

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2023 at The Fiddle Drill, Manor Farm, Goodmanham

Attendance: Cllrs Mary Rook, Christine Sawyer, Fran Preston, Anita Greener, Tony Warnock-Smith

Parish Clerk Jeremy Sherlock; 2 members of the public

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Rook as vice Chair took the Chair.

70. Apologies, Dispensations and Declarations

Apologies – Cllrs Liz Stephenson, Chris Buswell; ERYC Cllrs Hammond, Carey and West

71. Public Session

Concerns were raised regarding the planning application at the Goodmanham Arms, principally over parking and the lack of detail in the application. Parking on site was removed some years ago, and people already park dangerously on the corner or across the junction. This is likely to become worse if people are “popping in” to a convenience store. It is unclear how use ancillary to the dwelling could be controlled, or what alternative use could be made of the accommodation in the future.

72. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 6th September 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 6th September 2023 be approved

73. Matters Arising - None

74. Highways – the Clerk circulated responses from the Chief Constable’s Office and PCC about the parking and highway concerns. The issue had been referred to the Neighbourhood Policing Team, but the Clerk advised that they had not yet contacted him. It was agreed to send a reminder. The PCC had advised that they do not deal with matters like this directly, but it was agreed that it was useful that they were aware of the issues.

ERYC have prepared plans showing 2 options for hatchings on Main Street next to the Church. It was agreed that Option 1 (markings on one side opposite the Church wall) was preferable. ERYC have confirmed that broader consultation is not essential. As this is a relatively minor proposal that can be removed or amended if unsuccessful it was agreed that publicity was appropriate. The Clerk will post information in a Newsletter, on Facebook and the website.

The Parish Council will continue to explore whether further actions are possible to manage the highway and parking issues in the village.

75. Village Map – no progress had been made since the last meeting. A number of ways to improve the map were discussed and a number of Councillors agreed to explore these and report back to the next meeting.

76. Grant Application for Laptop – Sancton Windfarm Fund – an application has been submitted to the Sancton Windfarm Fund for a grant of £333.33 to cover the net cost of a replacement laptop, as the existing one is causing some issues. ERYC have advised that Goodmanham is ineligible. However, this has been queried as it is within 3 miles of Sancton Village so seems to meet the criteria. ERYC are now reviewing this.

Resolved that a new laptop be purchased at a cost of £333.33+VAT subject to the approval of a Sancton Windfarm Grant application

77. Car Park – whilst line markings in the car park had improved its use, the paint does not last long. A more permanent solution would be to install a permeable grid which can include markings (this is the approach that has been taken in Sancton). It may be possible to attract grant aid for these works, but there would be a need for a costed scheme and estimate. The Clerk had contacted a Consultant Engineer who had quoted £1500+VAT.

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It was felt that this level of spend could not be justified as it puts the burden onto parishioners when the car park is significantly used by visitors. It was agreed to explore the use of log or concrete barriers.

78. Cones – it was agreed that the Parish Council should acquire a small stock of traffic cones for use when works are carried out, for example in the car park. This can be funded through the maintenance budget.

Resolved that 4 traffic cones be acquired at a cost of £39.29+VAT (£47.15)

79. Events – the bonfire event had been successful despite some rain. It was attended by 120 people. It may be possible to increase this in future years now one event has been successfully held.

The Clerk advised that a rolling income and expenditure record is being maintained to keep track of the balance of funding ringfenced for events. This will be circulated on a regular basis. Expenditure is on a net basis as VAT can be recovered, so the Parish Council will cash cover this cost until the refund is received (usually claimed and received in March). The Events Group have been very successful at fundraising. A form has been developed so that this income is properly recorded.

The Clerk advised that he has discussed the submission of a grant application to Awards for All (National Lottery) for a marquee and equipment for future events. Strong community support can be demonstrated, and the village lacks a Village Hall. An application would not be approved until next year, so details can be considered further at the next meeting.

Resolved that the submission of a Grant Application to Awards for All be supported with the final application sum delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Councillors following discussions with the Events Group.

80. Planning

Applications **submitted** to ERYC

23/02853/PLF | Change of use of out building to provide additional living accommodation, convenience store and creation of three dormer windows to front | Goodmanham Arms

A number of concerns were raised:

1. Parking – this represents an intensification of use on a site where off street parking has been lost. The convenience store is likely to increase the dangerous parking on the corner and junction
2. The application lacks detail. For examples is intended to include toilets/ washing facilities?
3. The dormer windows seem unnecessary unless there is an intention to use the loft space at some point in the future
4. The initial use as space that is ancillary to the dwelling is understood but the proposed use may be relatively short term. It is unclear how future changes could be controlled

Resolved that the Clerk submit an objection in consultation with Councillors based on the concerns raised above, including a request for Committee consideration

23/02848/TCA GOODMANHAM CONSERVATION AREA - Fell 2 No. Sycamore trees (T1 and T2) due to declining health with deadwood, poor vigour, late leaf development, and close proximity to the nearby road and telephone wires at Blacksmiths Cottage Church Side

The Clerk had submitted a “no objections” comment following consultation with Councillors. It now appears that that the trees are subject to a Tree Preservation Order which had not been identified in the application. The Clerk will check this and, if this case, consult Councillors to assess whether a revised comment should be submitted

81. Finance

- a. Financial Situation - The current balance is £5,563.31. A copy of the accounts and reconciliation has been circulated.

The Clerk had undertaken a review of the Budget. The variations are as follows:

- The VAT recovery has increased mainly due to purchases for events. The funding available for the Events Committee is recorded on a net basis as the Parish Council is able to recover the VAT.
- The interest is expected to be slightly higher due to increased interest rates.
- Due to successful fundraising by the Events Committee this income has increased significantly. I have assumed some further successful fundraising activity.
- The Events Budget has increased to take account of the fundraising. This is the gross figure, including recoverable VAT, plus an unspent balance.
- The Projects expenditure includes the sign and tree work in the Car Park.

BUDGET 2023-24	Approved Budget 2023-24	Revised (May) Budget 2023-24	Actual to date	Proposed Budget 2023-24
General Funds				
Carry forward	£4,230	£4,556	£4,556	£4,556
Precept	£4,200	£4,200	£4,200	£4,200
VAT Recovery	£300	£300	£0	£450
Interest	£40	£40	£28	£50
Grant		£500	£500	£500
Donations				
Fund Raising		£260	£1,091	£1,300
General Funds Total	£8,770	£9,856		£11,056
Budget Head				
Revenue Reserve	£1,050	£1,050	£1,050	£1,050
Staffing	£2,533	£2,533	£1,380	£2,533
Maintenance	£950	£950	£463	£950
Administration	£1,250	£1,250	£589	£1,250
Insurance	£360	£360	£350	£350
Events		£840	£1,485	£2,020
Projects	£0	£504	£544	£894
Project Reserve	£2,627	£2,369	£2,325	£2,009
	£8,770	£9,856		£11,056

Resolved that:

- 1. The Financial Situation be noted**
- 2. The revised budget be approved**

b. Payments

Suki's Cash and Carry (RW expenses)	Fireworks	£795.00
The Safety Supply Company	Cones	£47.15
J Sherlock	Salary	£157.78
HMRC	PAYE	£39.40

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Home working expenses

£26.00

c. Income

TSB	Interest	£5.29
Event fundraising	Events	£371.00
TSB	Interest	£5.67
Event fundraising	Events	£90.00
Event fundraising	Events	£200.00

82. Councillors Reports – Cllr Preston had been contacted by the Walking for Health group regarding the installation of kissing gates to replace the styles for Goodmanham Footpath no1. The Clerk will contact ERYC to discuss, and advise the group. There is a tree down across the path.

The drains are blocked under the railway bridge and towards Market Weighton leading to standing water and slippery ground underfoot.

Cllr Rook advised that Wateringdyke Lane and bridleway is difficult to use on a horse.

Pansies will be put in the planters at the lower end of the village in the near future.

It was agreed that a Christmas Newsletter will be produced.

83. Clerks Report (for information) – the loose sign on Red Lane has been fixed. The lantern has been installed on the light near the Railway Bridge. It was commented that it is disappointing that the replacement column and light does not match.
84. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Budget/ Precept, Highways, Car Park, Parish Map, Pay Award
85. Date and time of next meeting – Monday 8th January 2024 at 7:00pm at the Fiddle Drill, Main Street, Goodmanham

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