

**GOXHILL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD at GOXHILL PARISH ROOMS**  
**On THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 at 19.30**

Councillors: J Lawtey (Chairman), M Jones, G Kirwan, S England, D Carnell, M Gathercole, T Snell, L Spilman, V Gorbutt

Also, in attendance:

Members of the public: 5

**Public Participation**

1. Council was asked if it would consider erecting a Blue Plaque in Memory of Mary Denniss, a Headscarf Revolutionary who lived in Goxhill from 1971 until 2017.
2. Council was asked for its support in stopping HGV's from using Elm Lane to travel from Ferry Road to Howe Lane to reach Ruards Lane.

Before opening the meeting the Chairman thanked Cllr Clayton for his assistance to Cemetery matters, Cllr Gathercole for his assistance with Allotment letters and 2024 agreements and the Personnel Committee for their work in recruiting a new Clerk.

2311/1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr R Snell, Cllr B Clayton, Ward Cllr Hannigan, Ward Cllr Wells and Ward Cllr Clark

2311/2 **Declarations of interests / dispensations**

Cllr M Jones - 2311/8 Closed Churchyard - Personal  
Cllr J Lawtey – 2311/5 PA/2023/1490; 2311/8 Closed Churchyard - both Personal  
Cllr S England – 2311/9 D Day 2024 – Personal  
Cllr D Carnell - 2311/8 Closed Churchyard - Personal

2311/3 **Minute approval**

**Proposed: Cllr Gathercole, Seconded: Cllr Carnell**

**Resolved:** That the council resolved to approve the minutes from the ordinary meeting of the council that took place 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. For – 6, abstentions – 3.

2311/4 **Finance approval**

**Proposed: Cllr Gathercole, Seconded: Cllr Lawtey**

**Resolved:** That the council resolved by the majority to approve the schedule of payments Part A to be paid in November.

Cllr Lawtey proposed that agenda items 2311/4 b & c be deferred to the end of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Kirwan and agreed unanimously by the Council.

2311/5 **Planning**

**Reference:** PA/2023/1490

**Details:** Outline planning permission to erect 9 dwellings, including demolition of existing dwelling, with appearance, landscaping & scale reserved for subsequent consideration.

**Location:** Conway, Thornton Road, Goxhill, DN19 7HN

**Applicant:** Mr M Wright

**Proposed:** Cllr Kirwan, **Seconded:** Cllr Spilman

**Resolved:** That the council unanimously resolved to object to this Planning Application

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2311/6 **Report from Ward Councillors**

No Ward Councillors were in attendance

2311/7 **Update on Recruitment of a new clerk**

Cllr Jones provided an update on the recruiting of a new Parish Clerk. An applicant has been chosen for interview and an interview board consisting of the Personnel Committee will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Cllr Gathercole reminded the Council that any new appointment had to be made by full Council.

2311/8 **Goxhill Closed Churchyard**

To consider a request for funding for the removal of trees in a section of the closed churchyard. There was a lengthy discussion between Cllrs regarding whether the Council had the necessary powers and legislation authority to provide funding for this work.

**Proposed by Cllr Lawtey, Seconded by Cllr M Jones**

**That the Council provide the necessary funding for the removal of the trees.**

**Resolved:** By a majority the Council resolved not to support the removal of the trees.

Votes for: J Lawtey, M Jones, T Snell, D Carnell.

Votes against: G Kirwan, M Gathercole, V Gorbutt, L Spilman, S England.

2311/9 **D-Day 2024 Commemoration**

**Proposed by Cllr Kirwan, seconded by Cllr T Snell**

**That the Council support an alternative minimal cost commemoration of D-Day 2024 if proposed.**

**Resolved:** The proposal was passed by a majority, 8 for, 1 against.

2311/10 **Committees v Working Parties**

For the Council to move all committees into working parties.

**Proposed by Cllr England, No seconder**

2311/11 **Finance Software Package**

**Proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Spilman**

**Resolved:** By unanimous vote - To defer any decision until a new clerk is appointed.

2311/12 **Future Meeting Location**

For the Council to move the meeting location to a bigger room.

**Proposed by Cllr Carnell, No seconder**

2311/13 **Millennium Green Trust Committee**

The Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Cllr T Snell onto the Millennium Green Trust Committee.

2311/14 **Agenda for next and future meetings**

- To take recommendation from the Personnel Committee re: appoint of a new Clerk
- 2024/25 Budget and Precept setting
- To receive a report from the meeting about South End traffic issues
- To consider purchasing a Blue Plaque in Memory of Mrs Mary Denniss
- Co-opt Cllr R Snell onto the Millennium Green Trust Committee.

2311/15 **Date of next meeting**

Personnel Committee – 9th Nov 2023, Parish Rooms, Howe Lane @ 6:45pm  
 Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 9th Nov 2023, Parish Rooms, Howe Lane @ 7:30pm  
 Committee Meetings :-  
 Parish Room Committee – 16th Nov 2023, Parish Rooms, Howe Lane @ 7:00pm  
 PROW Committee - 16th Nov 2023, Parish Rooms, Howe Lane @ 7:30pm  
 Cemetery Committee - 16th Nov 2023, Parish Rooms, Howe Lane @ 8:00pm  
 Playing Field Committee - 16th Nov 2023, Parish Rooms, Howe Lane @ 8:30pm  
 Millennium Green Trust Committee – 21st Nov 2023, Parish Rooms, Howe Lane @ 7:30pm  
 Full Council Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023, Parish Rooms, Howe Lane @ 7:30pm

2311/16 Exclusion of the Public & Press to resolve the exclusion of the public and press, under powers granted by the Local Government (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings) Act, section 1(2), owing due to the confidential nature of the business be discussed

**Proposed: Cllr Lawtey, Seconded: Cllr Jones**

**Resolved:** That the council resolved unanimously to exclude the press and public

2311/17 **Finance approval** – 2311/4 items b. c. deferred from start of meeting

**Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Jones**

**Resolved:** The council received the cashbook summary for September 2023 and Cllr Kirwan checked and confirmed the total figures stated on the bank reconciliation are the same on the bank statements and the bank statements were agreed and signed at the end of the meeting

**Proposed: Cllr Kirwan, Seconded: Cllr Jones**

**Resolved:** That the council resolved by majority to approve the 2023/24 Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring Document

Meeting Close: 21:40