

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 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

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 Cllr Tony Everington.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

**4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Two residents of Riverdale Park expressed concern on various matters. The main area of concern centred on the 'slope road' – this is deteriorating due to the flow of water after heavy rain and the use of the road by heavy lorries. The road is very narrow and wing mirrors found by the road side are an indication of the difficulties faced by traffic. It was suggested there could be one way system (outward-bound traffic only) and / or a weight limit, but Members were not confident of the viability of these measures. Various other matters raised are documented elsewhere in these Minutes.

**5. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Following a letter to the Chief Constable, 3 replies have been received from delegated officers. Unfortunately these were largely negative on the grounds of real and opportunity cost. They did, however, suggest consideration of a Speedwatch group. Also mentioned was NCC's plan to re-assess speed limits on major roads throughout the County – this to include the A6097. Cllr Stewart has been informed that there have been speed cameras on the A6097 several times in the last 5 weeks, but that there were only 2 vehicles per shift to cover the whole county. Members restated that it was felt that the Parish was not getting value for money from the Police. Cllr Stewart is to have a meeting with Inspector Charlton. A letter has been received from Jim Freeman, NCC, confirming that the unwanted yellow lines on the slope road would be corrected at the end of the planned maintenance period in October. Mr Freeman also detailed proposals for drop crossings and drainage. Members reiterated that the Notts Bike Race was poorly policed and that signs were still in place. TC is to write to NCC Communities.

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Great concern was expressed about dog mess – this has been found along the riverside, on the football pitch and even in the new PlayPark (despite this being fenced). TC is to notify dog wardens. Cllr Jackson will arrange for more frequent emptying of dog bins. The disgusting habit of hanging plastic bags full of dog mess on trees and bushes was also mentioned. There are three litter bins missing! There have also been complaints about the amount of litter along the Riverside and the overgrowth of weeds along the Riverside Approach.

A representative of Central Networks is to ask the new owner of the field opposite Fearon Close if they are amenable to the siting of a pole-mounted transformer in the field.

A letter from the Angus Trundle, Definitive Map Officer at NCC, confirmed the modification and diversion orders for Footpath No 4. After a visit with the Rights of Way Officer, it was agreed that a substantial bridge was required over a wide drainage ditch – this, and other associated works such as signing, will be completed when funds are available. The PC will be advised at that time.

TC informed Members of the difficulties of arranging a meeting with NAIDB, EA and NSDC regarding the bunds at Lowdham Leisure World. It seems that, according to NSDC, the bunds have been there for more than 4 years and therefore were 'legitimised' – however it was felt that any structure that places properties in danger from flooding was unacceptable. Cllr Jackson will pursue this matter, including contact with Steve Broadhead of NAIDB. Cllr Jeffery also agreed to look at the plans for LLW Drying Store which, it is felt, includes details of the bunds. Also discussed was ownership of the land on which bunds stand – it is thought likely that it belongs to Tarmac.

TC reported on communication with NSDC Planning Enforcement on two issues. The owners of a caravan sited on a field off Main Street have been asked to remove it as no planning permission has been sought or given. NSDC are still looking into the use of motor bikes in a riverside field. The public, and Members, were reminded that they should report all off-road motor bikes to the police who will promptly attend the scene and, of equal importance, provide an incident number.

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

Cllr Platten will draft a letter to Nick Pogson, British Waterways, reminding him of the Parish Council's 'wish list' and to request their attention to the matter of litter and dog mess by, and downstream of, the lock.

Cllr Platten reported on the Meeting with Bulcote and Mike Hankin regarding the restoration of the gravel works. TC was asked to write to Mr Hankin agreeing with proposals.

TC was asked to write to the Marston's representative suggesting a meeting and to Morgan Wray to enquire of a follow-up meeting to March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**8. CLERK'S REPORT**

This is attached. It should be noted that some of the items are covered in these minutes. It was agreed that Cllrs Jeffery and Williamson would discuss a Job Description and Contract for The Clerk.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

<p>NALC AGM – 18th November                  Vitalise - essential breaks for disabled people and carers                  East Midlands Fabrications                  Sue Cook - undefended villages                  Childhealth Advocacy International - fundraising                  NHS - Annual Public Meeting                  The Valerie Gillespie Award                  NALC's Local Council Awards                  Police - Commander's Update</p>	<p>Community Green Space Provision and Improvement Plans                  Cultural Heritage                  Parish Conference 9th November                  A Guide to Community Cinema - 11th October 17:00                  Invitation to Playpark Official Opening                  SLCC - AGM 24th October                  Standards Committee 23rd Sep!!!!                  COUNTYWISE - PLUS INFORMATION ON TRAINING</p>
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**10. PLANNING**Newark and Sherwood DC applications

None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

09/01005/FUL - Peter Frogson - 5 Hazelas Drive - Single Storey rear extension - approved

**11. FINANCE**

Members agreed to a change of Internal Auditor – details are given in the Clerk's Report. A letter received from the Treasurer, The Village Hall Committee, advised Members of the Committee's expenditure on Insurance and Grass Cutting, amounting to £4,037.92. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
93*	204	Clerk's Salary	312.10		312.10
93*	204	Office & Printing Costs	89.50		89.50
94	205	Newsletter Printing Costs	27.60		27.60
95	206	External Auditor	155.25		155.25
96	207	Clerk's Salary	323.10		323.10
96	207	Office Costs - 2 months	56.00		56.00
<b><u>Total expenditure for meeting</u></b>			963.55	0.00	963.55
<b><u>Total expenditure to date</u></b>			<b>8,363.47</b>	<b>338.48</b>	<b>8,701.95</b>

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall, starting at 7:15.