

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lesley Jeffery, Mick Bowles and Tony Everington. It was agreed that Members would, in future, notify TC of apologies by email. Members were notified that Cam Pearson had resigned from the Parish Council with no reason given.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Platten declared that he was now Chairman of the Riverside Trust and that Mick Bowles and Tony Everington were members of the Riverside Trust.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meetings held on June 25th and July 23rd were agreed as true records and were signed by the Chairman.

4. OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC

Following an exchange of emails between Councillors it was agreed that Gunthorpe would support Shelford in their fight against inclusion in the NCC Minerals Plan. TC updated Members with the latest news and GPC support was formally agreed.

Following the situation of gypsies making camp on the Playing Field (PF) and breaking into the Village Hall (VH) Mrs Starbuck asked Members whether the ongoing issue of security on the VH area had been addressed. The following points were agreed:

- 1 Although noted and under consideration, it was not know whether this issue had been fully resolved.
- 2 The gate had been and still is locked, but was easily circumvented.
- 3 Cllr Platten stated that it is easy to get onto the PF as the barriers are insecure.
- 4 TC will contact Lynn Cope regarding concrete posts and height barriers.
- 5 TC will arrange a meeting between GPC and the VH Committee to discuss options and costs. The meeting will be open to the public.

Mrs Starbuck also stated that there were strong feelings, albeit without proof, about the possibility of drug use in the area. Cllr Jackson will pursue with the Police.

5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Members stated that they are still seriously concerned with amount of overgrowing weed / vegetation adjacent the A6097. Cllr Jackson will pursue this with Jo Horton, NCC Highways.

TC has received the usual winter offer from NCC of free salt / grit and extra, chargeable, salt and grit bins. TC will pass to GPC.

The Local Improvement Scheme has been reintroduced under a new name (Supporting Local Communities {SLC} Fund) and a reduced budget. Full details and contact are on the NCC website -

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/partnerships/localism/slc/>.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

There was nothing to report under this heading.

7. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

The work of the Riverside Trust was discussed. Signs, stating 'Private Land' and 'Private Fishing' have been organised, free of charge. There have recently been reports of illegal fishing, but little could be done as there are currently no signs to inform anglers.

Access to the Riverside for anglers has been arranged with great help from the Ashfield Anglers. A big clearup has been arranged for the weekend of 27/28th September.

Some money has been expended but not of immediate concern. Agreement has been reached with Severn Trent Water for emergency access to the area.

Membership of The Trust has now reached approx. 20.

With regard to the common land, Ian Torr has Cllr Platten's notes and will advise on best course of action.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Jackson is holding a harvest supper for people to meet and talk to Robert Jenrick on the 24th October tickets are £15 includes a hot supper cheese and biscuits and first glass of wine. Tickets may be reserved by phoning 01159663970 or 07866494731.

9. CLERK'S REPORT

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

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. PLANNINGNewark and Sherwood DC applications

14/01582/FUL - Gary Shout - 1 Thorpe Lea, Two Storey Side and Single Storey Front Extensions – Members expressed concern about the proposed extensions overshadowing neighbouring property.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

12. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

It was reiterated that a meeting between GPC and the Village Hall Committee would be arranged.

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13. FINANCE

TC stated that the results of the External Audit by GrantThornton had still not been received. Where applicable, those Members present completed a new bank mandate. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule and in retrospect for August:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
131	65	Gordon Oldham - Salary - Expenses	373.46		373.46
132	66	Village Hall Committee	3,000.00		3,000.00
133	67	SLCC	110.00		110.00
134	68	HMRC (Post Office)	77.00		77.20
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			3,560.46	0.00	3,560.66
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			7,432.51	76.80	7,509.51

14. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

15. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

With regard to the defibrillators, despite contacting Marston's HQ and the Unicorn manager(s), Cllr Cope was still unable to get agreement for siting of a defibrillator at the Unicorn. He will now contact the Marston's regional office.

Cllr Platten will also contact Marston's with regard to the common land.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on October 22nd in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm. The December meeting will take place on December 17th.