

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)
 Mick Bowles (A)
 Chris Cope (A)
 Tony Everington
 Peter Platten
 Jan Smith

Also present was the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC), Cllr Roger Jackson (Notts CC and NSDC) and one member of the public (Jen Weaver).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mick Bowles and Chris Cope.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of 27th January, having been agreed, were signed by the Chairperson. It was requested that Minutes were sent to Members in both .doc and .pdf formats.

4. OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC

Ms Weaver asked for an update on the petition to for traffic lights to be installed at the Main Street/A6097 junction. Cllr Jackson informed the meeting that he had presented the petition to the Transport & Highways Committee earlier in the month and that he would be presenting it to the full Council Meeting on the 25th February.

Cllr Jeffery spoke with regard to the planning meeting to consider the Marehill application. She stated that she had great difficulty in being allowed to speak. Eventually she was heard and with support from two District Councillors, the application was postponed until the next meeting.

TC informed Members that no reply had been received from Andrew Muter. It was therefore agreed that TC should write a formal complaint to NSDC and should also write to MP Robert Jenrick.

5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

It was noted that the work in Brookfield Close had not yet been done, but residents were already using the area in question for parking. It was also noted that some residents were using the full length of gardens to park and this causing some "grief".

Cllrs noted that various ground levels in Lowdhams were being raised and possibly lowered. It is possible that the average height is being increased. It is unknown whether the new heights have been agreed by NSDC Planning. Cllr Jackson will pursue.

Cllr Jackson stated that the 1.9% increase in business rates and council tax are generally felt to be reasonable and that the East Midlands is the richest area in the country. NSDC is moving from Kelham Hall to a site behind the Cattle Market. B It was also noted that there had been no progress with plans for drainage in the Main Street / Peck Lane area.

Cllr Jeffery gave thanks to all those concerned with the tree-planting ceremony on Saturday. It was deemed to be a great success.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllrs Jeffery and Everington have consulted NALC about the legal aspects and requirements of the grass-cutter.

7. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Cllr Platten gave a verbal report on the work of the Riverside Trust – this is presented at Appendix A. TC has been in contact with Heather MacKenzie of the Canal and River Trust (CRT) who is addressing the issues raised over the past year or two. Ms MacKenzie feels that the trees cut down recently on Gunthorpe land were not cut down by the CRT, but will investigate. TC was asked to forward the Riverside plans to Cllr Platten. There is to be a meeting of GEFAG on Friday 11th March.

Members were ask to browse and possibly contribute to Gunthorpe's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gunthorpe-Nottinghamshire/112861178725924?fref=ts>)

8. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's web site is now on line but there is still a lot to do.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

10. PLANNING

Members were initially concerned about the amendment to the Unicorn licence, but it was realised that they were asking for no more than was already available. It would seem that the music that theoretically could be played into the early hours will be soft music to accompany diners.

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There is to be a meeting of the Village Hall Committee – in the meantime the work on the entrance, toilets etc is on hold. The Parish Council have committed to supplying a new seat in memory of Eric Reeves. The VH Committee are to be asked to choose a seat and consider a location for it. The plaque has been made.

12. THE PARISH PLAN

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

13. FINANCE

Members confirmed the budget of £5,000 for the Riverside Trust – this will be reflected in this month's Accounts Summary.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
221*	136	Gas Training Solutions	108.00		108.00
222	137	Post Office (HMRC)	78.80		78.80
223	138	Zurich Municipal	306.12		306.12
224	139	Gordon Oldham - Salary / Expenses	380.34		380.34
225	140	Post Office (HMRC)	78.80		78.80
226	141	TG Systems - Web Design / Implementation	150.00		150.00
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			1,102.06		1,102.06
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			12,125.61	372.52	12,498.13

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

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

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council will be held on the 23rd March in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.



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Present: Peter Platten, Brian High, Cam Pearson, Richard Mills

Apologies: Ian Simms

No	Actions carried forward	To do
1	BH is to arrange with Ashfield Anglers the filling of potholes between the bridge and the car park. Only the tyre tracks are to be repaired, no other part of the trackway.	done
No	Matters discussed	To do
2	<p>Grant applications</p> <p>Applications for £300 toward tree planting from 'Trent to Trenches' had been successful. Payment from NCC to Gunthorpe PC via BACS transfer. CP has forwarded this to Lesley Jeffery.</p>	n/a
3	<p>Tree planting ceremony</p> <p>Plans for the 20th Feb tree planting ceremony are well underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All relevant persons invited • Trees ordered from Frosts, with stakes & ties. Peter Platten to take delivery Friday 19th • Working party arranged Friday 19th to do majority of planting • Itinerary arranged for the ceremony. To include Carol Tainton, Sherwood Foresters, Lesley Jeffery. School. Commencing shortly before 11am • Refreshments to be served at the Unicorn • Press invited <p>High level of river water noted and discussed. Conclusion was that this is expected to have gone down by the ceremony and will be unlikely to cause an issue. With planting. Unless there are severe problems the plan is to go ahead, due to communications already issued.</p>	<p>PP and CP will finalise plans and discuss catering with Unicorn Weds 17th Feb</p>
4	<p>Notts Wildlife Trust</p> <p>PP and BH met with Mark Speck of Notts Wildlife Trust. This was a fruitful meeting and hopefully GRT will work together with NWT in the future.</p>	<p>PP to maintain relationship</p>

Next meeting – Weds 9th March 2016 7.30pm