

GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL (second) JULY MAIN MEETING 2019

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30th JULY, 2019 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL WELDON ROOM, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillors B.J. Walker (Chairman), G. May, (Vice-Chairman), J.M.F. Royce, M.F. Raven, S. Kent, J. Youatt, M. Wilkins, D. Atkin, M. Duggan, A. Mercs, A. Clayworth,

In attendance:, Borough Councillor R. Walker.

19/158: Apologies: L. McAulay. **Absent:** C. Dabell, County Councillor A. Brown.

19/159: Acceptance of Apologies:

PROPOSED: S. Kent, SECONDED: J. Youatt. Vote: All in favour.

19/160: Report by County Councillor A. Brown: N/a.

19/161: Declaration of Interest: Nil.

19/162: Minutes of the previous meeting:

Resolved: That the previously circulated Minutes of Parish Council annual meeting held on the 2nd July, 2019, be accepted and signed as a true record of the business transacted with the following amendments:

19/130: Defibrillator: alter sentence to : A. Clayworth had contacted B.T. 'with a view to allowing' a defibrillator to be installed in the B.T. telephone box.

Pg. 3: 19/147: Kegworth Road Sign: last sentence: Add 'signs' after gateways.

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

Progress from the Minutes:

Pg. 2. 19/130: Defibrillator: A. Clayworth reported, B.T. had confirmed that the B.T. telephone box was not for sale. G. May suggested a defibrillator could probably be housed beside the telephone.

The Chairman thanked A. Clayworth for his work on this matter.

19/133: Railway Walk No Cycling Signs: G. May reported, the two 'No Cycling' signs had been affixed at either end of the Railway Walk.

Borough Councillor R. Walker arrived at the meeting at 7.43 p.m.

19/163: Report by Borough Councillor R. Walker:

Borough Councillor R. Walker reported the following items:

Former Royal British Legion Site: The applicant had submitted a revised planning application for the site. The date of the consultation period is expected at any time.

19/13: (ref:19/01328/FUL: 21 Monks Lane -: Single storey side extension: The decision on this application is still ongoing. RBC have stated that the impending adoption of the Local Plan is under review and the site may no longer fall within the green belt. The information, submitted by the applicant, is for access needs for a family member.

Pedestrian crossing: D. Atkin asked if it would be possible for the junction of Bidwell Crescent with Nottingham Road to have a pedestrian crossing. R. Walker to contact the RBC traffic officer with this

suggestion but at a recent traffic meeting, it was declared that at least 1000 cars and 100 hundred pedestrians need to use/cross the road per day, before a pedestrian crossing is considered necessary.
RBC Local Plan Pt. 2 Fairham Pastures: A meeting/exhibition to be held at Barton in due course.

19/164: Finance:

1) Acceptance of Receipts and Payments:

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

19/165: Memorial Hall Report:

No meeting of the Trustees held in July.

A member of the public arrived at the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

New Playground update:

J. Youatt reported a very successful playground opening ceremony took place on the 21st July, 2019. This completed Phase 1 of the Gotham Park Project. As Phase 1 was fully funded, Item 19/29 (Jan 2019 Main Meeting Minutes) potential shortfall funding could now be cancelled.

A cheque for £23,010 has recently been presented by County Councillor A. Brown on behalf of NCC, to the Gotham Park Project. A further grant for £2,000 was also received from the charity, Alleviation of Poverty and Disablement Among Children and the Elderly in the City of Nottingham. Thanks to M. Howard for obtaining this grant on the Gotham Park Project's behalf. These new funds will be used to fund the Gotham Park Project Phase 2.

Thanks to S.Kent for his dedicated involvement & M .Duggan for his contribution and M. Wilkins for photography.

The Chairman thanked J. Youatt for her commitment and guidance during the new playground project. It has been an astonishing outcome for Jane and her committee. It just shows what can be achieved in a relatively short period. (New Playground to be a Gotham News item, Village website, Facebook). The grant applications have now ceased due to deadline dates. The project is now 75% completed.

M. Duggan offered to regularly rake/disinfect the sandpit.

PROPOSAL: Suspension of Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak.

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

The member of the public reported, the original plan was to lease off the Playground corner of the Recreation Ground, for ten years, to the Parish Council. It has now been ascertained, that the Trustees of the Memorial Hall/Recreation Ground have to keep the playground equipment for a minimum of two years to meet grant conditions.

The Parish Council are to carry out playground safety checks as per Kompan recommendations. (M.F. Raven and P.R. Dines to work through the details from Kompan).

The Trustees are covered with public liability insurance until the 1st June, 2020. Insurance for damage to the equipment is too expensive to undertake.

J. Youatt to order two safety disclaimer notices for the new playground.

A parishioner on Moor Lane is a retired Park Inspector and would be willing to retrain to obtain his ticket in order to carry out regular playground safety inspections.

Water costs for the playground are expected to be excessive due to the hot spell of weather requiring heavy watering of the new grass. The water meter is read on an annual basis.

Extra mowing by Horizon to prepare the playground for the opening ceremony to cost £345. Two mowing sessions had been missed due to the playground installation.

The member of the public left the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

PROPOSAL: Re-instatement of Standing Orders.

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

PROPOSAL: That a vote of thanks be recorded to the Gotham Park Project Committee - Claire Payne, Jenny Howard, Sue Bowley, Louise Tucker, Pat Dines and Jane, who had worked so diligently to bring about an amazing new Play Park for the children of Gotham and friends.

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: M. Wilkins. Vote: All in favour.

PROPOSAL: Suspension of Standing Orders to allow Borough Councillor R. Walker to speak for the rest of the meeting, when appropriate.

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

19/166: Report by Chairman of Planning and Development Committee: (S. Kent)

RBC Local Plan Pt. 2 – update: J.P. Anderson had sent an email on the 23rd July, 2019, concerning the RBC Local Plan, together with the 44 page document. There is a meeting of the relevant RBC working group on the 2nd September, 2019 to look at the development, when reports and papers are to hand. The Agenda and Committee papers will be sent out by the 26th August, 2019.

GOT 5: A meeting to be arranged between Marrons Planning, the agent for Davidson's, (the developers), with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and GPC.

Clerk to arrange a date, either the 6th or 13th August, 2019 at 7.p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

Neighbourhood Plan Part 2: RBC have sent through a fact discovery version of the Examiner's report to be checked for errors, prior to finalisation. It seems to suggest that the Neighbourhood Plan can go forward to referendum.

19/167: Planning Decisions Received: Nil.

19/168: Planning Applications Received:

19/14: (ref: 19/01610/FUL) Land Adjacent To 110 Nottingham Rd - 15 affordable dwellings with associated access and landscaping.

PROPOSAL: NO OBJECTION

PROPOSED: G. May. SECONDED: A. Mercs. Vote: Ten in favour, one against.

Although a Public Meeting was held last year, there was not enough information to hand regarding the housing allocation procedure. R. Walker suggested another Public Meeting should be held to seek assurance on the allocation process. He will set out the criteria for eligibility for the housing in an article in the next edition of Gotham News.

19/169: (ref:19/01648/CLUPRD 24 Curzon Street Gotham Planning Application Consultation -

construction of single storey side and rear extensions. (Borderline requirement for planning consent).

PROPOSAL: NO OBJECTION

PROPOSED: G. May SECONDED: M. Duggan. Vote: All in favour.

19/170: Report by the Chairman of the Environment Committee: (G. May)

Autumn Litter Pick to take place on Saturday, 14th September, 2019 at 10.30 a.m. Meet at the Well House.

Borough Councillor R. Walker left the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

Waste bins x 2 for Railway Walk and Recreation Ground.

PROPOSAL: Clerk to order two 45 litre waste bins to replace the vandalised bin on the Railway Walk and to provide a waste bin at the top of the Recreation Ground. Cost: £291.86 plus VAT.

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

Overhanging Tree: A complaint had been received, by a householder on Kegworth Road, re an overhanging branch from a cherry tree. This might cause a danger from cherry stones being ingested by her dog. G. May to seek an estimate from M. Guest for pruning.

Railway Walk Working Party: A Work Party to meet on the 1st August, 2019 at 7.p.m. to clear weeds from the ditch alongside the BT building. A second Work Party to be arranged, in September, to clear the site for two new trees on the Railway Track.

Sweet Chesnut Tree: M. Wilkins offered a sweet chesnut tree free of charge. G. May suggested the Countryside Trust might be happy to plant it in the Nature Reserve.

PROPOSAL: Extension of the meeting past 9.30 p.m. to complete the Agenda, and re-instatement of Standing Orders.

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

19/171: Policing: (B.J. Walker, D. Atkin)

The Rushcliffe South Safer Villages Community Safety Group meeting at Gotham Memorial Hall on the 9th July, 2019 was cancelled but will be re-arranged.

Crime figures for June, not yet received.

19/172: Gotham News and Media: (G. May, B.J. Walker, D. Atkin).

G. May explained, that articles submitted to the July edition of Gotham News, had to be drastically cut in length due to so much copy having been received. She asked whether it would be permitted to run to 16 pages, when necessary. This would cost an additional £65. M. Wilkins suggested cutting down in size the large picture on the front page to provide more room.

PROPOSAL: That Gotham News extends to 16 pages, when necessary.

PROPOSED: A. Mercs. SECONDED: D. Atkin. Vote: All in favour.

D. Atkin and M. Duggan left the meeting at 9.41 p.m.

19/173: VE Day (Weekend celebrations 8th and 9th May 2020 (letter emailed to all on the 12th June and to Rev. Coleman).

Defer to next meeting. Council to think of ideas to celebrate V.E. Day.

19/174: Date of Cemetery Meeting:

Cemetery Meeting to be held in the Cemetery on the 12th September, 2019 at 7.30 p.m. Clerk to inform PCC members.

19/175: Defibrillator outside the old Post Office.

A. Clayworth to ask B.T. if a defibrillator could be housed next to the telephone in the existing box.

19/176: Chairman's Report:

Fairham Pastures: East Leake have asked to be kept aware of any developments regarding Fairham Pastures.

School Diplomas: The Chairman had attended the Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony at Gotham School and signed their diplomas.

DARE Programme: GPC to continue to support the Drugs Awareness programme at Gotham School. Applications for funding to be sent to the Clerk.

Declarations of Interest for the Council: The Council's Declaration of Interest is to be published on the village website. The Chairman had spoken to Tracy Coupe of RBC, to seek permission for Councillors wishing to opt out of this procedure.

19/177: Clerk's Report:

The Clerk and G. May had attended the RBC Parish Forum on Wednesday, 3rd July, 2019. Details of the presentations available on the internet.

The next Parish Forum to take place on Friday, 11th October, 2019.

19/178: Matters to Report:

Training Session: A. Mercs, D. Atkin, M. Duggan and A. Clayworth had recently attended Council Training. A. Mercs reported, Councils' External Audit Report should be available to view on the Village **Website**. M.F. Raven reported, the External Audits since 2015 have been uploaded onto the website.

Overhanging Bush: M. Wilkins asked the Clerk to write to a householder on Tomlinson Avenue, requesting an overhanging bush making the pavement narrow, be pruned back.

Chairman's Allowance: A. Clayworth confirmed, his annual Chairman's Allowance had been used to fund the Council's Christmas Fuddle and to support the new Playground equipment.

Policies: Policies - G May reported changes have been made to the Standing Orders and that these will be circulated before the next meeting. These need to be read before the next meeting prior to a motion for adoption.

19/179: Items for next Agenda: V.E. Day celebrations. Approval of Model Standing Orders.

19/180: Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd September, 2019 in the Weldon Room of the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.