

# Gedney Hill Parish Council

Minutes of the Gedney Hill Parish Council Meeting held on Monday  
23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 in the Memorial Hall at 18.30 hours.

## **Present:**

Councillors K. James (Chairman)  
D. Mann  
I. Coles  
P. Redgate  
J. Venters

Also Present - Councillor N. Pepper  
Councillor M. Seymour  
Mr Winston Brown

**Minutes:** Miss. D. Leedham (Parish Clerk)

## **Public Forum:**

A resident requested permission to speak during the Planning and Highways discussions of the meeting. Permission granted by Chairman Cllr James.

## **Apologies for Absence:**

PCSO Fylippa Bennet

## **Declarations of Interest in the following agenda:**

None.

## **Minutes of the previous meetings:**

It was noted that the previous meeting minutes had been uploaded to the website.

## **Matters Arising:**

There were no comments and no matters arising from the minutes.

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the proceedings and the minutes for meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were duly signed by the Chairman.

## **Police:**

PCSO Bennett sent the following email in her absence:

*Good Afternoon Dominique*

*Sending my apologies as I will not be at the Parish Council Meeting. Below are reports to Lincolnshire Police in the last month*

*Hare Coursing – Throckenholt and Luttongate*

*Theft of tractor batteries – Station Road*

*Dog loose in highway – Luttongate*

*Suspicious Vehicle – Mole Drove*

*Theft of Sat Nav from motor vehicle – Luttongate*

*Hare coursing season is upon us please call 101 or 999, do not deal with the situation yourselves.*

Concerns were raised at the meeting as the information was short of a couple of local incidents. It was decided that the Clerk would contact PCSO Bennett and request information for 'The Suttons'.

### **Highways:**

Cllr James advised that the Clerk was awaiting an update from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership in relation to North Road. Cllr James once again raised concerns over child safety along North Road. Concerns were also raised by a local resident in relation to speeding along North Road, reportedly an incident during early morning. It was decided that the Clerk would contact Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to inform of local planning and raise concerns over access.

Cllr James also noted that a road sweeper had been requested and had attended. A local resident raised concerns over loose kerb stones south of the village shop. These too had been reported and fixed prior to the meeting.

Concerns were raised by a local resident relating to the state of the road surface along North Road. Cllr Mann added that, in places along the road, some sections had drops as much as 6". Cllr Pepper advised that faults can be reported directly to LCC. The details are as follows:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk) or 01522 782070

It was decided that the Clerk would report these concerns to LCC.

### **Planning:**

Cllr James noted that several members of the council had attended a recent planning information evening which had been very informative. Another information evening would be arranged for approximately six months' time. It was decided that the Clerk would pass the slides from the meeting to all Councillors.

Cllr James advised that the Clerk had checked planning etc for the Caravan site on North Road and had been advised that SHDC Planning enforcement were aware of the site and legally do not have to have planning permission providing the site is for 5 caravans or less and the site is registered with certain clubs.

Cllr James read through the recent planning applications:

H07-0510-17 – **approved**

H07-0545-17 – **approved**

H07-0622-17 – **approved**

H07-0624-17 – **approved**

H07-0786-17 – **approved**

H07-0869-17 – **withdrawn application**

H07 -0945-17 – **undecided** – it was noted that there was no affordable housing

H07-0972-17 – **undecided** – it was noted that there was no affordable housing and previous concerns with drainage had not been dealt with. Cllr James raised concerns about the impact on infrastructure within the village.

H07-0981-17 – **undecided** – concerns were raised over road width and vehicular access in particular farm machinery. Concerns were also raised as two previous plots had already had outline planning applications approved but were yet to be built on.

H07-0987-17 – **undecided** – Concerns were raised as the outline application had 2 properties accessed by a single driveway. However, the current application has 1 property and 1 access. Concerns were also raised over ongoing issues with parking for schools and sewage/drainage. A local resident raised concerns as the property is spread over 3 storeys and this was not in keeping with the village. Cllr Redgate advised there are 2 properties within the village with similar annexed roofs.

A local resident enquired whether any of the properties in planning were going to be affordable housing. Cllr James advised that from current applications none were due. Cllr Mann suggested contacting SHDC planning department with concerns over the lack of affordable housing. Cllr Redgate also raised concerns that the number of properties under application at present exceeded the maximum number of 15 in a year. Cllr James advised that currently 26 houses were under application. It was decided that the Clerk would contact SHDC planning department in relation to these concerns.

Cllr Seymour advised that we are currently waiting for the next 5 year plan to be approved.

### **Defibrillator**

Clerk advised that EMAS were not able to do any training at the minute due to staff shortages but may be able to in the New Year. The Clerk advised that she had contacted St Johns Ambulance and they are able to carry out the following training:

1. Essential First aid - £25+VAT per person. Maximum of 14 people and would last approximately 3 ½ hours.
2. AED Talk Demo – £100+VAT and is a 2 hour talk.

Concerns were raised over whether the numbers for training would be high enough to warrant the cost of training. Cllr Pepper advised that LIVES had been used in the area recently for training. Clerk to look into the cost of training by LIVES.

### **Sports Pavilion Update:**

Prior to meeting the Clerk had sent a link to a website for the Councillors to review adding the Pavilion too. All Councillors agreed to the Clerk adding the Pavilion to the website.

Cllr James advised that repairs were required on the Pavilion. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact GHS (Mr Coleman) about replacing the roof tiles.

Cllr James advised that the Clerk had contacted T.A. Blackamore for monthly invoices regarding the mowing of the playing field, still awaiting response.

Cllr James read the letter from GHCG in relation to hiring the Pavilion and Field on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and concerns over the cleanliness/opening and closing of the Pavilion. After discussion it was decided that hire on the 8<sup>th</sup> July was all ok at a cost £25 and all agreed to open the Pavilion for the group the day before. Cllr James proposed that the Pavilion be cleaned monthly to ensure concerns were not raised again. All Councillors agreed and it was decided that Mr Ford would be given first refusal if not other possibilities were to be looked into. Cllr James also noted that the terms and conditions for the Pavilion were not up to date, it was decided that the Clerk would draft terms and conditions.

#### **Notice Board:**

The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting a response from the Area Manager of McColl's reference updating the notice board. Cllr James enquired if it would be possible to combine the Parish Notice Board with the Church Notice Board. Cllr Seymour advised that the Church were awaiting a new Vicar before updating their Notice Board. Cllr James advised that funding for the Notice Board could be applied for through the Wryde Croft Wind Farm Grant. It was decided that the Grant would be applied to for funding for the Notice Board.

The Clerk advised that she would need clarification of the type of board the Council would like. Cllr Pepper showed the new Notice Board in Crowland. It was decided that the Clerk would contact Crowland Parish Council to get further details of where it has been purchased from.

#### **Standing Orders:**

Cllr James produced a new set of Standing Orders which were distributed by the Clerk prior to the meeting. All Councillors agreed to the new Standing Orders and a review date of May was set.

#### **Meeting dates:**

Cllr James raised concerns over the infrequency of meeting dates and asked the council whether more dates per year were required. After discussion it was decided that meetings would be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every second month to avoid other local Parish meetings and elections and the start time would remain as 18.30 hours. Dates for 2018 were agreed as follows:

15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Clerk to book Memorial Hall.

#### **Clerks report and Accounts:**

Accounts:

The balances for accounts up to 23<sup>rd</sup> October are as follows:

**GHPC**

Current Account: £8946.45  
Business Reserve Account: £1517.66

**GHSP**

Current Account: £1892.73  
Business Reserve Account: £729.73

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**Total Cash £13086.57**

**GHPC**

**Monies Out**

Handyman Wages £202.50  
Clerks Wages £967.08  
LALC (LCR Magazine) £35.00  
Grant Thornton £120.00

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**GHPC Total Out £1324.58**

**Monies In**

Cemetery £220.00  
VAT126 £1047.95  
Interest £0.02

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**GHPC Total In £1267.97**

**GHSP**

**Monies Out**

EON £189.05  
Anglian Water £16.04  
GHEC £273.50  
Circlefire £49.88

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**GHSP Total Out £528.47**

**Monies in**

Interest £0.01

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**GHSP Total In £0.01**

**Report:**

The Clerk advised of the Transparency Code Funding for items such as laptop, printer, scanner, software etc. All Councillors agreed to apply for the funding and once received the Clerk is to liaise with Cllr James for the purchase of items.

The Clerk enquired about the possibility of setting-up a Facebook page for the Parish. All Councillors agreed to Facebook and Twitter and it was decided that the Clerk would work with Cllr Redgate to create both.

The Clerk requested to attend 2 upcoming training sessions:

1. New Clerks Training Day on 21<sup>st</sup> November at a cost of £25
2. FOI & Data Protection on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at a cost of £10

All Councillors agreed to both sessions and Clerk would report back the findings.

**A.O.B.:**

Cllr Redgate enquired whether the Church Clock was now working as there had been some issues. Cllr Coles confirmed that all was ok.

Cllr James noted that both him and Cllr Venters had attended a recent Wryde Croft Wind Farm Grant meeting and summarised some of the recent grants applied for in the local area. Cllr James advised that the fund was not being utilised locally and urged all Councillors to think about what might be relevant to the Parish.

Cllr Redgate advised that any concerns in relation to water pollution needs reporting to the Environment Agency as soon as noticed and every time it occurs. Cllr Redgate also noted that Anglian Water were looking at replacing pipework along Mill Lane and Lincoln Avenue and a letter should be received in the future.

**Dates of Next Meetings:**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Memorial Hall at 18.30 hours.

Meeting Closed at 20.09 hours.

It should be noted that the posting of minutes on the website takes place prior to acceptance and approval of them by the attendees of the relevant meeting.