

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received (from Egypt) for Cllr Helen Sutton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on 23rd October 2013 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson. Various points were raised:

- With reference to the Old Post Office – it was agreed that TC would speak to Gina at Pontefino's and Adrian Adams to determine current situation.
- Cllr Jackson has spoke to Jo Horton regarding mirrors at the end of The Avenue – her position on this is unyielding in that NCC will not permit these mirrors on the highway. TC is to write to Jim Piggott, resident of The Avenue, to explain the situation.

TC

4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Discussion was held regarding the increased difficulty of egress from the Village onto the A6097 since a combination of the completion of the A46 improvement and the decrease in speed limit, to 40mph, on the A6097. The junction of A6097 and Manor Lane, Shelford, was deemed to be extremely problematical. TC agreed to discuss with Shelford & Newton PC.

TC

Concern was reiterated regarding the new access from private land onto the A6097 opposite Brupen Motors. Concern was raised about the sale of machinery here. There are a number of vehicles pulling into the new driveway or parking on the side of the A6097. It was noted that the vehicles and machinery being displayed on the roadside could affect visibility of people pulling out onto this busy road. Cllr Jackson informed us that the NSDC were aware and were looking into whether this was a business and needed a license.

RJ

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Bowles gave an update on his investigation of companies and individuals willing and able to submit tenders for grass cutting and the erection of a knee-high fence between the playing field and the car park at the village hall. To date Richard Covill of RC Services is the only one to submit a quote. Another firm 'ProGrass' considers the work to be beyond their limited resources. Cllr Bowles is to speak with Chris Bingham who carries out similar work in Shelford.

MB

Cllr Pearson has received a complaint from a parishioner regarding the trees between the school and flats on Pasture View that need trimming. Cllr Bowles will discuss with RC Services and Chris Bingham.

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

TC reiterated the situation regarding the land purchase. Although all the documents were ready to sign, one of the Anglers trustees recently passed away. This has led to a delay in the exchange of contracts. It was reported that a yellow portacabin has been placed in the skiers' car park – ie on the common land. Cllr Jackson will investigate.

RJ

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Members were informed that legal proceedings were underway against the owners of the Buffer Depot regarding the illegal developments on land adjacent to the Depot. Comments have been received about the extensive work being carried out on land at the back of Lowdham's – this reportedly consist of work to a bund and the laying of hard core and tarmac.

GPC were disappointed to hear that the owners of the car park by Biondi's (Canal and River Trust, {CRT}) are to charge for parking there. It was noted that this will have an effect on the licensing agreement for the Bridge & Bayleaf as their license stipulates that they have overflow parking at Biondi's. TC is to write to CRT explaining the problem created.

TC

With reference to the large conifers on Inham Fields Close, it was stated that Matt Duckworth (NCC) agreed two years ago to address this issue. TC and RJ will contact MD to discuss.

RJ/
TC

Cllr Jackson reported that Marhill's appeal against refusal of planning permission had been turned down. TC reported that objections to the establishment of a caravan site at Holly farm submitted by a parishioner, and fully supported by GPC, had been sent to, and acknowledged by, the Exempted Camping Team at the Camping and Caravanning Club. TC was asked to copy to Adrian Adams.

TC

It was stated and agreed that there could well be an abuse of the license at The Lighthouse. Cllr Jackson will pursue.

RJ

8. CLERK'S REPORT

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Listed Buildings Survey

10. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- 13/01301/FUL - Lilac Bungalow – no objections

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

Cllr Jeffery has discussed with the Village Hall Committee the possible use of land behind the Village Hall for allotments. It was agreed that there could well be problems of vandalism and access similar to those encountered by East Bridgford and that the subject would not be pursued.

RJ

It was agreed that the Council would look into the idea of flower beds in the Village.

12. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

There was nothing to report under this heading.

13. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

14. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

| Chq No | PSNo | | NetTotal | VAT | TOTAL |
|---|------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 96 | 30 | Post Office (HMRC) | 37.40 | | 37.40 |
| 97 | 31 | Gordon Oldham - Clerk's Salary | 348.26 | | 348.26 |
| 97 | 31 | Gordon Oldham - Expenses / Costs | 67.50 | | 67.50 |
| <u>Total expenditure for meeting</u> | | | 453.16 | 0.00 | 453.16 |
| <u>Total expenditure to date</u> | | | 8,815.42 | 182.00 | 8,997.42 |

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on December 18th in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.