

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
GOWDALL PARISH COUNCIL
WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE SOCIAL CENTRE, GOWDALL
THURSDAY 11th JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00pm**

Present: Councillor C. Emsen (in the chair)
Councillor A. Markot
Councillor M. Knowles
Councillor P. Woodall

Four residents were present

Mrs P. A. Sykes– Clerk

Councillor Mark Knowles signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the meeting commenced.

001 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

It is a legal requirement that all apologies, forwarded to the Clerk, must contain the reasons for absence from Parish Council meetings. This information is confidential and will not appear in the minutes. Apologies were received from Councillor C. Fox.

Councillor M. Knowles was welcomed to the meeting as Councillor for Gowdall Parish Council. Councillor Knowles has received the relevant documents appertaining to his position. Register of Interest has been forwarded to ERYC.

002 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Code of Conduct which was adopted by Gowdall Parish Council in November 2021, any member must declare an interest and identify the Agenda item which they think they may have an interest in according to the Declaration of Members Interest and the type of interest being declared. There were no declarations.

003 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED - The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 16th November 2023 were circulated, read and signed as a true copy,

004 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Application for planning permission

23/03591/PLF – Erection of 2.1m high brick wall with pillars to street frontage at Lilac Cottage 97 Masin Street, Gowdall. There were no comments.

005 TO DISCUSS ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A resident has reported to ERYC the 30mph speed limit sign on Field Lane which rotates in windy conditions.

National Powergrid requested permission to send the Unmetered Supply details of the Festive Lighting to SSE for their information.

The Circuit repeatedly state that the Defibrillator on the wall of the Social Centre may have been used. The Clerk has asked if this Defibrillator could be checked manually as this is a reoccurring situation. The Clerk is to check when notification has been received from The Circuit regarding possible usage.

Signed  Date 7/3/24

ERYC

Urgent flooding updates have been received from ERYC.

Hull and East Riding Councils back devolution consultation and have agreed that proposals for devolution in the region should go ahead to public consultation.

A further email will be sent to ERYC relating to the ever worsening pothole situation within the Parish.

An invitation has been received from ERYC to a session in Pocklington where there will be an opportunity to speak to heads of departments. Two Councillors from Gowdall Parish Council will attend.

ERNLLCA

Further updates from NALC have been received outlining, for information, various aspects.

006 To discuss Financial Matters for approval**a. Accounts for payment**

Staff payments	1,223.98 ✓
HMRC	116.40 ✓
Reimbursement for refreshments etc during Festive Light switch on	132.60
Henry Jubb Electrical work in connection with illuminating the Parish Christmas tree	305.00 ✓
Social Centre – meetings	80.00 ✓

RESOLVED – All invoices presented were approved for payment.

Notice has been given from Northern Powergrid that they have forwarded the consumption of electricity used for the Festive lights on the Christmas Tree. It has been agreed to contact Northern Powergrid and suggest that the Profile Category should be B for the Festive Lighting.

b. To adopt and approve the Budget for the financial year 2024-2025

Further to the previous meeting to discuss the Budget 2024/25. All parish councillors received a draft copy of the Budget 2024/25 for their perusal.

RESOLVED proposed and seconded that the budget 2024/2025 is approved.

c. To set the Precept to be levied on ERYC for 2024/2025

RESOLVED proposed, seconded and by a unanimous show of hands and working with the Budget 2024/25 previously approved and after receiving the notification of Band D Tax Base as advised by ERYC it was agreed that the Precept to be levied upon ERYC for 2024/2025 has been increased by 5% to £10,482.42p The Parish Council's portion of Council Tax for 2024/25 will increase by £3.74 per annum or 0.07p per week.

The Local Precept Demand Form has been signed by the Chairman and will be returned to ERYC before the closing date of 19th January 2024.

d. To approve the quarterly Budget Monitor, List of Payments and Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED that the quarterly Budget Monitor, List of Payments and Bank Reconciliation was circulated, discussed and approved.

007 TO DISCUSS AND REVISE, IF NECESSARY – STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, RISK ASSESSMENT AND CODE OF CONDUCT

This matter will be discussed at the March meeting.

008 TO DISCUSS VARIOUS POLICIES FOR INCLUSION ON THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBPAGE

This matter will be discussed at the March meeting.

009 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE CHAIRMANS REPORT

There are 3 residents actively litter picking in the Parish. A resident has a supply of litter bags for residents. Any further volunteers are to be encouraged. The bin operatives who empty the black bins will take the pink bags if left in a prominent position.

Signed  Date 7/3/24

010 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE FLOOD WARDEN'S REPORT

Flood Warden has brought to the notice of the Parish Council problems regarding the maintenance of Palmer Clough Drain, downstream section, culvert and outfall structure. Ward Councillor Fox has forwarded this report to Andrew Percy MP for his assistance.

The recent water levels were reported after the recent storms. The Gowdall, Heck and Hensall Ings are in good order.

The next meeting of EA, ERYC and Flood Wardens will take place later in the year, a date will be notified.

The Flood Wardens were thanked by the Parish Council for their work.

011 TO DISCUSS THE TENDERS FOR CUTTING OF THE GRASS WITHIN THE PARISH

A draft Tender form has been produced and will be forwarded, together with a plan to interested parties following any response from an advert which will appear on Facebook.

Chairman will close the meeting whilst the next item on the Agenda takes place

012 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Suggested the advert for grass cutting could be placed on Hensall Facebook.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting

013 TO REVIEW RENTAL FOR FIELD UNDER OWNERSHIP OF GOWDALL PARISH COUNCIL

The present rental for the field was discussed and an increase suggested, together with the suggestion of producing a Tenancy Agreement. This subject generated some interest and it was agreed that the matter should be placed on the March Parish Council Agenda.

014 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS

The next Drax Liaison meeting is to take place in March. The two parish councillors wishing to attend must let Drax know before the event for security purposes. The attendees at such meetings will be discussed during the May Annual Meeting of Gowdall Parish Council.

015 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

Councillor Fox would like to send her sincere thanks to Councillor Wharvell regarding the excellent report she delivered to the Council Tax Review Panel.

016 TO DISCUSS THE EMERGENCY PLAN TO DATE

Arrangements are in place to arrange a meeting to discuss the Parish Council Emergency Plan in conjunction with a specific Flood plan. This is work in progress.

017 MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Rental and Tenancy Issues of the Gowdall Parish Field

To discuss and revise, if necessary, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Code of Conduct.

To discuss various policies for inclusion on the Parish Council's Webpage.

To receive any updates from ERYC concerning pot holes in the Parish.

To discuss Hanging Baskets for 2024.

To receive information regarding a Lamp of Peace

018 PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Grass Cutting – to open and decide upon a Contractor to cut the grass within the Parish for the 2024 growing season

To discuss the Clerk's Contract of Employment

✓ To discuss emergency steps required in the sudden absence of the Clerk

Signed  Date 7/3/24

019 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Gowdall Parish Council will take place in the Social Centre, Main Street, Gowdall on Thursday 7th March 2024

Annual Assembly will commence at 6.30pm

Parish Council Meeting will follow the Annual Assembly.

RESOLVED – proposed and seconded that the future Parish Council meetings will commence at 6.30pm in the Social Centre. The Standing Orders will be revised accordingly.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm

Signed



Date

7/3/24