

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 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. ADDRESS BY MIDLANDS RURAL HOUSING REPRESENTATIVE(S)**

Cllr Jeffery informed Members that the visit and address had been postponed at short notice. The reasons given were that a survey had been started in the village and that it was considered that any meeting with the Parish Council would more productive after the results of the survey were known. It would also be emphasised that with Gunthorpe being on a flood plain, building land was unlikely to be available.

**2. APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was none.

**4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

**5. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Great concern was shown by Members regarding the temporary closure of the A6097 for tree felling. For various reasons the closure caused, over a few hours, caused a great deal of disruption. The Clerk had not received prior notice and the signs erected gave incorrect dates (although this was later rectified) and stated a far greater stretch of road (from A46 to Lowdham) was to be closed rather than the actual short stretch that was closed. TC was asked to write to the Highways agency stating these concerns and to make the following observations:

- 1 That an Impact Assessment should have been considered
- 2 The Emergency Planning Team should have been notified
- 3 Could the work have been carried out at night
- 4 Had the Highways Agency considered the loss of business of (for example) the local restaurants and public houses?

The Highways Agency would also be told that notwithstanding the above points, the work was carried out very quickly and efficiently.

Cllr Stewart informed Council that the review of the A6097 had been completed – TC was asked to get details. It was also noted that there is a lot of mud on Peck Lane.

## 6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Members had a very useful meeting with Nick Pogson, British Waterways with the objective of planning for the improvement of the Riverside Common Land. Various issues were discussed and possibly resolved and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Pogson to confirm the decisions and conclusions reached. The GPC Sub-Committee on Flooding / Riverside will meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> February to discuss latest developments.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stewart informed Members of a meeting to discuss the rail service between Nottingham and Newark.

Cllr Jackson reported that Lowdham Caravans had been instructed to remove bund – they are currently seeking contractors to carry out the work. Bulcote are submitting plans for gravel extraction.

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

Held over to next meeting.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Held over to next meeting.

## 10. GRAVEL EXTRACTION & FLOODING

The Clerk was asked to respond positively to a message from John Bourke, ARUP, regarding a pre-feasibility study into flooding issues at Gunthorpe. The Clerk was asked to contact Mathew Norton, NSDC, to enquire of progress on their flooding report.

Members were informed that Hilary Benn from DEFRA was to view the flood defences at Cottage Pastures on February 9<sup>th</sup>. A meeting will be held with the Anglers on the 18<sup>th</sup> February.

## 11. FINANCE

The Clerk informed Council that figures were not yet available for the determination of Precept – it was agreed that Members, where possible, would meet on 4<sup>th</sup> February. A request from the Village Hall Committee for a contribution of £8,000 was discussed and agreed. This will be paid at the next GPC meeting.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
68	177	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	306.56		306.56
68	177	TG Systems – Expenses	28.00		28.00
69	178	Gravity Engineering – SkatePark	5,100.00	765.00	5,865.00
<b><u>Total expenditure for meeting</u></b>			5434.56	765.00	6199.56
<b><u>Total expenditure to date</u></b>			<b>12,842.21</b>	<b>1,143.48</b>	<b>13,986.57</b>

**12. PLANNING**

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

09/00046/FUL - Gunthorpe Marina – change of use of shop to a licensed sole proprietary club – objections were raised

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

08/02109/ADC – Unicorn(Signage) - approved

Andrew O'Brien, 6 Trentside – Two-storey extension to side and rear – approved (NB an application by Sarah O'Brien in 08/08 was refused – changes unknown at present)

08/02041/FUL - Riverside, 3 Trentside – refused

**13. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK**

Nothing to report

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7:15pm.