

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22ND 2008 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 (GO), Notts County Councillor Andy Stewart and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor Roger Jackson.

1. APOLOGIES

There was none.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on August 27th 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson but it was noted that the phrase "Gunthorpe is to be next council" under Highway Matters was entered in error and consequently deleted. The minutes of the meeting held on September 24th were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. HIGHWAY MATTERS

GO reported on several jobs submitted to NCC Highways via Customer Services

- Two sets of 2 stanchions on Trent Lane adjacent Gunthorpe Bridge – 1 set has been removed, the other not
- Fencing / crash barrier – now repaired
- Badly painted 'double-double' yellow lines on 'slip road'.

These jobs have been reported several times since February – NCC have repeatedly promised to look into matters and report back to GO – this has not been done. GO was asked to write to Bob Hart Service Director of Highways at NCC complaining about these and the following, recently reported, items:

- Several black & white bollards / warning posts on left of A6097, just after the bridge have been knocked down and not replaced
- PP reported that someone had put "no parking" signs on the left hand side of the slip road leading from riverside to bridge

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Jeffery read out a letter from Keith Thompson of Central Networks, with regard to the re-siting of the Electricity Sub-Station. Cllr Sutton proposed accepting Mr Thompson's proposal of a transformer raised on posts to a height precluding flooding. There was a unanimous decision for this to go ahead within the existing boundaries. GO was asked to write to KT.

It was noted that traffic lights have been mentioned in the Parish Plan but nothing has happened about them being erected.

Complaint about scramblers - there is a website which actually mentions scramblers using Gunthorpe. There has been no permission given for scramblers to use Gunthorpe. How can the PC serve notice on landowners to stop scramblers using the land? It was noted that one of the possible routes for Footpath No 4 was badly overgrown and in need of maintenance. Go was asked to request of Severn Trent that they remove the graffiti from the sub-station by the bus shelter.

It was unanimously agreed that a 'Riverside & Flooding' sub-committee would be set up. This was unanimously agreed - the committee's membership, brief and terms would be discussed and agreed. It was noted that both the Environment Agency and British Waterways had agreed in principle to meet and discuss the Riverside and Flooding issues

Bins on lampposts - none have appeared yet because the lampposts are too fat for the bins!

With regard to the possible land for allotments, funding was discussed without conclusion, but it was agreed that the Parish could not obtain funding from the National Lottery as such funding needs to benefit a substantial proportion of the population.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stewart reported that the County Council is prepared to match funds for the Parish Plan. He said he would arrange for a figure of £400 to be paid to GPC to benefit the village. He also mentioned the concern at the East Bridgford meeting re the Eco Town at Newton and that the County Council will be looking at all aspects of the Eco Town.

Cllr Jackson reported that although there has been a delay, the bund at Lowdham Caravans would be removed. It was also agreed that Ian Harrison was doing a good job liaising with GPC and that the District Council would, in future, give greater credence to GPC comments especially on planning applications. Cllr Jackson let it be known that he would investigate possible funding for allotments in the Parish.

7. CLERK'S REPORT

The quarter-pipe for the Skate Park has been ordered with expected delivery and installation in 4 – 6 weeks.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Please see Appendix A.

9. GRAVEL EXTRACTION & FLOODING

The Environment Agency has reported that any work done at Attenborough will only slightly increase the risk of flooding in downstream villages. There is a Trent Villages Action Plan leaflet (CD available to put it onto website?)

There is a magazine called "On Trent" which represents local issues re pleasure, navigational recreation etc.

RJ brought up Lowdham Caravan bund. Planning for overnight standings. Consultation needed in flood risk areas. Someone like Ian Harrison at Newark & Sherwood should advise on planning applications in flooding areas.

GO was asked to write to the Environment Agency advising them of the Flood Warden Scheme and its membership. The Flood Risk Resilience Plan was discussed.

10. FINANCE

It was agreed that GO would investigate the rates of interest offered by the major banks with a view to a possible change. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

59	*168	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	334.56		334.56
60	169	Dixon - Auditor	90.00		90.00
61	170	PM Palmer - Grass Cutting	31.76	0.74	32.50
62	171	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	306.56		306.56
62	171	TG Systems - Expenses	28.00		28.00
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			791.73	0.74	792.62
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			791.73	32.50	793.51

11. PLANNINGNewark and Sherwood DC applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

08/01632/FUL – Stuart Hill – Single Storey Garage – 1 Davids Lane – approved.

08/01751/FUL - Mark Beckworth - Approved

12. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

The subject of grass-cutting was raised. It was noted that GPC usually pay for this service. The Village Hall have found a cheaper contractor, but the question of VAT (which GPC can reclaim) was raised and may have distorted relative costs. District can supply grass cutting services – GPC to investigate.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on the 26th November at 7:30pm.

Appendix A - Correspondence

Communities and Local Gov.

Central Networks

NALC

Andy Stewart re

NCC Chairman

Audit Letter / Comments - Clement Keys

Richard Lawrence

Dixon Accountancy

Transport for Communities

CPRE - Housing Meeting, Southwell

NSDC Local Development Framework

Countywise

Zurich Insurance

NALC - Freedom of Information Act - New Model

Publication Scheme

East Mid. Regional Assembly - Regional Plan, Partial

Mobile Rural Contact Point

Risk & Resilience

Register of Electors

The making and enforcement of byelaws -
consultation

SubStation

£150 Bursary

Lowdham Caravans

Charity Events

Common Land

Statement

Better Together Meeting