

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd March 2021 via Zoom

Attendance: Cllrs Sarah Gillard, Anita Greener, Fran Preston, Christine Sawyer, Merle Skinner, Liz Stephenson, Claire Patton, Richard Cooper
 Parish Clerk Jeremy Sherlock;
 ERYC Cllr David Rudd; 1 member of the public

88. Apologies, Dispensations and Declarations

Cllr Chris Buswell (work). Cllr Stephenson took the Chair. The Chair welcomed Richard Cooper to his first meeting as a new Councillor.

89. Public Session

A query was raised about when the picnic benches would be put back. The current government “roadmap” has changes regarding meeting outside proposed from 12th April and 17th May. It was agreed that the Clerk in consultation with Councillors would take a decision as these changes are introduced. The shrubbery will be pruned in advance. It was noted that work was needed to the benches so repair/ replacement is necessary. The Clerk will source prices for replacements.

90. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 6th January 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 6th January 2020 be approved

91. Matters Arising

None

92. Forward Budget – the Clerk circulated a report with forward budget scenarios. In none of these scenarios does the precept cover operational costs. Further Precept increases would be needed to deal with this. The windfall funds can be used for a number of years to minimise precept increases. An element of these funds can be reserved for this purpose. Inflation based increases would prevent this “gap” increasing.

Resolved that:

- 1. An allocation of c £2k is reserved from the windfall funds to cover future operational expenditure to reduce precept increases.**
- 2. Inflation based precept increases be agreed in principle to prevent the gap between income and operational costs widening excessively.**

93. Use of “Windfall” Funds – the Clerk had circulated a “long list”. There was a discussion about community support for the various options. It was suggested that a number of villagers were supportive of a community allotment. However, it is unclear where this would be located as the Council has no land. Cllr Greener agreed to approach landowners and report back to the next meeting.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting when a face to face meeting should be possible.

94. Risk Assessment – the Clerk circulated a draft Risk Assessment and raised the following issues:

- a. With additional mitigation measures and policies now in place Council activity is low risk.
- b. Most inspections will be carried out by the Clerk when the agenda is posted though in practice issues are likely to be highlighted by the local community as soon as they happen. Councillors advised that they are happy to support the Clerk with this – the Clerk will produce a template to allow this to be recorded.
- c. A system will be introduced whereby Councillors can update their Register of Interests on an annual basis at the time of the Annual Meeting.
- d. The Accounts should be cross checked by Councillors intermittently. A Councillor could be nominated to take a lead on this.

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- e. Once the Council can meet physically, a register of payments will be signed off by 2 Councillors.
- f. A Business Continuity Plan needs to be produced.

Resolved that:

- 1. The Risk Assessment be approved with the above actions being adopted**
- 2. Cllr Patton be nominated to cross check the accounts**

95. Car Park – following a request from the Clerk ERYC have offered the Parish Council a 99 year lease on the car park/ picnic area which would provide security of tenure. ERYC have suggested Heads of Terms. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek independent legal advice before anything is progressed. There were also a number of queries raised including the reference to drainage, responsibility for fencing, and trees.

Resolved that this item be deferred for the Clerk to seek legal advice, and raise queries with ERYC.

96. Assets of Community Value – despite sending a reminder there has been no decision taken yet by ERYC.
97. SEGL2 – National Grid have contacted the Council advising that a high voltage underground cable to be installed to transport green energy will pass through the Parish, though the final route has not been determined. It will be c 1m underground. There is likely to be a community fund. It is unlikely to impact on any dwellings. It was agreed to consider further once there is a consultation on a proposed route.
98. Flooding – the Clerk advised that he had received information from the Environment Agency (EA), ERYC and Market Weighton Town Council (MWTC) about the flooding on Goodmanham Road. The water levels were unprecedented and the EA will investigate further. There have been large amounts of Spring water recently. MWTC have asked for information on previous investigations to see if there is a case for additional work. Cllr Rudd advised that ERYC are proposing to install a barrier along Goodmanham Road to protect the road against future flooding. The Clerk has raised issues with ERYC about the condition of Red Lane and bin access, but has not received a response.
99. Noticeboard – the Clerk had been approached by the landlord of the Goodmanham Arms who requested an annual fee of £200 for the use of his premises for the noticeboard, or alternatively it would need to be removed. It was agreed that no payment should be made. It was commented that the Noticeboard had been in that location for decades and recognised the role of the pub as the heart of the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should write formally to the landlord. If relocation is necessary

Resolved that the Council will not pay a fee for the Noticeboard, and that it be relocated to the car park if necessary

100. Meeting Schedule 2021-22

The Clerk proposed a meeting schedule for 2021-22 based on bi monthly meetings. It was suggested that the next meeting (Annual Meeting) be put back 2 weeks to 19th May as this would fit in better with the government covid relation roadmap. If it is possible to meet in public the Parish Meeting will be held in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Resolved that the meeting schedule for 2021-22 be 19th May, 7th July, 1st September, 3rd November, 5th January, 2nd March, 4th May

101. Items for Newsletter

As a number of key items had been deferred it was agreed to produce a Newsletter immediately after the next meeting. This would allow it to include the Car Park and use of the Windfall Funds.

102. Planning

Applications for **consideration**

20/04183/PLF - Erection of a dwelling with attached annexe at Site of Shude Rise, Goodmanham Road. The Clerk advised that this application has already been approved by ERYC.

20/04296/PLF - Erection of a single storey extension with balcony to rear at 3 Rolling Hills Wateringdike Lane

21/00195/PLF – Erection of a single storey extension with solar panels to roof at Meadow Vale House Goodmanham Road

Resolved that no objections be raised

Applications **approved** by East Riding of Yorkshire Council

20/03931/TCA - Crown lift 1 no. Sycamore tree (1) by 2.4 metres and crown thin by 5% to reduce weight from the crown; Crown lift 1 no. Beech tree (2) to 3.6 metres and remove any rubbing branches in the crown of the tree to help for future development; Crown lift 1 no. group of Silver Birch trees (3) to 3.6 metres and remove torn branches that are hanging at Goodmanham Car Park And Picnic Area, Goodmanham Road, Goodmanham

103. Finance

a. Finance Report - the current balance is £10,771.74 which includes the £10,000 Small Business Rates Relief.

Resolved that the Financial Situation be noted

b. Payments

J Sherlock	Salary	£167.26
HMRC	Tax	£35.20
J Sherlock	Salary	£484.06
HMRC	Tax	£114.40
Watsons Hydraulics Ltd	Signs backings	£426.00
Matthew Wilcockson	Tree works	£750.00

c. Income

TSB	Interest	£5.19
HMRC	VAT Refund	£241.73
TSB	Interest	£5.25

104. Councillors Reports – Cllr Rudd advised that ERYC had agreed a Council Tax increase of 3.49 for 2021-22 which is lower than the Officers recommendation of 4.99%.

He advised that there are opportunities to bid for National Lottery funding which can be checked on their website.

He reported that there were a number of vaccination related scams. Three will never be a request to press keypad buttons, send a text, or request payment/ Bank details.

Cllr Skinner asked if the gritters could return via the rear of the Church once they have gritted the village as they used to do this. The Clerk will enquire.

Cllr Sawyer proposed that the dog fouling stencils are redone as the problem continues. The Clerk will purchase some spray.

Cllr Preston commented on litter in the Red Lane area, and will carry out a litter pick (using appropriate equipment). She also reported that missiles have been thrown from the railway bridge. The Clerk will advise the Police.

105. Clerks Report – the Clerk advised that he had removed a number of old planning notices.

He had received notification of a Community Recovery Grant for events which is being offered by ERYC. It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

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- 106. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Annual Meeting items, Car Park, Use of Windfall Funds, Community Recovery Grant
- 107. Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7:00 at the Fiddle Drill, Main Street, Goodmanham (to be confirmed)

..... Signature of Chair

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