

## GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at The Fiddle Drill, Manor Farm, Goodmanham

Attendance: Cllrs Chris Buswell, Anita Greener, Richard Cooper, Christine Sawyer, Liz Stephenson, Mary Rook, Fran Preston

ERYC Cllr Rudd; Parish Clerk Jeremy Sherlock

1 members of the public

#### 89. Apologies, Dispensations and Declarations

Apology – Sarah Gillard - work

#### 90. Public Session

Cllr Rudd reported that:

- Arts Grants will available from April 2022
- ERYC are keen to find more foster families. It was reed to post this on the Facebook page.
- Reported crime rates in East Yorkshire have reduced over the last 12 months
- ERYC will be considering its budgets this month

It was requested that Cllr Rudd raise continuing concerns about Red Lane. Whilst some work has been done to the verges a number of drops remain. There are a number of cracks at the Railway Bridge. The road is also very dangerous when icy as it is ungritted.

#### 91. Minutes of the Meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

**Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 be approved**

92. Matters Arising – the Planting Boxes and Footpath Noticeboard have been ordered and delivery is anticipated this month.

93. Councillor Vacancy – the Council considered the Expression of Interest that had been received.

**Resolved that John Stephenson be co-opted to the Parish Council**

94. Budget and Precept 2022-23 – the Clerk had prepared a draft budget for 2022-23 which included 3 Precept options for consideration. The Precept figure needs to be submitted to ERYC by 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

There are a number of issues that need considering:

- The Tax Base has increased from 114 to 123.9 which means that Council income from the Precept can be increased without increasing the amount paid by Parishioners.
- Inflation is currently running at c 4%. This has been used in relevant calculations.
- The 2021-22 Local Government pay claim has not yet been settled. There will also be a pay claim in 2022-23. Increases have been included to allow for these claims.
- “Core” costs (excluding projects) are £4,650. Normally the Precept would at least cover this. However, it was agreed last year that some of the “windfall” funds should be used to minimise impact on parish taxpayers.
- The proposed Jubilee event is included in Projects. If a grant application was successful this would release funding back into the Projects reserve.
- As part of consideration of forward budget, it was agreed that changes to the Precept would be in line with inflation. Budget A applies this principle to the Precept income – this results in a reduction to the amount paid by taxpayers. The deficit against core costs is £750. Budget B applies this to the Precept charge. This shows a deficit of £450. Budget C includes a minimal

change to the Precept charge taking advantage of the Tax Base increase. This shows a shortfall of £550.

- The forecast deficit for 2021-22 is £694.
- Option C would reduce the deficit against core costs without making a significant change to the amount paid by local taxpayers.

<b>BUDGET 2022-23</b>	<b>Income and Expenditure 2020-21</b>	<b>Original Budget 2021-22</b>	<b>Forecast Outturn 2021-22</b>	<b>Budget A 2022-23</b>	<b>Budget B 2022-23</b>	<b>Budget C 2022-23</b>
<b>General Funds</b>						
Carry forward	£3,267	£11,000	£10,247	£5,200	£5,200	£5,200
Precept	£3,600	£3,750	£3,750	£3,900	£4,200	£4,100
VAT Recovery	£353	£300	£735	£300	£300	£300
Interest	£81	£75	£35	£35	£35	£35
Grant	£10,000					
Compensation	£100					
<b>General Funds Total</b>	<b>£17,401</b>	<b>£15,125</b>	<b>£14,767</b>	<b>£9,435</b>	<b>£9,735</b>	<b>£9,635</b>
<b>Budget Head</b>						
Revenue Reserve	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
Staffing	£2,707	£2,500	£2,565	£2,650	£2,650	£2,650
Maintenance	£1,704	£500	£750	£750	£750	£750
Administration	£856	£795	£795	£900	£900	£900
Insurance	£332	£342	£334	£350	£350	£350
Projects	£1,554		£5,119	£500	£500	£500
Project Reserve	£9,248	£9,988	£4,204	£3,285	£3,585	£3,485
	<b>£17,401</b>	<b>£15,125</b>	<b>£14,767</b>	<b>£9,435</b>	<b>£9,735</b>	<b>£9,635</b>

**Resolved that Budget C be approved for 2022-23 with a Precept of £4,100**

95. Parish Pit – the Clerk had prepared a report which could act as a basis for an implementation plan to use the site as a nature reserve. This covered the site history, land ownership, contamination issues, wildlife potential, implementation, maintenance, funding and consultation.

The following was discussed:

- Original documents relating to the site history are in the cabinet. The Parish Council seems to have had control over the site since 19<sup>th</sup> Century.
- The adjacent landowners will be consulted to see if they have any additional information on ownership.
- There is reference to Humberside CC starting gas monitoring though this may have stopped when the site closed.
- A lot of above ground hazards remain (rubble, glass etc)
- The site was fenced by the Parish Council to discourage public access.
- Concerns were raised about fly tipping and anti social behaviour if the site was opened.
- Some trees on site are rotten and one has recently come down.

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It was felt that making the site publicly accessible would be expensive. In addition, clearance of unsafe material may impact on its wildlife potential. The costs and risks to the Council need to be assessed carefully against benefits. As further investigatory work is being done it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

96. Car Park – the Clerk reported that the Lease had been completed and is being sent for registration. Prices for the dividers have not been received so it was agreed to refer this and the signage to the next meeting. In the meanwhile, it was agreed that the Chair would speak to the residents who will be offered a reserved space in advance of sending out any paperwork.

There was concern about misuse of the spaces. It was agreed that lockable posts could be considered if this became a problem.

97. Queen's Jubilee Event – the Clerk advised that ERYC are offering grants for Jubilee event. It was agreed to submit an application. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Rook from the sub group.

An approach had been received for a “wacky races” event during the Jubilee weekend which would be at no cost to the Council. It was agreed that the sub group would meet with the proposer, but that any event would be on a different day to the village event which is aimed at residents.

98. Planning

Applications for **consideration**

21/04194/PLF - Erection of single storey extension to the rear and side following demolition of existing conservatory at Allotment Farm, Cross Gate

21/03886/PLF - Erection of a single storey extension – Maslins, Goodmanham Road

**Resolved that no objections be made to the above applications**

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

21/03879/TCA - Fell 1 no. Spruce tree; Crown lift 1 no. Ash tree over drive approximately 3.6 metres on lower branches, Ash T2 to rear garden; remove 1 limb over boundary at Highfield, Main Street

99. Finance

a. Financial Situation

The current balance is £8,822.89. The Lease fees have all been paid. A copy of the accounts and reconciliation has been circulated.

**Resolved that the Financial Situation be noted**

b. Payments

J Sherlock	Salary	£170.74
HMRC	Tax	£36.00
Langlands (C Sawyer refund)	Daffodils	£29.98
SLCC	Membership	£80.00
J Sherlock	Salary	£170.74
HMRC	Tax	£36.00
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Legal fees	£700.00
Hull Christmas Trees	Tree	£150.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator Spares	£51.60
Wood Sherwood	Legal fees	£520.00
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Bin relocation	£204.00
J Sherlock	Salary	£170.74
HMRC	Tax	£36.00

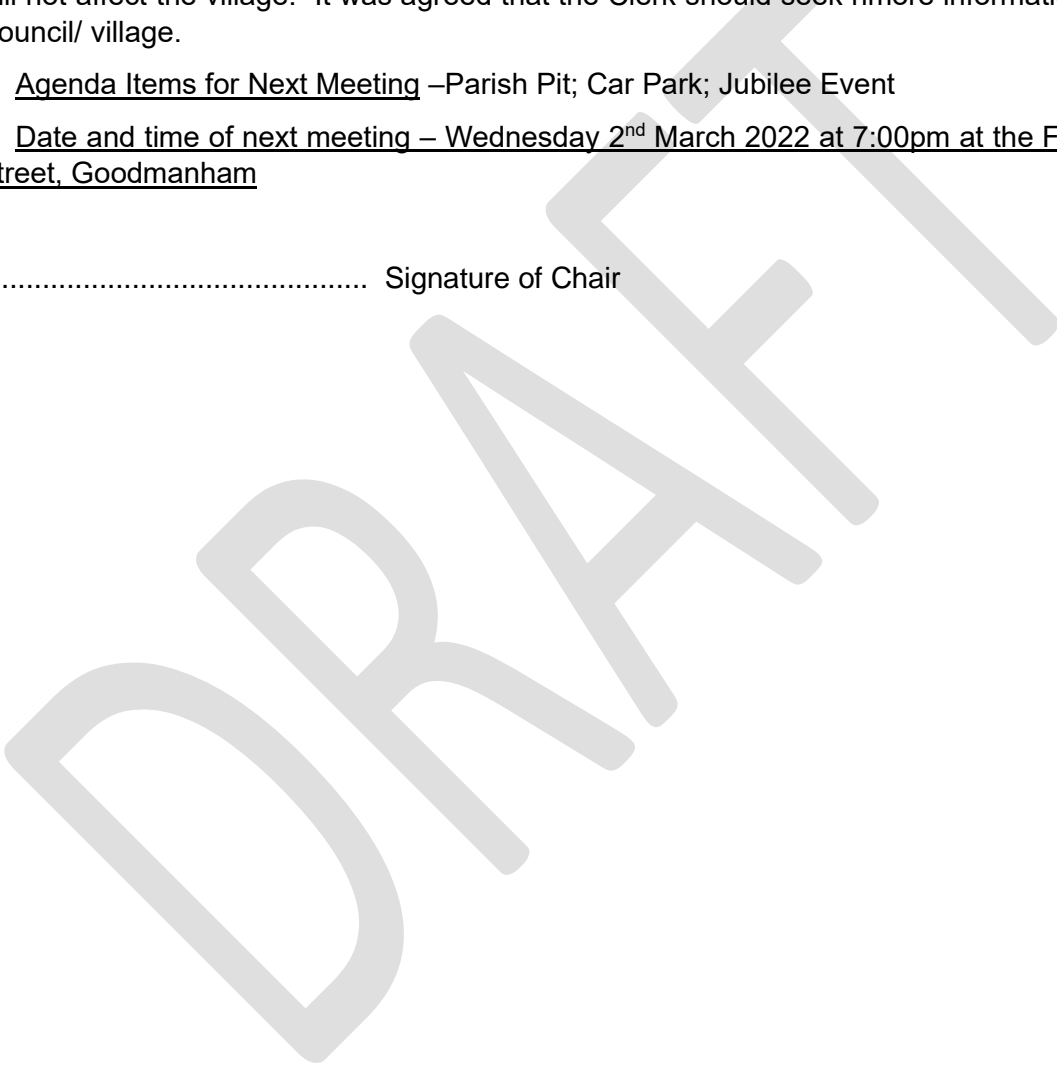
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c. Income

TSB	Interest	£2.80
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- 100. Councillors Reports – it was reported that a contractor’s van was parking on emerging daffodils. Cllr Rook agreed to speak to the owner where the work is being carried out.
- 101. Clerks Report (for information) – an online briefing has been offered from SEGL regarding the proposed underground power line. It was reported that local farmers have been consulted, and it will not affect the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek nmore information and brief the Council/ village.
- 102. Agenda Items for Next Meeting –Parish Pit; Car Park; Jubilee Event
- 103. Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at 7:00pm at the Fiddle Drill, Main Street, Goodmanham

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