

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

Also present was the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Andy Stewart and Roger Jackson

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held on October 28<sup>th</sup> – one additional phrase and two minor amendments were noted – these changes will be actioned and the Minutes signed by the Chairperson.

**4. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

A temporary interactive speed sign has been installed on Main Street – it will be in place for 8 – 9 weeks. Members agreed that the sign was very good, but one or two expressed some reservations about its location. Cllr Thornhill expressed concern that despite being mentioned in the Parish Plans and many times elsewhere, there still seems to be no progress on the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Main Street and the A6097. TC confirmed that he had written to Jo Horton following on the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October at which the traffic lights were discussed. TC was asked to write again to Ms Horton if there was no response from her in the next week or so. In future discussion it will be emphasised the difficulty that residents have in leaving the village even at 6.15 in the morning! Members are convinced that traffic numbers continue to increase and TC was asked to arrange a traffic count to confirm this. Cllr Sutton stated that mobile speed detection vans were regulated by central government and not by Notts County Council.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Dog muck has been reported along Main Street – the dog warden will be asked to visit, preferably at ‘school run’ times when it is felt parents taking children to, or fetching from, school may be walking their dogs at these times. The matter of dog orders and signs is to be discussed at the next Council meeting. TC was asked to write to Lawrence Harvey regarding an exchange of correspondence on the state of the riverside approach and to inform him that progress is being made in this area.

TC informed Council that he had written to Morgan Wray requesting a follow-up meeting to that of March 24<sup>th</sup> this year. Following an exchange of communication between Cllr Bowles and the Environment Agency it has been learned that our contact within the EA is now Paul Badham – Cllr Bowles agreed to draft a letter to Mr Badham to ensure ongoing contact with the EA.

Following reports of a large number of cars being stored behind Marhill Motors on both sides of the beck, Cllr Jeffery is to ascertain, from planning applications, the permitted number of vehicles that may be stored there.

## 6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Cllr Sutton confirmed that a meeting had been arranged between Councillors and Mr Phil Hyam of Marston's Breweries to discuss matters relating to the Riverside – this will take place on the 27th November.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There were none.

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

TC has drafted, or obtained draft models, of various essential documents:

Financial Regulations	Standing Orders
Clerk's Job Description / Contract	

These will be sent to Members, for consideration, together with copies of these minutes.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received

Nick Pogson responding re wish list and litter	To be circulated
COI News Dist Service – various news items	ditto
NCC Communities - Budget Cuts	ditto
midlands rural housing – confirming that there was no suitable site in Gunthorpe for 'affordable housing	Noted
The Greening Campaign	To be circulated
Parish Council Event NCC - 10th Dec	LJ to attend
Annual Parish Conference - Feedback	n/a
Letter to Morgan Wray - follow up to March 24th Meeting	Noted
Magdala's Opera Christmas	Noted
Jo Horton re on-site meeting	Discussed
Nick Pogson re Wish List / litter	To be circulated
A-Class Mobile Bar	ditto
NCC Customer Services Centre - Briefing Note / Stats	ditto
Severn Trent - Permissive Access	ditto
NHS - Public Board Meeting	Discard
Jim Freeman	To be circulated
NALC - Various	ditto

## 10. PLANNING

### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

None

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09/01412/ADV – Lowdham Leisure World – Relocation of Sign – Refused

09/01000/FUL – Holly Farm, various reasons, primarily flood risk.

## 11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

Item discussed above.

## 12. FINANCE

It was agreed to send a donation to the Cumbria Flooding Appeal. It was emphasised that the grant of £2,000 paid in October was a payment made to the Village Hall as having financial control of the Football Club. TC was asked to investigate online banking.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

<i>PSNo</i>	<i>Chq No</i>		<i>Net Total</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
100	211	Paul Jeffery - Newsletter Printing	11.00		11.00
101	212	RC Services - Grass Cutting	150.00	22.50	172.50
102	213	Roger Snowdin - Internal Audit	75.00		75.00
103	214	TG Systems - Clerks Salary + backpay	387.39		387.39
103	214	TG Systems - Office Expenses	28.00		28.00
104	215	Cumbria County Council - Flooding Fund	50.00		50.00
105	216	Kirkland & Lane Solicitors for Land Registry	200.00		200.00
<b><u>Total expenditure for meeting</u></b>			<b>901.39</b>	<b>22.50</b>	<b>923.89</b>
<b><u>Total expenditure to date</u></b>			<b>15,735.08</b>	<b>360.98</b>	<b>16,096.06</b>

### 13. PARISH PLAN

Members were informed that meetings of the Parish Plan sub-committees / groups were to be arranged for January. A provisional date, 13<sup>th</sup> January was set. Members were informed that the Parish Council agreed, in 2006, to make a financial contribution to the Parish Plan. TC will confirm amount from Minutes.

### 14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

CLlr Sutton reported on the meeting of the Safety Liaison Group:

- Main speaker was Inspector Andy Gann
- Of the 4,000 police staff, only 2,600 are police officers
- We have a new Beat Manager and two CSO's (Dan Bebbington and Kate Ansty have moved on)
- Generally there are 14 – 15 officers available at any one time for rapid response – these numbers are doubles on Friday and Saturday evenings
- The Police and Parish Council emphasise that each and every incident in the village should be reported to the police and the incident number noted. This will be published in the Newsletter
- Crime incidents, on average, had decreased in number over the past year or two
- CLlr Sutton stated that it was a very good meeting.

CLlr Thornhill reported that he was to attend a 'Older Persons Advisory Group'.

A day of interest and education for Gunthorpe residents over the age of 55, 'Warm, Well and Wise' has been organised by Rachael Johnson of Notts. County Council and the Village Hall Committee with help and co-operation from a partnership of various authorities including the Parish Council. It takes place on 10<sup>th</sup> December. This year it has been financed by NCC and others, but in future may require GPC part-funding.

### 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall, starting at 7:15.