

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL 4th May, 2010 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL WELDON ROOM, COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.

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

10/71: Appointment of Chairman for the ensuing year: (2010-2011).

It was moved by J.M.F.Royce, seconded by M.Frankish and duly carried by unanimous vote that G.Trickett should be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year. G.Trickett thanked the Council and agreed to serve as Chairman.

10/72: Appointment of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year:

It was moved by J.M.F.Royce, seconded by S.Hall and duly carried by unanimous vote, that R.Muir be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. R.Muir thanked the Council and agreed to stand as Vice-Chairman.

G.Trickett thanked retiring Chairman, T.Vennett-Smith, for his hard work over the last two years. He commented on the excellent work of past Chairmen of the Council and was fearful he would be unable to emulate them. He would call on Councillors for their help and assistance during his Chairmanship.

10/73: Apologies: Nil

10/74: Acceptance of Apologies: N/a

10/75: Declaration of Interest:

R.Muir and T.Vennett-Smith declared an interest in **10/8: (ref: 10/00595/FUL) OS Field 0152 - Retention of Barn**

10/76: Council Vacancy:

There was still one Council vacancy. M.Frankish confirmed his intention to tender his resignation from the Council. He would not seek re-election to the Environment Committee. The Clerk had contacted interested party, Mr.David Wisher, who had confirmed he would not stand for Council. The Clerk would contact Mrs J. Oldfield who had expressed an interest in joining GPC, during her attendance at the Public Meeting held on the 23rd March, 2010.,

10/77: Appointment of Committee Members and 4 Trustees to serve on Memorial Hall/Recreation Ground Trust: Nominees to act as Trustees.

P.R.Dines, S.Hall (Two vacancies for decision).

Environment Committee Members:

G.Trickett, P.R.Dines, R.Muir, G.Clark, E.Padden.

Cemetery Sub-Committee:

J.P.Anderson, R.Muir, P.R.Dines, D.Bexon, G.Trickett – PCC Representatives: D.Power, A.Farnsworth.

Finance Committee Members:

J.M.F.Royce, T.Vennett-Smith, G.Trickett, E.Padden, G.Clark, B.J.Walker, R.Muir.

Planning & Development Committee Members:

J.P.Anderson, B.J.Walker, G.Trickett, P.R.Dines, G.Clark, R.Muir, E.Padden, T.Vennett-Smith.

10/78: Appointment of Members for Working Parties/Groups:

Sports Arena Management Committee:

J.P.Anderson, T.Vennett-Smith, P.R.Dines.

Gotham News Editorial.

J.P.Anderson, D.Bexon, E.Padden, R.Muir

Gotham Website.

J.P.Anderson - website.

Trustees of Memorial Hall/Recreation Ground:

S.Hall, P.R.Dines (Two vacancies).

10/79: Appointment of Delegates/Representatives:

N.A.L.C: B.J.Walker

Parish Paths Partnership: G.Trickett, R.Muir, assisted by K.G.Thorpe.

Neighbourhood Watch: B.J.Walker

Police Liaison: B.J.Walker

C.P.R.E: B.J.Walker, E.Padden.

Sports Arena: P.R.Dines, J.P.Anderson, T.Vennett-Smith.

PROPOSAL: To accept the list of Councillors to serve as representatives on the aforementioned Committees.

PROPOSED: R.Muir SECONDED: G.Trickett. Vote: All in favour.

10/80: Minutes of the previous meeting:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 6th April, 2010 as circulated, be signed as a true record of the business transacted, with the following amendments: **10/3 (ref:10/00085/FUL) Primary School, Kegworth Road** insert word 'chimney' before 'and two metal flues'. **Public Meeting held on the 23rd March, 2010:** 11th sentence change word 'adjustment' to 'practice' **10/68: Clerk's Report: 2nd sentence:** insert 'All agreed' after Village Pump.

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

10/81: Action Arising from the Last Minutes: Nil to report.

10/82: 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.

PROPOSED: P.R.Dines SECONDED: S.Hall Vote: All in favour.

PROPOSAL: Move an extra £2,000 from the current account to the 14 day account.

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

10/83: GPC Financial Regulations:

P.R.Dines, in conjunction with J.M.F.Royce, had prepared and circulated the GPC Financial Regulations to Council.

10/84: Chairman's Report: Environment Committee: (M.Frankish)

There had not been a meeting since October, 2009.

Grass Cutting: Highways South had confirmed a reduction of grass cutting to four sessions per year. It was not their policy to clear away grass cuttings. Their only criteria was to retain road visibility.

Cemetery: The Cemetery was in good order. The Environment Committee was only responsible for general maintenance and planting. The front hedge needed trimming down. Clerk would ask P & J Contractors to carry out.

Village Sign: Ongoing. G.Trickett would ascertain the intention of British Gypsum to donate £3000 towards the cost.

Speed Gun: Sessions running regularly.

Notts County Council Local Improvement Scheme: Applications open until September, 2010. Passed to R.Muir who would apply for improvement to the North side of The Square.

10/85: Chairman's Report: Planning & Development Committee: (J.P.Anderson).

A planning meeting had not been held in the month of April, 2010 as there had been no submission of planning applications.

10/86: Planning Decisions Received: Nil.

10/87: Planning Applications Received:

10/5: (ref: 10/00166/FUL – 1 Monks Lane – Two storey rear extension (2nd application as earlier planning application withdrawn. Revised hipped first floor. First floor slightly smaller. Ground floor same as previous plan.

PROPOSAL - **NO OBJECTION:** PROPOSED: G.Trickett SECONDED: S.Hall Vote: All in favour.

R.Muir and T.Vennett-Smith left the meeting at 8.30 p.m. having declared an interest in application reference no. 10/00595/FUL.

10/8: (ref: 10/00595/FUL) OS Field 0152 - Retention of Barn.

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

Comment: Extremely visually intrusive especially when trees not in leaf. We feel applicant has not shown due respect to RBC, GPC and the planning process. Both initial plan 09/00595/FUL and this one 10/00595/FUL have been deliberately confusing in the lack of pertinent information as to dimensions and the obscuring of the intended effect. GPC also feel the height of the barn is excessive for the intended use. GPC welcome RBC's continued support in imposing sensible and enforceable restrictions on planning applications in this sensitive area.

R.Muir and T.Vennett-Smith returned to the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

10/9: (ref: 10/00729/FUL) - 96 Nottingham Road – Change of use of unit from tyre service to a taxi office: retention of aerial.

J.P.Anderson read out the supporting statement from the applicant.

PROPOSAL - **NO OBJECTION:** PROPOSED: M.Frankish SECONDED: T.Vennett-Smith Vote: All in favour.

The Chairman reported, the Nursing Home application at the industrial site on Nottingham Road was about to expire and would be re-submitted.

Mr. G. Machin of Savills would attend the P. & D. Meeting on the 18th May, 2010 for a discussion on affordable housing.

10/88: Green Belt Issues:

B.J.Walker reported an ELF Meeting would be held on the 9th June, 2010 at RBC to understand the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) and how to become involved. G.Trickett and E.Padden offered to attend.

10/89: Report on Annual Parish Meeting held on 27th April, 2010:

All agreed the Annual Parish Meeting had been successful and fairly well attended by older parishioners. J.P.Anderson had explained the situation re the fight to save the Green Belt land South of Clifton. There had been enthusiastic village reports by many organisations. P.C. Kelly Warwick had attended and given a Police Report mentioning the February shooting incident. She had explained the new DNA identifying Magic Water which could now be used instead of ultra violet pens to mark household goods, etc. It was agreed the Chairman's Report should be delivered to every household as in former years. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for supplying the refreshments. Agenda item February main meeting 2011 – for insertion in Gotham News.

10/90: Policing Matters:

B.J.Walker had circulated the monthly crime figures. At the Annual Parish Meeting, P.C.K.Warwick had reported an incident of criminal damage to trees on the Recreation Ground. A man in his forties had been formally cautioned and banned from the Recreation Ground.

10/91: Gotham News:

The editorial team had brought a draft copy of the next edition of Gotham News for GPC approval and comment. The front page carried an article on the Scouts drive to purchase the Scout Hut on Malt Street. R.Muir suggested a meeting of the editorial team to discuss Terms & Conditions for the advertisers regarding copyright of their adverts and payment procedures.

Two items suggested for future magazine articles: A History of the PPP with map. A thankyou message for the work of Rev. S.Osman.

10/92: Chairman's Report: (former Chairman – T.Vennett-Smith)

The former Chairman thanked the Council for their hard work over his two year Chairmanship. He thanked the Clerk for her support and presented her with a box of chocolates.

The Chairman thanked G.Trickett for chairing the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman called for the Planning and Development Committee to consider the quality of the consultation on the Core Strategy. Should GPC hold further consultation with RBC?

S.Lynn-Brewin had invited a representative from GPC to the end of term leavers celebration and the presentation of the DARE certificates. D.Bexon offered to attend the DARE presentation at 6 p.m. date to be confirmed. T.Vennett-Smith would attend the Leavers' Celebration.

10/93: Clerk's Report:

The Clerk had attended two functions during April. 20th April - Town and Parish Conference. G.Hind had given a power point presentation on Memorial Hall refurbishment. A discussion on The Power of Well Being which supersedes the S137 monies was held. GPC were ineligible as at present less than two thirds of members were elected.

26th April – The Paper Chase – report on course. A discussion was held on Data Protection versus The Freedom of Information Act. All Councils should register with the ICO (information Commissioner's Office) for protection against prosecution for e.g. loss of personal data. Cost of cover was £35 for financial protection of £5,000. Clerk would make enquiries re registration.

The Clerk reported vandalism to the public noticeboard with one section cracked. She would ask R.Roulstone to carry out a repair.

10/94: Matters to Report:

Cemetery: J.M.F.Royce suggested regular reading of the Cemetery water meter.

Scout Hall: P.R.Dines queried the Scouts acquisition of the Scout Hall. G.Trickett thought the Scouting Association might offer financial support.

Spirita: M.Frankish reported new families had moved into Gotham against the former advice given by Spirita. T.Vennett-Smith confirmed GPC had no control over who Spirita move into the village and there was no prior consultation. Despite earlier invitations to Spirita to meet with the Parish Council, they had declined. The housing control had been moved away from RBC and was now under the umbrella of Metropolitan Homes in Leicestershire.

10/95: Date and Time of Next Meeting: 7.30 p.m. 1st June, 2010. The Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.