

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Also present was the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC) and Cllr Roger Jackson (Notts CC and NSDC).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mick Bowles.

2. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

It was agreed unanimously to elect Chris Cope as a co-opted Member of the Parish Council. Cllr Cope's return was welcomed by all.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of 24th April, having been agreed, were signed by the Chairperson. The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 27th May were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson. It was, however, noted that the Parish Council will be represented on the Riverside Trust by three Councillors – Peter Platten, Tom Littlefair and Chris Cope.

5. OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC

Although there were no members of the public present, three emails received via the Village web site were discussed:

- 1 A resident in Brookland Close submitted a complaint about a neighbour. As there have been similar complaints received, TC was asked to write to the Police local beat manager, with copies to Newark and Sherwood Homes and Cllr Jackson.
- 2 A request was made that the 'Eric Reeves seat' on Peck Lane be restored and moved to the Playing Field where Eric enjoyed watching the cricket. Members agreed unanimously that the seat should be replaced with a new seat and moved as requested. The commemoration plaque would be transferred to the new seat. The Parish Council will finance this. Cllr Jeffery will speak with the Village Hall Committee to confirm.
- 3 A resident of Riverdale Park has asked who owns the trees bordering the A6097 as they were overhanging her home. It was felt that they belong to the Park owner but regardless of the owner, the resident would have the right to cut back any vegetation that, as stated overhangs a residence.

6. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Continued concern was expressed regarding the extreme difficulties of entering and leaving the Village (especially the latter) during peak hours. One example was given where a resident, after spending a long time trying to get out, tried to ease her way into the traffic. Unfortunately not only was she unable to, one driver forced her to back up onto Main Street. It is felt there are various factors at play – the 40mph limit; people slowing down to view cars and other items for sale and sheer volume of traffic. Discussion was held regarding the way from the A612 (on which there are often long queues) through the roundabout in

Lowdham and then the bottleneck where the dual carriageway filters into one lane. It was proposed, and agreed, to create a petition regarding the junction of A6097 and Main Street requesting that some type of traffic control be installed. Cllr Jeffery will organise this

TC has contacted NCC Highways regarding the overhanging vegetation on A6097 between Main Street and the Bridge. TC was asked to repeat.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

TC was asked last month to pursue the matter of larger 'Dogs on Leads' notices for the Village playing field. TC also requested, again, that some enforcement should be carried out. There have been no positive answers, TC to pursue and consider direct purchase of sign.

It was suggested that CCTV could be installed on the Village Hall to cover the playing field and car park. Cllr Jeffery will consult the VH committee.

It was noted that the grass and hedges on the green at the North end of Main Street are overgrown. TC was asked to consult with Cllr Bowles and RC Services.

8. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Cllr Platten's report from the Riverside Trust is given at Appendix 1. Further to the decision to confirm the status of the Riverside Trust, TC distributed an information pack provided by NALC. There had been insufficient time to study this information but one or two points were agreed by Members:

- 1 The current Constitution could be converted to Terms of Reference.
- 2 Cam Pearson, currently Secretary and Treasurer, would in future act as 'Deputy Clerk' – this is because the Parish Clerk should have the same responsibilities for committee work as for PC work.
- 3 All documentation (eg Minutes) would be formatted as per PC documents.
- 4 All expenditure by the Trust would be agreed in advance by full Council and cheques processed by TC.
- 5 It was agreed that TC would not be recompensed for the extra work involved.

TC was asked to contact Stephen Tipping at NCC regarding the installation of a kissing gate to restrict access onto the land. In a similar vein, TC will contact John Jackson the Severn Trent estates manager regarding access from Bulcote via the riverside and across the fields.

It was reported that replies had been received from Lowdham and Caythorpe, both of which have new clerks, regarding the register of commoners application. However, no response has been received from Eddie Brennan (NCC) and TC was asked to pursue. TC was also asked to speak with Cllr Bowles and RC Services regarding grass and hedge cutting at north end of Main Street.

The picture of Gunthorpe kindly donated by the late Andy Stewart will be displayed in the Village Hall.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Jackson confirmed that he had called in the planning application for 10A Brookland Close. He also explained the effect the changes proposed by the Boundary Commission could have on Gunthorpe. It was noted that Police boundaries do not necessarily coincide with political boundaries. TC was asked to check whether the proposals would be considered, and reflected, in the police boundaries.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the drains, drainage issues and the latest meeting of GEFAG. It has been suggested that a bund be built on or by the Riverside – this raised serious objections. "One bund leads to another". It was noted that the work suggested by GEFAG / Lowdhams could have a serious effect on Trentside.

It was suggested that maps should be made available online for the major bike races that are held by or through Gunthorpe.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Proposed Changes to the Rushcliffe Greens Bus Services - a string of emails has been sent to local PC's by a resident of Shelford who is unhappy with current evening bus timetable; with proposed changes, and with the lack of, or delay in receiving, information from the bus company. Members felt that the current, and possibly proposed, timetables are simply a reflection of public need. Cllr Jeffery will consult with parishioners at the Friday Club to determine interest.

11. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- 15/00897/FUL - P Rigby - 2 The Avenue - Erection of New Double Garage – no objections.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

12. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

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

13. THE PARISH PLAN

Members were asked to revisit the Parish Plan. The PC meeting in August would be devoted to an update of the Plan.

14. 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
166	101	NALC - Subscription	17.00		17.00
167	102	Roger Snowdin - Audit Fee	210.00		210.00
168	103	Gordon Oldham - Salary / Expenses	388.98		388.98
169	104	Post Office (HMRC)	78.80		78.80
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			694.78	0.00	694.78
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			1,728.25	0.00	1,728.25

15. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

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

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council will be held on the 22nd July in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.

APPENDIX I

Report from Gunthorpe Riverside Trust – June 2015

- 1 Following reports of motor bikes in the field, posts and barbed wire have been installed to close off the fence opening.
- 2 Campers in the field adjacent the internal hedge – contacted Ashfield Anglers' bailiff and he is to arrange with us. Re-fencing and re-hedging.
- 3 Balsam plants on the area between the Bridge and Ski Club have been strimmed and those around the planted hedge removed by hand.
- 4 Mr Jackson from Notts County Council has met with Trust members and agreed a strategy for eradicating the Balsam.
Existing work to remove and strim flat have been approved.
We need help to arrange mowing at regular intervals to eliminate reseeding.
- 5 Mr Jackson NCC identified field as being of specific importance – survival of a once plentiful area: Leave alone
Leave trees around periphery only.
- 6 Fallen willow tree removed, cut up by Ashfield Anglers and Ralph from Village. Logs left for removal and all have been removed.
- 7 Emailed and further letter to Marston's for permission to work on Common Land. Plans to be approved viz Secretary of State:
 - i. Re-align path
 - ii. Install fence
 - iii. Install hedging
 - iv. Install bridle gate
 - v. Install kissing gate
 - vi. Re-align access to Ski Club
 - vii. Remove gravel etc
 - viii. Reseed.
- 8 Payment received for fencing and stiles.
- 9 Mower required ASAP
- 10 Discussions started with Ashfield Anglers for renewal of access ?contract?
To include fishing of Ashfield's Bingham pond for Gunthorpe residents.
- 11 Kissing gate update for installation at the Beck end of the field.