

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
GOWDALL PARISH COUNCIL
WHICH TOOK PLACE
IN THE SOCIAL CENTRE, MAIN STREET, GOWDALL
THURSDAY 3rd JANUARY 2019 at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillor C. Emsen - Chairman (in the chair)
Councillor P. Lacy
Councillor J. Boasman
Councillor S. Shears

P.A. Sykes – Clerk

Ward Councillor C. Fox
Ward Councillor J. Barrett

7 Residents of the Parish

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 be minuted.

Councillor J. Thorp has tendered his resignation from the role of Councillor for Gowdall Parish Council. In the case of a Casual Vacancy occurring within six months before the day of which that councillor would regularly have retired, no poll can be demanded and the vacancy need not be filled until the next ordinary election (s.87(2), s 89(6), LGA 1972; s.36, RPA 1983 and the 1986 Regulations.

Councillor Thorp will be thanked for his involvement with the Parish Council for several years.

002 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Code of Conduct which was adopted by Gowdall Parish Council in 2012 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 of interest.

003 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED - The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 1st November 2018 were circulated, read and signed as true copies.

**004 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Planning Applications
Planning Applications**

18/03715.PLF Erection of a dwelling land east of 15 Main Street, Gowdall – This application was circulated to members but no comments were received.

ERYC Temporary prohibition of through traffic part of Gowdall Road, Gowdall. Work to commence 21st January 2019

Notice of Decision

Signed Date

005 TO DISCUSS ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

ERYC has forwarded an invitation to nominate for 2019 Chairman's Award.

DRAX Power (Generating Stations) Order and information has been received and all information and documentation may be inspected at Civic Centre Selby to 11th January 2019.

ERNLLCA December Newsletter has been received.

006 TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL MATTERS FOR APPROVAL**a. Accounts for payment**

Mr. P. Harris – Parish Christmas Tree	50.00
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ERNLLCA Training – RFO	50.00
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All invoices presented for payment were approved

b. To approve the 3rd Quarter Budget Monitor

RESOLVED – that the 3rd Quarter Budget Monitor is approved.

c. To set the Precept for 2019/20 based on the Tax Base as advised by ERYC together with the Budget as approved November 2018.

RESOLVED – that the Precept to be levied upon ERYV for 2019/20 has been increased by 5%

d. To approve Interim Audit

RESOLVED – that the interim Audit report is circulated, noted and approved.

007 TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ERECTION OF A SEAT IN THE PARISH

A site plan for the seat is to be finalised and forwarded to ERYC for their approval.

ERYC Officers, Mr. Paul Robinson, Mr. John Hannah and Ms. Lesley Whitehead are to be contacted for their approval.

008 TO DISCUSS AND MAKE A DECISION CONCERNING THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Councillor Lacy and Mrs. Lacy were thanked for making their premises available for residents after the lighting of the Parish Christmas tree. It is noted that the Christmas tree was purchased this year by Gowdall Parish Council, in previous years the Scarecrow Festival Committee have funded the event.

RESOLVED – that a member of the Scarecrow Festival will be contacted and asked what plans are in place for the 2019 Christmas Tree. Should the Scarecrow Festival Committee not be able to fund this event Gowdall Parish Council will look favourably towards taking over the funding and running of the event.

009 TO FURTHER DISCUSS SANDPIT NURSERY

The amount of rubbish is still on site. The Environment Agency are to be contacted along with Mr. Andrew Percy MP to help resolve this matter. The Environment Agency are to be asked if they could remove the rubbish and ask ERYC to recover the money from the land owners.

010 TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF THE SCHOOL BUS

The situation whereby some children are able to use the facility of a school bus free and other, should they wish to use the school bus, are asked to pay is splitting the community in half.

Ward Councillors Fox and Barrett were asked if they could contact the relevant officers within ERYC and point this fact out together with the fact that there are no street lights, the footpaths are bad, the road surfaces are poor and this is not a gritting route during severe weather conditions. All these elements are putting children's lives at risk. Councillor Barrett seems to think that this issue has been resolved but is willing to bring this problem to the notice of ERYC again. Councillor Fox stated that because of the severity of the situation she would personally be in touch with ERYC officers to try and get this decision overturned.

Signed Date

**011 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING JUNCTION A645
POLLINGTON/PONTEFRACT ROAD**

After investigations by Ward Councillor John Barrett and a request from the Parish Council to have the anti-skid surface reinstated on the above Junction ERYC have stated that this is not a viable proposition both from funding and safety and no anti-skid surface will be reinstated.

012 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS

There have been no invitations to attend meetings for Councillors. The next Snaith & Cowick Burial Board meeting will take place on 4th February 2019

013 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

Ward Councillor Fox gave a detailed report regarding the proposed plans for a slip road off the M62. These plans should be in the public domain shortly. Opinions were divided as to whether or not this would be the correct way forward. It has also been noted that there is a possibility of large increase in both residential and commercial development within the immediate area. More information on this subject will filter through to the Parish Council in the fullness of time.

Notice has been drawn to all present of an Action Group regarding the reinstating of a regular direct rail service from Goole through to Leeds.

It was stated that 6 residents could receive training if they wished to take part in the Community Camera Scheme which would allow fully trained residents to monitor speed of vehicles but could not prosecute.

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

014 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It has been noted that while the offending vegetation outside No.63 Main Street has been trimmed slightly it is still overhanging the footpath and because vegetation is surrounding the light the footpath, which is very narrow, is in darkness. A Parish Councillor is to have a word with the resident and the Clerk has been instructed to contact ERYC

The Chairman re-opened the meeting

015 MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON THE MARCH AGENDA

Reports from the Flood Warden following the recent inspection by Environment Agency

All matters concerning the 2019 Christmas Tree celebrations

To discuss a plan of gritting in the Parish together with quotations for works

To receive information regarding two members of the Parish Council having permission to gain access to the web site

016 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Gowdall Parish Council is to take place on **Thursday 7th March 2019**

At 7.00pm following the **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY** which will commence at 6.30pm

***EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FOR THE DURATION OF THIS AGENDA DUE TO THE
CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED***

Signed Date

017 To approve Staff Salary 3rd quarter

RESOLVED that staff salary of £738.39 was paid December 2018

018 To approve payment to Inland Revenue 3rd quarter

RESOLVED that payment to Inland Revenue of £215.10 was paid December 2018

NALC 2018/19 National Salary Awards – Scale 23 increase has been received from NALC.

RESOLVED – the increase recommended by NALC be approved with effect from 01.04.19

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm