

# Gedney Hill Parish Council

Minutes of the Gedney Hill Parish Council Meeting held on Monday  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Memorial Hall at 18.30 hours.

## **Present:**

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

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

## **Minutes:**

Miss. D. Leedham (Parish Clerk)

Cllr James opened the meeting by welcoming all to the first meeting of 2018.

### **1. Public Forum:**

Parking concerns along Hillgate were raised by a local resident particularly near the shop. The resident reported access to her property had been limited at times due to parking. The resident also advised that due to parking along the path many of the kerbstones were damaged or loose. The resident enquired whether it would be possible to have road markings applied to prevent the access issues. The Council advised this had been previously looked into but were unsure of the outcome. Councillors agreed that the Clerk would look into this and report the damaged/loose kerbstones to LCC.

### **2. Apologies for Absence and acceptance:**

David Mann  
PCSO Fylippa Bennet  
All apologies for absence were accepted by the Chairman.

### **3. Declarations of Interest and consideration of any requests for dispensation:**

None.

### **4. Minutes of the last meeting:**

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the proceedings and the minutes for the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October were duly signed by the Chairman.

### **5. Police:**

PCSO Bennett sent the following email in her absence:

*Here are the reports from The Suttons Neighbourhood Policing team since 01 October 2017 to date*

### *Hare Coursing*

*Langary Gate Road x2  
Hallgate road x2  
North Road  
Luttongate x4  
CherryTree House Throckenholt  
Common Road, Throckenholt  
New Fen Drove  
Ollards Farm, Throckenholt x2  
Station Road x2*

### *Suspicious Circumstances –*

*unknown person/s knocking on door at Lincolns Avenue, Gedney Hill  
Report of a Drink Driver – Hillgate, Gedney Hill  
Theft of tractor lawnmower – Station Road, Gedney Hill  
Theft of Tractor Batteries – Station Road, Gedney Hill  
3 vehicles damaged North Road, Gedney Hill  
Theft of heating oil – Coronation Avenue, Throckenholt  
Suspicious Circumstances vehicle loitering near to a farm – Mole Drove, Gedney Hill  
Dash cam and Sat Nav stolen from vehicle Luttongate, Gedney Hill  
ASB – Inappropriate use of fireworks near to horses – South-eau-bank, Throckenholt  
House Burglary – Station Road, Gedney Hill  
Suspicious Circumstances Vehicle pulled up to a property and photos were taken –  
Fleet Coy Gedney Hill*

*Regards  
Fylippa*

## **6. Highways:**

### **a. North Road Parking concerns update**

Cllr James read through email outlining that no concerns had been found by the Highways Department on their visit. After discussion it was decided that the Clerk would request a further survey where a Parish Council representative would be present.

### **b. North Road Surface update**

Cllr James updated the meeting, advising that LCC had the job on their jobs list and it would be completed accordingly. It was noted that areas of the road had been marked in yellow which was suspected to outline proposed works.

### **c. Resident concerns over gritting of North Road**

Cllr James read through resident concerns with the lack of gritting of North Road after spinning of vehicle outside the school on North Road. The resident had advised the Clerk that she had spoken with SHDC and it was not part of the gritting route and

would not be for the duration of this 'winter' season.

All were advised that prior to the meeting the Clerk had requested a quote for a grit bin and grit from LCC (request ref: 101000244822). They are currently awaiting new routes and bin locations for winter 2018-2019. LCC also advised that nothing would be done in relation to the area before next 'winter' season. Discussions over potential sittings for the bin and who responsibility lay with, it was decided to await further information from LCC before a decision is made.

**d. Resident concerns over speeding through village email**

Cllr James read through email outlining concerns with speeding along North Road. A resident in attendance also noted the same concerns along Hillgate/Station Road.

**e. Community Speed Watch (email from Cllr Pepper)**

All Cllrs acknowledged the email, Cllr Pepper advised this would be part of the information discussed at the Cowbit meeting (see 6.i.). All agreed to discuss further at next meeting.

**f. North Road/Hillgate street light update**

Cllr James advised that the requested had been escalated to the Asset & Property team manager and are currently awaiting a response.

**g. Grass Cutting**

Clerk advised payment for taking on the grass cutting. After discussion all agreed to monitor for the next year.

**h. Part-time street light questionnaire**

Council were advised that the Parish had two street light which operated part-time, both situated on Highstock Lane. Clerk enquired if the Council would like details of the question putting on notice board, all agreed.

**i. Email from Cowbit Parish Council Clerk**

Clerk read through email and Cllr Pepper further advised that meeting was relation to speed and to be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March and ideally the Clerk and Chairman from surrounding Parishes would attend. It was decided that the Clerk and Chairman would attend the meeting and the Clerk would enquire about the possibility of additional attendees.

**7. Planning:**

**H07-1162-17 - undecided**

Resident raised the following concerns:

- Loss of privacy
- Height of proposed development
- Height of the land being developed
- Sewage and potential overflow into field at rear/boundary
- Not in keeping with the village

Cllr James thanked the resident for her comments and advised that the Council would discuss the application. Clerk advised that there are examples on SHDC website of whether a concerns can be considered.

Cllr James read through the recent planning applications:

H07-0945-17 – **approved**  
H07-0972-17 – **approved**  
H07-0981-17 – **approved**  
H07-0987-17 – **approved**  
H07-1011-17 – **approved**  
H07-1203-17 – **undecided**

Clerk advised she had raised concerns from previous meeting and was awaiting a response from SHDC planning department. Cllr Seymour advised that we are currently waiting for the next 5 year plan to be approved.

#### **8. Resident concerns over noise from Memorial Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Cllr James read through concerns with noise on this particular date. He advised that the Clerk had contacted the Memorial Hall by telephone and email and had been advised of a noise limiter cut off system though unsure of what dB this would cut in at. Clerk to chase for response from Memorial Hall.

#### **9. Defibrillator**

Clerk advised Councillors of email received in relation to finding for defibrillator. All agreed to Clerk looking into the funding possibility for training.

Quotes received from LIVES were as follows:

1. Standard course for 12 max £250 includes - Chain of survival, Assessing an incident, Casualty assessment, Managing an unresponsive casualty, Recovery Position, CPR, AED safety considerations, Using an AED, Combining AED use with CPR, Using an AED on a child, Procedures for when Emergency Services arrive
2. Refresher Course 15 max is £250.

St Johns Ambulances quotes were as follows:

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.

Cllr Seymour advised that Sutton St Edmunds had recently installed a defibrillator and advised the Clerk to contact the Clerk for the possibility of joint training.

#### **10. Sports Pavilion Update:**

##### **a. Cleaning**

Cllr James advised that the Sports Pavilion was now being cleaned monthly.

**b. T.A. Blackamore quote**

All Councillors agreed to quote of £1128 from T.A. Blackamore for this year's grass cutting and all were happy to receive invoices as follows: March, April and May invoiced end of May - June, July and August invoiced end of August and the final one for the season at the end of November.

Concerns had been raised over hedge cuttings from the Cemetery being left on the field at the rear. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the resident for permission access the land and advise T.A. Blackamore that prior knowledge of cutting would be required.

**c. Letter from GHCG**

Clerk advised she had responded to the letter and advised the GHCG that new terms and conditions would be forwarded in due course.

**11. Notice Board:**

Clerk advised that the application to Wryde Croft Wind Farm Grant had been started.

## 12. Precept 2018-2019:

Precept proposal as below:

### Account balances as of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

#### **GHPC**

Current Account:	£7888.12
Business Reserve Account:	£1,517.78

#### **GHSP**

Current Account:	£329.21
Business Reserve Account:	£729.79

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<b>Account Totals</b>	<b>£10464.90</b>
Forecast spend until end March	£1850.52

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**Forecast balance remaining end March £8,614.38**

### Expected Outgoings 2018-2019

Handyman Wages inc DF11	£1000.00
Clerks Wages	£4000.00
Clerks Expenses	£250.00
Audit	£200.00
Mower Service	£110.00
LALC	£310.00
Insurance	£1200.00
Clock Winding	£100.00
Anglian Water	£50.00
Circlefire	£55.00
Weed Spraying	£55.00
EON	£260.00
GHEC (Rent)	£280.00
Pavilion Maintenance	£90.00
SH IDB	£50.00
Grass Cutting	£1128.00
AES	£200.00
Dyke Cutting	£60.00

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<b>Total expected outgoings</b>	<b>£9398.00</b>
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### Expected incomings 2018-2019

GHEC	£2000.00
Cemetery	£800.00

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<b>Total expected incomings</b>	<b>£2800.00</b>
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Total Cash (a/c balance + expected income)	£11414.38
Total expected outgoings	£9398.00

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**Expected remaining balance £2016.38**

**Proposed Precept of £6000.**

It was noted that this is £2,500 reduction on the previous year.

All agreed to precept of £6,000 for the year 2018-2019. Clerk to advise SHDC.

**Clerks report:**

**a. Accounts:**

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The balances for accounts up to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 are as follows:

**GHPC**

Current Account: £7888.12

Business Reserve Account: £1517.78

**GHSP**

Current Account: £329.21

Business Reserve Account: £729.79

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**Total Cash £10464.90**

**GHPC**

**Monies Out**

Clerks Wages £967.08

Handy Man Wages £161.25

DF11 £60.00

LALC (Training) £35.00

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**GHPC Total Out £1223.33**

**Monies In**

Cemetery £220.00

Interest £0.07

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**GHPC Total In £220.07**

**GHSP**

**Monies Out**

GHS (repairs) £85.00

T.A. Blackamore £1093.61

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**GHSP Total Out £1178.61**

**Monies in**

Interest £0.04

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**GHSP Total In £0.04**

Cllr Redgate raised concerns over the Sports Pavilion use over the last year (very little income). All agreed to 'brainstorm' possible uses for the next meeting. Clerk to draft website update and notice board information.

Cllr James also noted that the drain had been cleared, all agreed for this to be carried out yearly.

#### **b. Audit Webinar**

Clerk advised that an audit webinar was taking place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and had requested log in details to access. All agreed to Clerk watch Webinar and report back at next meeting.

#### **c. LALC Training**

All Councillors were aware of new training courses from LALC and would advise in the future if any were to be attended.

#### **d. Transparency Code Funding**

Clerk advised she had contacted LALC reference the above funding and was awaiting response. Clerk to update at next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 19.51 hours.

### **13. Closed session to consider items from Clerks recent training**

It was agreed that the meeting move to closed session and exclude public, police and press in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.

It was agreed that:

1. Insurance cover policy would be checked.
2. Missed payments for the use of the Sports Pavilion last year would be chased.
3. Declarations of interest to be reviewed yearly in May.
4. Paperwork to be evaluated in accordance with LALC policy.
5. Clock servicing quotes to be obtained.

Meeting closed at 20.21 hours.

#### **Dates of Next Meetings:**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March in the Memorial Hall at 18.30 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.