

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lesley Jeffery and Chris Cope.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on December 17th 2014 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson.

4. WELCOME

Following prior discussion with Members, Jan Smith confirmed her interest in joining the Parish Council. It was then agreed, unanimously, to accept and welcome Cllr Smith onto Gunthorpe Parish Council.

5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cllr Everington reported that No 5 lamppost on Thorpe Lea was acting in a faulty manner in that it has been alight during daylight and off during the hours of darkness – TC will report to NCC.

It was agreed, once more, unanimously, that the A6097 is an eyesore – with the blossoming number of flags and cars, vans and other items for sale on the roadside. TC reported that there had been no response to a letter sent to Karen White in November and followed up in January. Cllr Jackson stated that he had spoken to Ms White about this and that she had confirmed its receipt. TC and Cllr Jackson will contact Ms White again.

TC stated that a letter had been received from East Bridgford Parish Council informing the public of a meeting to discuss the lack of a late-evening bus in the area. It was agreed that the service was stopped because of an almost total lack of interest in, and use of, this service.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

It was reported that branches and tree trunks have been left on the field after a recent cutting. A member of the public has reported that they feel drugs are being used in the Village after seeing suspicious activity by the Village Hall and in Biondi's car park. TC will contact the police (Information - '101' gets you through to local police for non-urgent matters).

There was lengthy discussion about open drains (Hall Drain etc) and clean and dirty drains, following a number of meetings. In summary:

- 1 Councillors, Severn Trent Water, Trent IDB, The Environment Agency and GFAG are all working together to look at the issues.
- 2 Tony Brown, a local resident, is meeting Cllr Mick Bowles to discuss a particular issue – the possible link between flooding on Main Street and Thorpe Lea.

- 3 Cllr Jackson is to liaise with Matt Duckworth.
 4 GPC is possession of a number of plans relating to drainage – the problem is Members don't know their location.
 5 With regard to Hall Drain, there has been at least one collapse. Consideration will be given to reculverting and diverting Cocker Beck at a cost of approximately £34k. The question was raised as to whether GPC would be willing to contribute to this cost.
 6 The bund from Lowdham to Gunthorpe will push water towards the riverside at Trentside.
 7 Agencies were talking about managing water upstream – no details were available.
 8 GPC is to contact Andy Wallace regarding a ditch adjacent the A6097 to the Bridge which is blocked.

7. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Cllr Platten presented a detailed report on the Riverside Project – this will be presented at a later date.

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

None.

11. PLANNING

Concern was reiterated regarding the state of 34 Pasture View, at present there is nothing that can be done about this issue.

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- 15/00056/FUL - 2 The Avenue, Erection of Double Garage- no objections / support.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

12. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

13. FINANCE

It was agreed, as requested by HSBC, that we should change our bank mandate. This is because when setting up it GPC was categorised under the heading 'Clubs and Societies', despite TC querying this. HSBC now want GPC to be categorised as a 'Local Authority', which seems very reasonable! 'Cllr Platten gave an approximate budget for work on the Riverside Project of £5,000. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
147	79	Gordon Oldham	379.82		379.82
148	80	HMRC (Post Office)	77.20		77.20
149	81	NALC Subscription	118.91		118.91
Total expenditure for meeting			575.93		575.93
Total expenditure to date			11,103.77	283.80	11,387.57

14. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

15. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

There was nothing to report under this heading.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 25th February 2015 in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.