

# Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to discuss anti-social behaviour

7:00 pm, 20 March 2023

Conference Room, Gilberdyke War Memorial Hall

## ACTION POINTS

- Councillors to distribute the ERYC ASB team leaflet to residents
- Clerk and Councillors to make contact with and provide support to local community groups
- Clerk to add advice on the use of CCTV and similar equipment to the Parish Council website
- Clerk to add an electronic copy of the ERYC ASB leaflet to the website

*In attendance:*

Councillor Paul Bryan (Chair), Councillor Chris Newsome (Vice Chair), Councillor Pete Buckle, Councillor Nick Norris, Councillor John Robinson, Councillor Stephen Rooney, Councillor Sam Taylor-Dunn, Councillor John Walker, Councillor Kevin Woollass, Jake Wilde (Parish Clerk).

Howdenshire Ward Councillors Victoria Aitken, Linda Bayram and Nigel Wilkinson.

Emily Mayes, of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) team attended as a guest of the Parish Council.

One member of the public also attended the meeting.

The Chair opened the meeting.

### 1. To agree: Apologies received

Councillor Jeannie Peachey (ill health). These were agreed.

### 2. Declarations of interest

None.

### 3. Scope and purpose of meeting (Clerk)

#### Scope

This meeting is to discuss the issue of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Gilberdyke. This can include acts of criminality, but only where the underlying issue is ASB, rather than all criminal acts. So, for example, where ASB has crossed the line into harassment or criminal damage, but not unrelated criminal acts such as burglary.

No other issues can be discussed at this meeting.

As no resolutions have been submitted, no formal decisions can be taken. In particular, no decisions requiring the expenditure of Parish Council funds can be taken. However, where there is a consensus to instruct the Clerk to correspond with agencies, organisations, residents or individuals then the Clerk will take those issues forward.

Councillors may decide that they wish to call a further meeting for the purpose of resolving decisions, or submit such resolutions to the next ordinary Parish Council meeting.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting is to broaden the Parish Council's understanding of the issues relating to ASB in Gilberdyke, discuss and agree the desired outcomes, and discuss and agree the process to achieve those outcomes.

To achieve this, the Parish Council needs to have a clear sense of the scale of the problem, and may wish to commission further work on gathering information.

The desired outcomes are for councillors to determine, and most will require working with agencies, organisations, residents and individuals to achieve, as Parish Councils have limited powers in this respect.

Councillors will also want to consider the role they wish to take to achieve those outcomes, both as individuals councillors and as a corporate body. Any administrative work or correspondence will be undertaken by the Clerk, but councillors may wish to be proactive in reaching out to the community, within collectively agreed parameters.

**4. An opportunity to share experiences (All)**

The Chair began by explaining that there had been a marked increase in the amount of ASB in Gilberdyke over the preceding six months. After two PCSOs had attended the October 2022 Parish Council meeting, Councillor Bryan had written to the Chief Constable to request additional support. Subsequently, Councillor Newsome contacted the Goole Community Policy team and two officers had attended the March 2023 meeting. One of those officers explained that she was taking on the issue of ASB in Gilberdyke as a special project. At that meeting the Parish Council agreed to hold an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to specifically discuss ASB, with a view to agreeing desired outcomes.

During the course of the general discussion, the following questions and issues were raised:

- Are all of those involved in ASB residents of Gilberdyke, or are some from neighbouring towns and villages?
- How do residents identify the individuals involved in order to report them to the police?
- How can the EYRC ASB team help?
- Could the Parish Council organise drop-in meetings with residents to provide them with an opportunity to air their concerns, and provide residents with information?
- Are residents fearful of reprisals if they report incidents, and has this affected the number of reports?

Emily Mayes advised as follows:

- ERYC ASB team work closely with the Police and other agencies within ERYC to tackle ASB using a staged approach that reduces offending by 80-90% amongst those within the system. This approach starts with youths aged 10 and can include adults, though mainly is targeted at those aged 10-16.
- ERYC ASB team can provide leaflets to the Parish Council for distribution, which will provide residents with information and advice on reporting and preventing ASB.
- Residents can report ASB to ERYC anonymously.
- Residents can report criminal behaviour anonymously to Crimestoppers, though the anonymity would cease if the matter became a criminal case.
- The Goole Community Policing team know the names of local youths better than response officers, who have a wider geographical area to cover
- All ASB reports received go to the ERYC ASB team.
- ERYC ASB team also offer support to the victims of ASB, including checks of home security, social prescribing and access to NHS support.

Councillor Woollass advised that he had recently attended a meeting of Good Companions, a Gilberdyke-based support group, and had received no concerns regarding ASB.

## 5. Agreeing the desired outcomes (All)

The Parish Council agreed that the desired outcome was to ensure that residents felt safe to report ASB when they experienced it, and that the relevant authorities would treat those reports seriously when they received them.

## 6. Agreeing the process to achieve those outcomes (All)

The Parish Council agreed the following:

- Councillors to distribute the ERYC ASB team leaflet to residents
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## 7. Summary of next steps (Chair)

The Chair summarised by confirming that the starting point for all next steps was the distribution of the ERYC ASB leaflets, and then to review the situation two months later to see if the number of reports had increased.

*To be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair*

Print name

Date

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