



Gateforth Parish Council

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MINUTES OF GATEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of Gateforth Parish Council was held on Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm at Chapel Haddlesey Community Hall

17681. Attendance/Welcome: Present: Cllrs Andrew Collier (Chair), Caroline Shaw (Vice Chair), Diane Osborne, Richard Longbottom, Gordon McClone and Diane Hey. Graham Earnshaw (End of Year RFO) was also present.

The Attendance Book was not available to sign.

17682. Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr Tony Parkin. The Council agreed to accept the reasons for absence.

17683. Declarations and Dispensations: Cllr Hey declared an interest in the item re Wayleave and Cllr Shaw declared interests re grass cutting and planning appeal APP/N2739/X/24/3338845.

17684. Minutes:

a. **RESOLVED:** to accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th March 2024 with an addendum.

b. The Chair signed the minutes as accepted. (Noting the addendum for the action re CCTV and inclusion of a Thank you to Graham Earnshaw)

17685. Public Comments: There were no comments as no public present at the **meeting**.

17686. Planning:

a. Applications for consideration

The following applications were discussed:

Numerous applications relating to Oakwood House were discussed.

ZG2024/0402/FUL– Erection of extension to existing equestrian outbuilding at Oakwood House, Hillam Road, Gateforth

ZG2024/0070/LBC - Refurbishment of the existing bar, replacing the deck around the bar and creation of a paved area for BBQ and outdoor kitchen units with a seating area on fake grass (retrospective) at The Coach House, Gateforth Hall, Gateforth

ZG2024/0072/LBC - Listed Building Consent for erection of a canopy over the kitchen equipment at The Coach House, Gateforth Hall, Gateforth

ZG2024/0073/HPA – Erection of a summerhouse (retrospective) at The Coach House, Gateforth Hall, Gateforth

ZG2024/0074/LBC – Listed building consent for the erection of a summerhouse at the Coach House, Gateforth Hall, Gateforth

ZG2024/0075/LBC - Listed Building Consent for replacement windows at The Coach House, Gateforth Hall, Gateforth

ZG2024/0076/LBC - Listed Building Consent for the for installation of a satellite dish and installation of CCTV.

In reference to all applications above, the Council agreed that no formal comments were required.

b. Decision Notices to be noted

ZG2024/0076/LBC - Listed Building Consent for the installation of a satellite dish and installation of CCTV at The Coach House, Gateforth Hall, Gateforth – **Application Granted**

Decision No: ZG2024/0075/LBC Listed Building Consent for replacement windows. **Application Refused**

Applications noted.

17687. Finance

a. Finance Report from the Clerk:

The Council's financial balance at 1st May 2024 is as follows:

General Fund	£4488.35
Capital Fund	£37286.33

It was noted that April's precept had been credited to the General Fund and interest had been added to the Capital Fund.

b. Payments

Payee	Description	Amount
CHPCC	Meeting room Hire	£20.00
Backhouse Pest	Two invoices for pest control	£214.20

Control		
YLCA	Annual membership 2024/25	£136.00
R Longbottom	Repair of Phone Box	£135.00

Cllr Longbottom was thanked for carrying out repairs to the phone box once again.

It was also mentioned that assistance is required from YLCA on a regular basis; and their help and guidance is invaluable.

c. End of year finances/AGAR forms

Mr Earnshaw presented the end of year finances/AGAR forms. The Council unanimously thanked him for his help in preparing the end of year documents and for all his guidance re end of year whilst our clerk is absent.

17688. Discuss ongoing issues and agree action:

a. Updated Planning Policy – No further change required.

b. Queen’s Canopy Plaque – The Chair had been advised that the Company he had contacted did not carry out such work.

Action: As the Council are keen to progress this matter then Cllr Shaw will visit Timpsons with the wording for a plaque which can be erected near the Christmas tree.

c. Pruning of Trees – the quotation was accepted by the Council. It was also discussed whether the Beech tree which is lit at Christmas should be reduced in size. In addition, Cllr Osborne raised that a tree on the East Green may need some attention and asked if this could be included in the agreed works. The Council agreed to this additional tree being included.

Action: Cllr Osborne will contact Mr Taperell and ask him to complete the works per quotation and feedback re Beech tree and the tree on East Green.

d. Appointment of New Clerk – Mr Earnshaw completed the handover with Mrs Brown. However, the new clerk is currently unavailable and the Chair and Vice Chair have been covering clerking matters voluntarily but advised that if the Clerk was not available in the near future then alternative arrangements would need to be made.

Action: The situation is to be reviewed at the end of July.

e. Easement for work on the Village Green re Fir Tree Farm:

The Easement had been received by the Chair for signing and the document was signed at the council meeting.

Action: Chair to return the document to the Solicitor.

17689 Correspondence Received:

a. Email from Gigaclear on 04.03.24

Gigaclear had been in touch again about whether an easement/wayleave was needed as they only need to cross the Village Green for approximately 2.9 metres.

Action: Clerk to email Gigaclear advising that an easement/wayleave is legally required for any distance crossing/digging on the Village Green and all expenses including Solicitors fees are paid by the Company requiring the easement/wayleave.

b. Planning Appeal received 06.03.24 - APP/N2739/C/24/3337921

The Council discussed the appeal against the unauthorised siting of a container for residential use as an independent dwelling and change of use of paddock land to residential garden and the siting of associated residential paraphernalia. The Council confirmed its previous comments still stood. (See *Minutes relating to the meeting held Monday 30th January 2023 – Ref: 17570. Planning*)

c. Planning Appeal received 08.03.24 - APP/N2739/X/24/3338845

The Council discussed the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for Lawful development certificate for existing use of mobile home as a dwelling and confirmed its previous comments still stood (See *Minutes relating to the meeting held Monday 13th March 2023 – Ref: 17577. Planning*)

d. Emails from residents on 14.03.24 & 29.05.24 re Precept and finances

Emails from residents and associated responses regarding the precept and GPC finances were read out to the Council.

Action: Include article in next Newsletter and invite suggestions from Parishioners on ideas for the village.

Regarding Precept, the following details from North Yorkshire Council were included in the response, aiming to clarify the difference in agreed precept increase by GPC and that seen on the Council Tax Bills received by residents.

North Yorkshire Council: *"The actual figure on the council tax bill is made up of two elements, the cash amount requested by the parish and the tax base across which this is spread to calculate the figure on the actual bill. In the case of Gateforth, the actual precept amount is increased by 4.5% but the council tax base for the parish has also reduced by 3.6% so these combined elements lead to the increase seen on the council tax bill.*

		2023/24	2024/25	% Change
(i)	Precept Amount (£)	6792	6500	4.5
(ii)	Council Tax base	114.41	118.72	(3.6)
(iii)	Band D Council Tax (i)/(ii)	59.37	54.75	8.4

Tax bases change each year for a number of reasons but commonly this is because of changes in the number or council tax banding of properties or through variations in the level of discounts applied which reduce the taxable base (e.g. single person discount)"

e. Email from resident received 18.03.24 re power cuts in village

The Council discussed the recent power cuts referenced by the resident and agreed that they are occurring more frequently.

Action: Clerk to contact Northern PowerGrid to invite to a future Council meeting.

f. Email from resident received 08.04.24 re green bins

The Council discussed the request to install a communal green bin on the village green for use by Gateforth Parishioners. Several Councillors outlined that such a green bin was in place previously but had been abused by non-Parishioners and Trades people.

It was agreed that the Council would not install a communal green bin on the village green.

Action: Clerk to write to resident advising of the decision taken.

g. Invoice from Backhouse Pest Control, received 21.05.24, advising they no longer accept Cheques

The Council discussed the request to move away from Cheques but confirmed that it's currently not possible to pay invoices by other means.

Action: Clerk to write to Backhouse Pest Control, explaining the current constraints on alternative payment options.

h. Zurich Insurance Renewal Quote received 23.05.24

The Council discussed the quote received from Zurich Insurance and agreed to continue with their services.

Action: Clerk to confirm to Zurich Insurance that the Council will continue with their services and issue cheque to cover costs.

i. Email from resident received 02.06.24 re failed drainage ditch on Landing Lane

The Council noted the email from the resident and that they had also made the Highways Agency aware of the issue.

j. Email from resident on 08.06.24 Follow-Up on Minutes of 4th March 2024.

An email had been received on Saturday 8 June which was not received within the correct timescale to be included on the agenda of this meeting (Monday 8 June 2024). Councillors were asked whether this email should be discussed at the meeting or added to the next agenda. As the next meeting is not until September, then it was unanimously decided to include the email from the resident in 10 June meeting.

Councillors discussed the points raised by the resident regarding CCTV, Village Facebook, Timeliness of Minutes and Notifications and the Capital Budget.

It noted that a review of communication via Facebook was included in the minutes. It also acknowledged, that during this interim period of Clerk coverage, that there will be a delay in publication of minutes. A note to this affect is already on the GPC Website.

Regarding the Capital Budget, the agenda for this meeting included a discussion on Precept and Finances.

Action: Clerk to amend minutes of meeting held 4th March to include and action to publish sub-committee report regarding CCTV.

17690. Rubbish Bin on Pale Lane

The possibility of installing a new rubbish bin on Pale Lane, at the pull in by the North Yorkshire Water pumping station, was discussed.

The Council agreed not to pursue the purchase of an additional bin for this site, at this current time but agreed to review again in the future.

17691: Minor items:

There were no items to discuss.

17692. Items for the next agenda:

None.

17693. Date of next meeting: Proposed date Monday 2 September 2024 at 7:30pm.

Action: Clerk to contact Chapel Haddlesey bookings officer to check availability of meeting room.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.