

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs. Mrs Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)
 Mrs Jennifer Williamson
 Roy Thornhill
 Mick Bowles
 Peter Platten
 Tony Everington
 Mrs Helen Sutton.

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC), Notts County Councillor Andy Stewart, and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor Roger Jackson.

1. APOLOGIES

None were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

3. FINANCE

After discussion regarding the late and incomplete accounts for the past year, it was agreed to set the Precept at an increase of 2.5%. The Clerk was asked to produce year-to-date income and expenditure every month.

4. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT / COMMON LAND

Members expressed concern that this matter had been in progress for five years without any noticeable progress and that Newark & Sherwood District Council had done little to resolve the issue. NSDC and Nottinghamshire County Council could have acted positively in 2004 and failed to do so. It was also stressed that the law was strengthened in 2006.

It was unanimously agreed that The Parish Council would assemble all the available information, including test cases, photo's and a series of questions, and present them to a barrister who specialises in local authority matter via the services of Notts. ALC. It is understood that the services of the barrister would be free. The photo's would highlight the major changes to the Riverside and Common Land.

It was noted that four Members were to meet with the Anglers' Association on the 18th February.

5. HIGHWAY MATTERS

A meeting with Andy Wallace of Highways Agency is to be arranged to discuss the drains alongside the A6097.

6. FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Great concern was expressed regarding an ITV News interview with a Lowdham resident regarding flood alleviation in Gunthorpe. There were inaccuracies in the interview and news agencies were criticised for broadcasting items without consultation with Parish Council or those with the necessary authority or knowledge of the situation.

It was noted that Lowdham Caravans have committed to removing the bund and are seeking quotations for the work to be carried out.

7. PLANNING

It was confirmed that objections were submitted re **09/00103/FUL** – 8 Trentside on the grounds of green belt, flooding issues and overdevelopment.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed to be 25th February 2009 at 7:30 in the Village Hall