

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllrs            Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)  
                    Helen Sutton  
                    Mick Bowles  
                    Chris Cope  
                    Tony Everington  
                    Cam Pearson  
                    Peter Platten

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Roger Jackson (Newark & Sherwood District Council and Notts County Council).

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held on November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup> were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson.

**4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Members reported that the slope road was, in parts, overgrown with grass. Also reported was the fact that the A6097 verges between the Bridge and Main Street were building in height due to cut grass rotting and turning to soil. TC to report both these matters to NCC.

TC

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

A brief questionnaire has been received from Emergency Planning at NSDC regarding flood and snow wardens – Cllr Everington will complete and return. Information on CCTV's has been received from a private supplier – Members agreed that this is a matter for businesses and individuals and not for the Parish Council.

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Maintenance and possible repairs of the main drains, especially under Main Street, was discussed. TC informed Members that he had been trying to contact Adam Boucher of Severn Trent Water since September and had recently contacted Notts County Council. TC to pursue.

TC

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

With regard to the land purchase, various communications from Ian Torr and FraserBrown (the Anglers' Solicitor) were discussed. It was reiterated that the issues that had arisen were due solely to the fact that the Anglers had lost the deeds to the land and that the Parish Council should not be responsible for paying the Anglers' legal fees over and above the initially agreed amount.

A member of the public asked why land was being purchased from the Anglers and was informed that the purchase has been agreed at a public Village meeting and that it was inappropriate for discussion at this meeting.

TC

TC was asked to raise with Ian Torr the subject of the Common Land.

Cllr Bowles stated that the Cocker Beck had overflowed onto land adjacent to Cottage Pasture Lane and Grange Farm last week. Cllr Bowles had notified the Drainage Board. It would seem that a drainage pipe which would have helped avert this situation was too small and that Severn Trent Water had been notified.

It was reported that Dr Andy Harrison and others had attended a meeting with the Environment Agency. Further site investigation and consultation were needed. There is to be another meeting to which a member of GPC is invited.

## 7. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A member of the public, Amanda Howell, asked what was being done to improve the appearance of the Common Land. Cllr Jeffery replied that GPC was in communication with the various landowners who were not being very helpful. With regard to the overgrowth near the water's edge Ms Howell suggested that if permission to cut this back was not available that the PC should simply get the work done. The landowners were unlikely to complain about the land being more presentable. Cllr Bowles is meeting with RC Services to discuss other matters and will ask for a price for carrying out this work.

A report was received from a resident, Graham Marshall, regarding the street lighting on Trentside. It would seem that lights are regularly failing and that at one time, at least, all three lights were off. TC has reported this problem, but Mr Marshall was informed that any member of the public could report lighting problems to Notts County Council (online or tel 0300 500 80 80).

## 8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There was nothing to report under this heading.

## 9. CLERK'S REPORT

There was nothing to report other than described elsewhere in these minutes.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

Broadband Meeting – TC was asked to forward this to Members.

## 11. PLANNING

### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- 13/01812/FUL Mr A Solecki Marhill Service Centre - Erection of Single Storey Extension to Existing Garage Workshop

### Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

## 12. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

The renewal of the knee-high fence will be put on hold whilst discussion on the area around the Village Hall is discussed.

RJ

## 13. FINANCE

Following a request from Roger Snowdin, GPC auditor, it was agreed unanimously, that the current system of internal financial controls are in order and 'fit for purpose' on the grounds that nothing had changed since the last review.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
101	35	Gordon Oldham - Clerk's Salary	348.26		348.26
101	35	Gordon Oldham - Expenses / Costs	64.20		64.20
102	36	Post Office (HMRC)	37.40		37.40
103	37	CPRE	30.00		30.00
<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>			<b>479.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>479.86</b>
<b>Total expenditure to date</b>			<b>9,815.94</b>	<b>182.00</b>	<b>9,997.94</b>

#### **14. PARISH PLAN**

There was nothing to report under this heading.

#### **15. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT**

It was noted that Newark & Sherwood DC, without consultation with GPC, had changed the 'Lighthouse' licence to a full licence of the restricted licence initially granted. TC will write to Karen White for an explanation.

The 'Best Kept Garden' competition is due to take place in July (around Village Fete) – however, someone is needed to run the competition as Cllr Everington, the organiser, won't be here at the time. An advert and posters are to be circulated.

Although not a Parish Council obligation, GPC will organise the Annual Parish Meeting in May, on a date to be agreed.

#### **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.