

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lesley Jeffery, Peter Platten and Cam Pearson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes for the meetings held on May 28th were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson. With regard the drains on Main Street, Cllr Platten suggested that having acquired plans of the drainage, the next stage should be considered. TC was requested to get 7 prints of the .pdf plans supplied by Severn Trent and have the Riverside map scanned to .pdf and printed by John E Wright.

4. OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC

Two members of the public entered the meeting wishing to discuss some matters with a member or members of the Riverside Committee. Unfortunately Cllrs Platten and Pearson were not available. The meeting then discussed the recently proposed '**GUNTHORPE RIVERSIDE TRUST** (hereinafter referred to as "the Trust")'. It was agreed, unanimously, to suggest two changes to the Constitution:

- 1 The tenure of offices should be revised – to one year.
- 2 The number of members for a quorum should be reduced – PC Members were asked for suggestions.
- 3 The following details circulated regarding finance were accepted:
 - All funds raised by or on behalf of the Trust shall be applied to further the objects of the Trust and for no other purposes.
 - Funds will be held by Gunthorpe Parish Council on behalf of the Trustees, which are audited annually.

5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The car up for sale on the verge of the A6097 is still there. It will be determined through NCC and NSDC whether it is taxed and whether it is breaking any laws. There is still a grass / earth mound adjacent the 6097 footpath. TC to report. It was reported that Marhill Garage it to move to Bingham Garage, Bingham. TC reported that the owners of the ex-Total Garage on the 6097 had been found. The owners bought it as one of a 'job lot' and, resulting from a TC request, they are to consider its future soon. The owner's representative asked if Members could suggest a use for the land. It was agreed, unanimously, that the ideal solution would be a filling station and small convenience store.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Bowles is currently speaking with Richard Covill of RC Services regarding quotes for grass cutting. It was agreed that RC should be asked to cut the playing field grass once a month, unless requested otherwise, and the remainder of grass twice a month. There were also discussions about the North end of the Village – Cllr Jeffery is to be consulted regarding planters – their installation and maintenance.

The Depot hard standing issue is ongoing – the court case was held last week. At long last the bus shelter on Main Street has been changed to a wooden structure. The bus request stop at Cottage Pasture Lane has been agreed - Cllr Bowles to pursue.

7. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

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

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

TC was advised to pass information on playground inspection to Paul Jeffery.

11. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

12. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

Cllr Cope reported that he was in the process of purchasing, on behalf of the Parish Council, a defibrillator for the Village from the British Heart Foundation for £400. Initially it will be for internal storage, in a few months a box would be purchased for £150 – £200 allowing for outside storage and use. Training will be free of charge.

13. FINANCE

Members were asked to approve the Annual Financial Return which was considerably late this year. As there was but one Member available to sign cheques this month it was agreed that a new mandate would be adopted with, possibly, five signatories. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
121	55	Gordon Oldham - Salary - Expenses	373.66		373.66
122	56	HMRC	77.00		77.00
123	57	Snowdin Accountancy Services Ltd	100.00		100.00
Total expenditure for meeting			550.66	0.00	550.66
Total expenditure to date			2,151.73	76.80	2,228.53

14. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

15. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

Mr Tom Littlefair, a regular visitor to PC meetings over the past few months, declared an interest in the casual vacancy of Councillor. After a very brief discussion, Cllr Littlefair was unanimously elected as a Member and welcomed onto the Council.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 23rd July 2014 in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.