

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 23RD 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)
 Mick Bowles (A)
 Chris Cope (A)
 Tony Everington
 Tom Littlefair
 Cam Pearson
 Peter Platten

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC), Cllr Roger Jackson (Newark & Sherwood District Council Notts County Council).

1. WELCOME

On behalf of the Parish Council Cllr Jeffery extended a warm welcome to Cllr Tom Littlefair.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mick Bowles and Chris Cope.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on June 25th 2014 – there were two amendments to be made. It was agreed with regard to the bullet item in paragraph 4 (Open Session for the Public) 'The details circulated regarding finance were accepted' that the 'details' would be given in full. There was also a minor amendment to paragraph 15 (Other Matters for Report) – the substitution of the word 'weeks' with 'months'.

5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

With regard to the overgrown vegetation by the slope road, Cllr Jackson agreed to ask NCC to spray with weed killer as, when simply cut back, it returns in a short time. Cllr Platten agreed to sort out overgrown vegetation on the A6097.

Despite TC pursuing the matter, there is no further news on the ex-Total land on the A6097. A resident of the Village continues to park grass cutters and vehicles on the A6097 verge with 'For Sale' notices affixed. Cllr Jackson is to pursue.

Discussion was held regarding planning matters at Marhill Garage. Cllr Platten requested that a judicial review be undertaken and that, under the Freedom of Information Act, various questions be answered, primarily by NSDC.

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

It was stated that the drainage plans recently acquired from Severn Trent relate to sewerage and that the Parish Council needs plans for the top level, ie road drainage. Recently there has been flooding in the Peck's Lane, Main Street and Hobson's Acre area. Cllr Jackson stated that any blockage is not Severn Trent's responsibility. It was noted that the valve / flap at Shaney's Field (Hall Drain / Main Street) opens the wrong way.

Cllr Platten summarised developments with the Gunthorpe Riverside Trust:

- ❖ The Trust held their inaugural meeting – with a number of people attending. It is the intention for the group to meet on the second Tuesday of each month.
- ❖ It was requested that notice of future meetings be advertised by email and on Village web site.
- ❖ It was proposed that signs notifying the public of ownership of and access to the land would be produced. The Parish Council will finance these.

- ❖ On Sunday morning 3 metal posts were erected to limit access to the land – 2 hours later they had been knocked down. The incident, and other similar incidents, have been reported to the police who are giving their full support
- ❖ The Trust has been approached by Ashford Anglers, who have fishing rights to adjacent land with an offer of help and co-operation. This offer was accepted.
- ❖ It was stated that two bridle gates are required.
- ❖ Cllr Platten stated that the Trust is a sub-committee of the Parish Council

Common Land legalities – Cllr Platten / Ian Torr, solicitor, met last Tuesday. Ian is to review our notes again and put forward ideas of how we might proceed in bringing Marston's and others together to manage the land. Presently there are no fees. It was suggested that a group / sub-committee should be formed to deal with the Common Land issues.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

TC was asked to forward Adam Boucher's details to Cllrs Platten and Pearson to enable them to discuss security and access to the recently purchased land.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

9. CLERK'S REPORT

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

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- 14/00704/FULM - Roger Crafts - Slight raising of existing levels to parts of the existing external caravan and motor home display areas – No Objections

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

12. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

13. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo			
124	58	Gordon Oldham - Salary - Expenses	373.46	373.46
125	59	HMRC	77.20	77.20
126	60	RCAN	70.00	70.00
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			520.66	0.00
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			2,672.39	2,749.19

14. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

15. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

There was nothing to report under this heading.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on September 24th 2014 in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.