

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

Also present was the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC), Cllr Andy Stewart (Nottinghamshire County Council) and Cllr Roger Jackson (Newark & Sherwood District Council).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tony Everington and Helen Sutton

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. VISIT OF MIDLANDS RURAL HOUSING – DISCUSSION**

Miles King of midlands rural housing reported on the survey of affordable housing in the parish. The following points were raised and discussed:

- The MRH works in conjunction with NSDC on affordable housing
- There was a good response to the survey (38%)
- It was found that 80% of housing stock are medium → large family houses
- There is an acute shortage of housing for singles and the elderly
- The law says that there should be twice the number of homes per acre of just a few years ago – this severely discourages the building of bungalows.
- Notts Community Housing Association and NSDC have formed a partnership to build homes

MRH is looking for land on which to build in Gunthorpe. The Parish Council feel strongly that there is none available, but Cllr Jeffery offered to walk around the village with Mr King, on a date to be arranged. Cllr Jackson to be informed of date.

**4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held on June 24<sup>th</sup> were agreed as a true record, but Cllr Thornhill requested a rewording of the item relating to the junction of the A6097 and Main Street. The Minutes will be signed when this amendment is actioned. Members felt that, as ever, parishioners should have access to the Minutes – currently they are published in the Newsletter and on the Community Website. However it is now felt that they are somewhat bulky for the Newsletter and that not everyone has access to the Web. Cllr Williamson agreed to use the Council laptop to write brief notes for publication. The Minutes, in full, will now be displayed on the main PC notice board.

**5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAY MATTERS**

It was noted that there was a nasty accident on the A6097 today (22nd July), but the much quoted phrase, “insufficient deaths on the road”, was repeated (to justify further accident prevention measures). TC is currently producing a report on various highway matters to the Chief Constable, but was asked to write immediately restricting content to speeding. Cllr Stewart is to contact Jim Freeman at NCC regarding the multiple yellow lines on the A6097 → Riverside slip road.

There was a brief discussion on the 'bus plug' at Burton Joyce / Carlton. This however, despite being a severe nuisance and affecting many Gunthorpe residents, was deemed not to be the business of the Parish Council.

## 6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Members are still very unhappy about the existence and height of the bunds at Lowdham Leisure. There is also uncertainty about the ownership of the bunds. TC was asked to arrange a meeting with NSDC Planning Enforcement (Adrian Adams), NAIDB (Steve Broadhead) and possibly a representative from Tarmac, to discuss this issue.

Great concern was expressed by Members about dog muck and litter around and beyond the lock. TC was asked to write to British Waterways and the Notts Angling Federation.

TC was asked to write to EON regarding the possibility of re-siting the electric sub-station on the land recently sold

## 7. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

It was noted that there is to be a meeting with Mike Hankin and Bulcote Parish Council regarding the restoration of the gravel works on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. TC was asked to copy email from Richard Lawrence (NSDC, 22-Jun) to Members. TC was asked to write to the Mars ton's representative suggesting a meeting

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

Concern was expressed by Members that the Clerk does not have a Contract of Employment.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no urgent correspondence. TC was asked to assemble a number of incoming and outgoing correspondence, together with other items, to circulate to Members.

## 10. PLANNING

### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

09/00776/FUL - Peter Dixon - Erection of Hydro Electric Power Plant – no objections – but following comments: a) no access to site traffic via slip-road; b) discussion on times during which site traffic could enter and leave village and c) flood alleviation should be seriously considered.

### Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

**11. FINANCE**

TC was asked to copy finance sheets to absent Councillors. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
90	201	NRCC - Printing	1,195.00		1,195.00
91	202	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	323.10		323.10
92	203	Clerk's Subscription - SLCC	82.00		82.00
		<b><u>Total expenditure for meeting</u></b>	<b>1,600.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,600.10</b>
		<b><u>Total expenditure to date</u></b>	<b>7,181.92</b>	<b>338.48</b>	<b>7,520.40</b>

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the Village Hall, starting at 7:30.