

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF
GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs. Mrs Lesley Jeffery (A)
Mrs Jennifer Williamson (Chairperson)
Roy Thornhill
Mick Bowles
Peter Platten
Tony Everington
Mrs Helen Sutton (A)

Also present was the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lesley Jeffery, Andy Stewart and Roger Jackson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. DISCUSSION

Members requested that statistics on the use of the village web site, eg hits, could be obtained to fully justify expenditure on its maintenance. TC to pursue. Members also enquired about progress on the printing and distribution of the Parish Plan. TC will ask Cllr Jeffery. A 4.3 acre plot of land at the junction of A6097 / Main Street has been sold. TC was asked to EA, NSDC Planning and NAIDB to impress upon the new owner(s) that it is their responsibility to ensure that the drains that run through the land (which lead to the Dover Beck and are essential to the primary flood corridor) are reinstated and/or cleared where necessary. Cllrs Williamson and Bowles are to meet with Steve Broadhead, of the NAIDB, when this matter will be raised. TC was asked to ensure that minutes from the meeting (with EA and others) on 24th March, and promised by Innes Thompson, would be available for next PC meeting.

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

This meeting was intended to be brief and, primarily, to discuss the Annual Audit – it was therefore agreed that both the minutes from May 27th and these minutes would be discussed at the meeting on 24th June.

5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAY MATTERS

Cllr Bowles stated that he had reported to the police, motor-bikes at great speed on the A6097 on 1st June and that there was a motor-bike accident on Lowdham Road on Friday evening. Cllr Thornhill reported that there was overhanging vegetation on the 6097 between lay-by and bridge and that this was dangerous – this has been reported by TC, but TC would pursue as urgent matter. Cllr Thornhill also reported excess vegetation and litter on the jitty (Leics slang for alleyway) between Main Street and the 6097 at Lowdham Leisure. TC to report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

It was reported that the parking meter down by the riverside had at last been removed, although the sign remains. TC was asked to contact Litter Hit Squad about litter between Bridge & Lock. TC was asked to contact NSDC Planning Enforcement regarding car park behind Tom Browns / Anchor as this is hard-standing and on green belt.

7. FINANCE

The audit report, completed by the Internal Auditor, for year 2008 / 2009, were approved and signed and will be sent to the External Auditors, Clement Keys. Members agreed that TC would seek advice about seeking a new internal auditor for next year.

Members authorised payment of account (£1676.70) to RTC Fencing – this will, however, be minuted at meeting on 24th June.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting, will take place on Wed. 24th June in the Village Hall, starting at 7:30.