

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mick Bowles.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 were agreed as a true record, but were not signed as the Chair of the meeting was not present.

**4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

It was noted that the lamppost reported at the meeting has not been fixed – TC to report again.

It was felt that due to the perceived increase in traffic on the A6097 and the change in speed limit (down to 40mph) accidents have become more likely with the ongoing problems for motorists leaving the Village. Cllr Jackson has offered to arrange a traffic count. Cllr Jackson reported from Highways that the gully adjacent Thorpe Lea was on the 'To Do' list and that investigations were in progress regarding the gullies long the A6097.

TC was asked to contact Jo Horton again regarding car parking in Brookland Close.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Following on from a report by a member of the public regarding possible drug misuse in the Village, TC contacted the police who requested that such issues should be reported directly on Tel '101'.

There was further discussion about the open drains (Hall Drain etc).

Cllr Platten has been in contact with Eddie Brennan, Definitive Map Officer at NCC – TC was asked to pass on the resultant emails to Councillors.

The hedge on the border of Shannies' (?) field is overgrown – members of the Riverside Trust will cut the hedge on the 'public' side and Cllr Jeffery will speak with the owners regarding their side.

The rubbish accumulating nearby Biondi's is disgusting and needs to be removed.

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

Cllr Platten's report on the Riverside Project is attached at Appendix A.

**7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

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

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

TC notified Members that the PC is legally obliged to review the following annually and to rectify any errors and amendments etc:

Standing Orders                      Financial Controls                      Financial Regulations

Members agreed that these were in order and should remain unchanged.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

## 10. PLANNING

CTC reported that the request for Karen White, NSDC, to attend a site meeting in the Village had been passed firstly to Kirsty Cole and then to Matt Lamb. The latter offered to attend a Council meeting, but the first chance would be the may meeting – this was considered to be too long a time to wait considering our original request was in November last year. Matt then offered to meet with Council at an early date, to be arranged.

### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- 15/00211/FUL - Nick Pearce - Fuller Leisure Ltd, Lowdham Road Erection of 2-bay extension to vehicle repair workshop – Cllr Jackson is to call this application in.

### Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

## 11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

Members were notified that repairs have been carried out to the Pavilion, but it its state was such that it has to be removed and possibly replaced. It still has some use. The Village Hall Committee are to discuss options.

The 'Dogs on Leads' sign by the playing field has been removed and needs replacing (with a bigger sign) – TC to pursue.

## 12. FINANCE

It was noted that the total amount on the 'Payments Sheet' differs from the total on the Accounts Summary. TC pointed out that this was because the PBWLB loan repayments are by standing order and therefore not on the monthly payments sheets.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
150	84 *	CPRE	36.00		36.00
151	85	Gordon Oldham	384.82		384.82
152	86	HMRC (Post Office)	77.20		77.20
153	87	NSDC Dog Bins	1,092.00	218.40	1,310.40
154	88	Zurich Insurance	243.80		243.80
155	89	BA Lewin - Riverside	442.00	88.40	530.40
156	90	McLoughlin Paving - Riverside	1,700.00	340.00	2,040.00
158	91	George Walker Ltd	773.84	154.77	928.61
<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>			<b>4,749.66</b>	<b>801.57</b>	<b>5,551.23</b>
<b>Total expenditure to date</b>			<b>15,853.43</b>	<b>1,085.37</b>	<b>16,938.80</b>

## 13. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

**14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT**

There was nothing to report under this heading.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.

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## APPENDIX A

Report from Gunthorpe Riverside Trustees – February 2015

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- 1 90m of fencing has been installed alongside the realigned footpath.
- 2 90m of wildlife-friendly, multispecies, hedging has been planted to rear of fence:  
 Quickthorn Hawthorn  
 Dogwood Ruse  
 Hazel Blackthorn  
 Crab Apple
- 3 There are five Oak trees and 25 maple saplings to be planted. These donated by the Woodland Trust.
- 4 In discussions with Marston's to further realign in the footpath to Unicorn frontage:  
 ❖ Liaise with Footpaths Rights of Way Officer  
 ❖ NCC Common Lands Officer.
- 5 Have requested NCC for correct procedure for new members to be added to Commoners List.
- 6 To date, more than 430 hours of work carried out by volunteers.
- 7 We are initiating a visual plan for future works, to include:  
 Gates Fences Trees etc
- to obtain costings for funding.
- 8 There are still problems with motorcycles – we need to consider bridle-paths as soon as possible.
- 9 The committee has now been appointed:  
 Chairman Peter Platten  
 Vice-Chairman Colin Weaver  
 Secretary / Treasurer Cam Pearson  
 Funding Colin Weaver / Lynn Cope  
 Purchase of Special Materials Adam Brumfit  
 Fishing Secretary Ian Simms