

MAIN MINUTES JUNE, 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL 1ST June, 2010, held in the Memorial Hall Weldon Room, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: G.Trickett, (Chairman), R.Muir, (Vice-Chairman) J.M.F.Royce, B.J.Walker, P.R.Dines, G.Clark, S.Hall, T.Vennett-Smith, D.Bexon, E.Padden.

In attendance: Ms. J.Oldfield

10/96: Apologies: J.P.Anderson,

10/97: Acceptance of Apologies:

PROPOSED: T.Vennett-Smith SECONDED: P.R.Dines. Vote: All in favour.

10/98: Declaration of Interest:

T.Vennett-Smith declared an interest in item 8 on the Agenda – Report by Chairman of Planning and Development. re rural housing survey.

D.Bexon and G.Trickett declared an interest in Planning Application no: 10/10: (ref:10/00860/EXT – 96 Nottm Rd – application to extend the time limit for implementation of planning permission 07/00523/OUT for (demolish dwelling and industrial buildings) construct single and two storey building for C2 Residential Nursing Home.

10/99: Minutes of the previous meeting:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council AGM held on the 4th May, 2010 as circulated, be signed as a true record of the business transacted.

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

Progress arising from the Minutes:

10/9: (ref: 10/00729/FUL) - 96 Nottingham Road – Change of use of unit from tyre service to a taxi office: retention of aerial. The Clerk would check the planning restrictions re Sunday operations of the taxi service.

10/100: Casual Vacancy: The Chairman welcomed J.Oldfield who wished to observe the meeting prior to her possible application to become a member of GPC. He emphasised the urgent need for new members to fill the present two vacancies on the Council and the three unfilled posts for Chairman, Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee. R.Muir and the G.Trickett would approach the parents of children at Gotham Primary School with a letter of invitation to join the Council and subsequent letter to appropriate people within the village.

10/101: Finance Monthly Payments and Receipts:

Receipts and Payments: RESOLVED: That the receipts, since the last meeting, are noted and the Accounts in Appendix F1 be confirmed and authorised for payment. (subject to cheque no. 303019 – Pest control £141.00)

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

Acceptance by the Parish Council of the Audit for Year end 2009/10:

The Chairman read out the financial conditions that the Council had adhered to during the year 2009/10.

PROPOSAL: To accept the Audit of the Accounts for the year 2009/10.

PROPOSED: G.Trickett, SECONDED: J.M.F.Royce. Vote: All in favour.

The Chairman and Clerk signed the Audit sheet. The Clerk would forward the accounts to the Internal Auditor, Mr.G.Stafford for his inspection and approval.

T.Vennett-Smith left the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

10/102: Report by Chairman of Planning and Development Committee (J.P.Anderson absent – report by G.Trickett):

G.Trickett reported the last Planning Meeting had been held on the 18th May, 2010. There had been no nomination for the position of Vice-Chairman. The meeting had been attended by Mr Machin of Savills and two representatives from the housing department at RBC. A discussion had taken place re affordable housing within Gotham and Mr Machin had explained that no further movement would take place until a Rural Housing Needs Survey had taken place to ascertain a village requirement for affordable housing. T.Vennett-Smith returned to the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

10/103: Recommendation from the Planning and Development Committee for a Rural Housing Needs Survey by GPC, in conjunction with RBC.

T.Vennett-Smith thought there was no need for a Housing Needs Survey until a decision had been made on the proposed development, South of Clifton. Should the development go ahead, there would be approximately thirteen hundred affordable homes available. A rural housing needs survey had to be run by RBC to ascertain need before an Exception Site could be granted within Green Belt land.. A Social Housing Trust would maintain the affordable housing. S.Hall said some social housing in Gotham was still under the control of a Housing Association and a certain amount of disharmony had occurred amongst the tenants in recent years. Planning consent for social housing could be a way of obviating the Green Belt for further development, beyond the initial site. The Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles M.P. was now in charge of the Department of Communities and Local Government and had recently stated that 'the Green Belt should not be breached – he preferred smaller developments within existing villages which he thought was the way forward for the provision of more housing'. Regional planning might be scrapped in favour of Local Planning. B.J.Walker would contact East Bridgford Parish Council for information regarding their experience of affordable housing.

PROPOSAL: No Rural Housing Need Survey necessary until the outcome of the Barratt's application known.

PROPOSED: P.R.Dines, SECONDED: G.Trickett Vote: Three in favour, five against, two abstentions.

It was agreed to take another look at the situation regarding affordable housing in the light of the newly elected Government. The Clerk would contact Miss Doherty of RBC housing for information regarding sites already built and to ascertain whether or not they were a proven success.

PROPOSAL: A letter of congratulations would be sent to the Rt.Hon. K.Clarke on his re-election and new position as Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice.

PROPOSED: T.Vennett-Smith SECONDED: G.Trickett Vote: All in favour.

10/104: RBC Core Strategy Consultation (?follow up letter to RBC)

T.Vennett-Smith thought the quality of the Consultation on the Core Strategy by RBC had been poor.

Agreed - defer follow up letter until J.P.Anderson, Chairman of Planning, available.

10/105: Planning Decisions Received: Nil.

10/106: Planning Applications Received:

G.Trickett and D.Bexon left the meeting at 8.50p.m. having declared an interest in the planning application for 96 Nottingham Road.

10/10: (ref:10/00860/EXT – 96 Nottm Rd – application to extend the time limit for implementation of planning Permission 07/00523/OUT for (demolish dwelling and industrial buildings) construct single and two storey building for C2 Residential Nursing Home.

Original planning consent granted in 2007 on appeal. Now due to expire. A letter from the applicant had been received which sought approval by GPC on the change of use of the site from industrial units to a nursing home.

PROPOSAL: **TO OBJECT.**

PROPOSED: J.M.F.Royce SECONDED: B.J.Walker Vote: eight in favour, one abstention.

Comment: GPC stand by their original objection and therefore reject the application due to the loss of small business opportunity. G.Trickett and D.Bexon returned to the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

10/107: Chairman's Report: Environment Committee:

G.Trickett reported an Environment Meeting had been held on the 18th May, 2010. There had been no nominations for either Chairman or Vice-Chairman. A discussion had taken place on whether or not to absorb the Environment Committee into the Main Council meeting agenda but it had been agreed to retain separate meetings the first arranged for the 18th September, 2010.

The mobile speed camera had been erected on The Ridgeway and was well received by residents. The calibration of the data was incompatible with G.Trickett's computer system but the problem could be overcome. The mobile speed camera could be sited in other authorised sites within the village. B.J.Walker congratulated G.Trickett and G.Clark for their attempts at speed control throughout the village.

The Clerk was asked to contact P & J Services to request weed spraying beneath the public noticeboard.

Streetwise had cleared fly-tipping from Gypsum Way.

10/108: Policing Matters/Vandalism:

B.J.Walker had not yet received the May crime figures.She had attended a Priority Setting meeting on the 26th May, 2010 in Keyworth. P.C.Kelly Warwick had attended the meeting to ascertain local worries and priorities re policing. These were stated as:

- Fear of burglary.

- Speeding
- Litter and Dog Mess.

P.C.Warwick had reported a recent spate of caravan thefts in the area. She reported more assiduous police checks on the Memorial Hall/ recreation grounds had been carried out.

10/109: Gotham News: (now Gotham Media).

Next copy date for Gotham News was 20th August, 2010. R.Muir appealed for copy in good time as delay caused too much extra work in the compilation of the magazine.

R.Muir would include an article re the drop in revenue from £2,500 to £500 per annum from the paper recycling banks, with a reminder to parishioners to continue using the car park bins for the sake of the extra funds for purchases, such as village seats, bins, etc.

The May edition of Gotham News had contained a slight error in reference to the position, at South Notts Bus Depot, held by centogenarian, B.Whitmore. An apology to Mr. Whitmore would appear in the September issue.

A directory of village clubs and societies would be included in the September issue.

Website: The Clerk reported, S.Butler had been unavailable to attend this meeting to talk about the village website.

T.Green had contacted J.P.Anderson re difficulty accessing the website. S.Butler would simplify access.

J.Oldfield left the meeting at 9.30p.m.

10/110: Email Protocol:

G.Trickett and E.Padden had drawn up an emailing protocol list for Councillors. Copies circulated.

PROPOSAL: Acceptance of the e-mail Protocol.

PROPOSED: T.Vennett-Smith SECONDED: R.Muir Vote: eight in favour, two against.

10/111: Centogenarian Protocol (J.M.F.Royce):

J.M.F.Royce thought there was a need for GPC to recognise a parishioner who had reached the age of one hundred years. A token of respect might be a cheque for £100 presented by the Chairman of GPC.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that a monetary gift was unnecessary and a gift of flowers or chocolates would be more appropriate.

10/112: Chairman's Report: Nil.

10/113: Clerk's Report:

The Clerk had received invitations to attend an SLCC conference in Brigg, Lincs and a training meeting at Chilwell. It was agreed the conference was too far to travel. She would accept the Chilwell training session at the Village Hotel, Chilwell on the 28th June, 2010.

10/114: Matters to Report:

T.Vennett-Smith had attended the St. Lawrence Church Re-ording Ceremony on the 23rd May, 2010. An enjoyable Service of Dedication was lead by the Bishop of Southwell. The interior of the church looked very modern and inviting. The Clerk would send a letter of thanks to Rev.S.Osman for his service to Gotham and wish him and his family well in his new parish in Tyne and Wear.

10/115: Date and Time of Next Meeting: 6th July, 2010 to be held in the Weldon Room in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Apologies for absence from the next meeting received from P.R.Dines.