: Plans to build 8 dwellings on the former RBL site may be debated at the RBC Planning Committee agenda on the 11th April, 2019. GPC's objection, i.e. 'This proposal fails to meet Gotham's housing needs' may not be strong enough as a basis for objection. The former plan for 9 houses had been reduced to 8.

County Councillor A. Brown left the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

The Chairman asked for Agenda item 12 to be debated next to accommodate K. Mafham, GPC Planning advisor.

PROPOSAL: Suspension of Standing Orders.

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

19/69: Neighbourhood Plan Part 2 - update

K. Mafham stressed the need for a Neighbourhood Plan. As soon as GOT 5 has been accepted, GPC need to draw up a Housing design brief. RBC may start looking for extra sites to develop so it is crucial to have the Neighbourhood Plan at that time. GOT 1 is not in the Local Plan. GOT 4 is designated as a green space in the Neighbourhood Plan.

GPC have until the 23rd April, 2019 to respond to the Examiner's questions. GPC have held a meeting with RBC re some disagreements in the distribution of sites in the Neighbourhood Plan.

RBC's track record on controlling housing design, especially in East Leake and Edwalton, is appalling. The next meeting with RBC officers will be next week – date to be arranged.

K. Mafham left the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

PROPOSAL: Re-instatement of Standing Orders.

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

19/70: Declaration of Interest:

J.M.F. Royce declared an interest in the following planning application.

(ref: 19/00566/FUL: 2 Malt Street - First floor extension and associated internal and external alterations including external render and cladding.

19/71: Resignation of Councillor H. Taylor.

The Chairman had received a letter of resignation from Councillor H. Taylor. The Clerk had thanked H. Taylor for his contribution to the Council.

19/72: Minutes of the previous meeting:

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on the 5TH March, 2019, be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted with the following amendment:

19/51b: Gotham Fest: second sentence 'insert ' it may' after the word 'year'.

19/56 item 2 Litter Pick: first para, last sentence, replace NCC with 'the riparian owners'.

19/61: NALC Vacancy: Rephrase sentence to read 'Mike Elliott is to fill the vacancy to serve as the representative of NALC at East Midlands Airport Independent Consultant Committee'.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: L. McAulay. Vote: All in favour.

Progress from the Minutes:

Parish Noticeboard: M. Wilkins had drilled holes at the bottom of the noticeboard cabinet to allow for drainage. P. Bower suggested adding a canopy over the top of the noticeboard to prevent water damage. (Agenda next main meeting).

Sports Arena Pitch: A. Clayworth had inspected the surface of the Gotham Sports Arena from the outside only. From this view, he considered it to be a good quality pitch.

Access to playground from Gotham Garage: M.F. Raven reported, J. Pinder would not allow access through Gotham Garage for new equipment to be delivered for the replacement playground, due to too much inconvenience to the garage.

19/73: Finance:

a) Acceptance of Receipts and Payments:

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

b). Application from M. Lowe in favour of the Gotham Fest funding (Ambulance and skip hire).

M. Lowe had advised the Clerk that costs for the Fest skip and ambulance would be the same as in 2018. As the cost of the two services exceeds £500 it was PROPOSED by G. May SECONDED by L. McAulay that the Clerk research the costs of three skip hire companies and order the best value, with the consent of M. Lowe. Vote: All in favour. The Clerk will ask the cost of St. John's Ambulance.

c) 70 Lamp post poppies @ £3 each. Clerk to order. L. McAulay offered assistance with attaching.

d) Financial Update: M.F. Raven confirmed, the year end accounts to 31st March, 2019 to be reconciled when the bank statement arrives. The revenue budget is within normal limits. The Capital account is down a little. End of year accounts to be presented at the next meeting.

Due to the election in May, the main meeting will be delayed. It was PROPOSED: that in order that payments are made on time, authorisation will be given to the Clerk to pay the invoices on time.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: A. Clayworth. Vote: All in favour. (Should the May meeting be delayed).

e) Appointment of Internal Auditor: M.F. Raven had approached the same auditor as last year and confirmed he would be happy to assist with the internal audit.

PROPOSAL: Appointment of David Dixon to carry out the GPC internal audit 2018/19.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: B.J. Walker. Vote: All in favour.

19/74: Memorial Hall Report: Nil to report.

1) Playground Inspection Report: J.M.F. Royce, M.F. Raven, and S. Kent had carried out two recent playground inspections. M.F. Raven had carried out a few necessary minor repairs. He will seek advice from P. Dines whether the annual ROSPA inspection could be delayed until the new equipment is installed. J.M.F. Royce, M.F. Raven and S. Kent will continue to inspect the playground, as necessary until the new equipment is installed.

2) New Playground Funding update. J. Youatt reported, the RBC, E. Midlands Airport and NCC funding is still awaited. County Councillor A. Brown had indicated that the E.M.A. grant of £1,000 will be forthcoming. An application for £1,000 has been submitted to Persimmon. To date, funds stand at £62,500.

3) Letter received from MH Trustees requesting GPC take on all responsibility: A letter has been received from the Trustees of the Memorial Hall/Recreation Ground asking GPC to take on the responsibility for the running and maintenance of the new playground.

PROPOSAL: That GPC agrees to adopt the playground and its maintenance as and when it is completely installed.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: A. Clayworth. Vote: eleven in favour, one abstention.

A meeting to be held with the Trustees in order to draw up the legal aspects.

PROPOSAL: Suspension of Standing Orders.

PROPOSED: M. Wilkins SECONDED: C. Dabell. Vote: All in favour.

1975:/ Report by Chairman of Planning and Development Committee:

Rural Exception Site: Borough Councillor R. Walker explained the criteria regarding the opportunity for a Gotham resident being granted the right to rent or buy an affordable house on a rural exception site.

The first step is an application for entry onto the RBC housing list. A demonstration of housing need and a local connection to Rushcliffe is crucial together with being resident in the borough over the last twelve months or for three of the last five years.

The 'Help to Buy' criteria is set nationally. Houses are offered locally and, if no uptake, offered to a wider area. There is less involvement with RBC.

PROPOSAL: Re-instatement of Standing Orders.

PROPOSED: M.Wilkins SECONDED: C. Dabell. Vote: All in favour.

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

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

I ❤️ Gotham:

J.P. Anderson reported, he had attended informal meetings within the village to drive forward the I ❤️ Gotham initiative. L. Third, GPC communications PR, will produce I ❤️ Gotham stickers for use on cars, lapels, etc. Free stickers to be distributed within the next edition of Gotham News.

PROPOSAL: J.P. Anderson to set up and administer an Instagram and Twitter account. He would administer both accounts during the lifetime of the Neighbourhood Plan.

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: M.F. Raven Vote: Eleven in favour, one against.

19/76: Planning Decisions Received:

18/19 (ref: 18/02716/OUT)- Development of one detached dwelling with new access. (Outline application with all matters reserved except for access). (re-submission). **REFUSED**

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. **GRANTED**

19/2: (ref: 18/02922/FUL) – **319 Leake Rd.** Erection of detached double garage. **GRANTED.**

19/3 (ref: 19/00056/FUL) – **5 Curzon St.** Single storey front and side extn. to garage & hall. **GRANTED**

19/77: Planning Applications Received:

19/7: (ref:19/00638/FUL) **11A Nottingham Road** Gotham Nottinghamshire NG11 0HE
Removal of existing conservatory and carp pond, construction of single storey rear extension, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, and conversion and extension of garden store to form home office.

PROPOSAL: NO OBJECTION

PROPOSED: J.P.Anderson SECONDED: G. May Vote: Ten in favour, one objection, one abstention.

M. Wilkins left the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

19/8: (19/00345/FUL) **First Gotham Scout Group Malt Street.** -Lean-to roof with open sides to provide cover to new entrance doors. New entrance door to replace existing blocked up garage doors.

PROPOSAL: NO OBJECTION

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

19/9: (ref: 19/00566/FUL: **2 Malt Street** - First floor extension and associated internal and external alterations including external render and cladding.

PROPOSAL: NO OBJECTION

PROPOSED: J.P. Anderson SECONDED: A. Clayworth Vote: Ten in favour, one abstention.

19/78: Report by the Chairman of the Environment Committee: (G. May)

Pill Box (Soldiers' Lane) Cuckoo Bush listing: P. Bower progressing.

Litter Bin outside Gotham Convenience Shop: G. May had enquired whether it would be possible to re-instate the litter bin facility outside the shop. The shopkeeper had applied to RBC for a bin to ascertain

need. The former shop owners had commented that unacceptable use of the litter bin had forced its removal.

Flytipping: G. May thanked M. Wilkins for his persistence in seeking help from the Council with the collection of Gotham's recent spate of flytipping, including asbestos.

Best Kept Village 2019: To be deferred until 2020.

19/79: Social Media Policy:

J.P. Anderson had circulated a Social Media Policy Addendum. Adoption is a work in progress. The whole Policy can be reviewed in the light of experience.

PROPOSAL: Adoption of Social Media Policy Addendum.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: M.F. Raven Vote: nine in favour, one abstention, one against.

19/80: Date of Annual Parish Meeting:

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the 21st May, 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. To be advertised in Gotham News.

19/81: Policing: (B.J. Walker)

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

B.J. Walker is now available to attend the Rushcliffe and Villages Community Safety Group Meeting on Friday, 5th April, 2019 at Keyworth Centenary Lounge. The Police Chief Constable to be in attendance.

She was asked to report recent flytipping that included cannabis factory refuse. It might be possible for the police helicopter to carry out heat seeking reconnaissance.

19/82: Gotham News and Media:

G. May reported, one 'Tale of Gotham' to be included in Gotham News on a routine basis. This will help keep the Tales alive. The latest edition is progressing. The cost of producing Gotham News during the year 2018/19 is within budget.

19/83: Chairman's Report. Nil.

19/84: Clerk's Report: Nil.

19/85: Matters to Report:

J.P. Anderson reported he would not be standing for nomination at the 2nd May election. He confirmed he would continue to undertake the lead role in the Gotham Neighbourhood Plan through to its completion.

M.F. Raven thanked the current Councillors for all their continued participation in serving GPC.

B.J. Walker expressed thanks to all the Councillors who have served together over the previous years.

J. Youatt reported, the Playground fundraiser, the Easter Egg Hunt would take place on the 6th April, 2019 between 2-4 p.m.

B.J. Walker suggested the Clerk write to the Royal British Legion with a request to tidy the site.

19/86: Items for next Agenda: Noticeboard repairs.

19/87: Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting to be arranged (due to the Election) will be held on Tuesday, 14th May, 2019 in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.17 p.m.