

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd JUNE 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs. Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)
Jennifer Williamson (A)
Mick Bowles
Tony Everington
Cam Pearson (A)
Peter Platten
Helen Sutton (A)

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC) and Cllr Andy Stewart (Notts. County Council)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jennifer Williamson, Cam Pearson, Helen Sutton and Roger Jackson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on May 26th were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

Various issues were discussed primarily related to the meeting with Alan Birt and related communications with Jim Freeman, both of NCC Highways:

- 1 It was agreed that GPC would request of the NCC Local Improvement Scheme that a footpath would be laid across the Riverside Green from the Car Park to the old Tollhouse. The Chairperson agreed to obtain and complete the necessary documentation, whilst TC would enquire of LIS what designs / materials were available.
- 2 Due to conflicting messages, Cllr Stewart confirmed that the hedge on the slope road would be cut back quickly – TC had been informed that it would be done in normal scheduled time.
- 3 It was agreed that the Council would consult with residents and businesses regarding two proposals on the access road from Gunthorpe Bridge to Trentside – a weight limit being imposed and traffic restricted to one direction (Trentside to the Bridge)
- 4 Members have been informed that the bus shelter on Main Street was to be replaced and its position moved by a few yards as agreed last year.
- 5 GPC have been informed by NCC Highways that the school sign pointing into a garden on Main Street is correctly placed. Members disagreed strongly and Cllr Stewart agreed to pursue.
- 6 The verges and ditches alongside the A6096 are in need of clearing. It was agreed that there was both 'rubbish' and 'litter' and that the situation should be reported to NSDC and, again, to NCC Highways. It was agreed that the ditches needed clearing for both aesthetic and flood alleviation reasons.
- 7 The 'phone box opposite Pontefino's has been rammed - TC to report to BT
- 8 With regard to the 'quad' yellow lines – these are to be corrected, but there is, as yet, no schedule.
- 9 Members have requested, a number of times, of various managers at NCC for sight or details of the 'engineer's report' on the 'slope road'. It has now been made clear that there is no such report and that an on-site appraisal of the road condition, which is still deteriorating, has not led to any prospect of resurfacing or other remedial work.

It was agreed that discussion of any increase in weight or volume of traffic resulting from the proposed hydro-electric plant would be postponed until the planning application had been approved.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

With regard to the implementation of dog control orders, various individuals and organisations have been consulted. Cllr Jackson is to pursue with NSDC the possibility of assistance and funding. TC was asked to email Mrs Deverill with an update.

The planning application for the proposed hydro-electric plant is awaiting revised modelling figures. The possibility of the village managing a hydro-power plant installation is still being pursued.

The Chairperson has produced a letter to be sent to businesses in the community asking if they will consider closer co-operation with the Parish Council on matters such as noise, litter and dog-fouling. TC will write up and distribute.

TC was asked to write to NCC Highways asking them the legality of the big signs that have been raised around the village by such as Biondi and Fake Festivals. Highways will also be asked whether it was appropriate for GPC or NCC to write to the businesses.

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Members were informed of a comprehensive project plan for the completion of the bund at Cottage Pasture Lane. Council confirmed there were no objections to the plans.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stewart informed Members that a further public consultation exercise was to take place on the Burton Road 'Bus Plug'. Cllr Stewart was informed that there would be three options – the status quo; buses only access from 07:00 – 19:00, Monday to Friday; or all traffic at all times.

Cllr Stewart informed Council that there was an accident involving a cyclist in the Great Bicycle Ride within the village. The Ride was subsequently diverted along the A6097.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

There was nothing to report other than considered elsewhere in this document.

9. PLANNING

There were no Planning Applications to be considered.

10. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

With regard to land registration saga, arrangements were made for 4 councillors to meet the solicitor.

11. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
09	235	NALC - Standing Orders	25.00		25.00
10	236	RC Services - Grass cutting	180.00	31.50	211.50
11	237	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	335.94		335.94
11	237	TG Systems - Printing Costs	30.00		30.00
11	237	TG Systems - Office Expenses	28.00		28.00
Total expenditure for meeting			598.94	31.50	630.44
Total expenditure to date			3,283.27	121.17	3,404.44

Members also discussed and agreed payment of the invoice (£350) for the annual maintenance of the web site. This will be added to the Payments List next month.

Members were informed that the Annual Accounts had been submitted to the External Auditor.

12. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

13. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Chairperson agreed to ask Paul Jeffery if he would publish one more (two-sided A4) newsletter in which an advert would be placed for a future editor / publisher. It was agreed that there would be no formal Parish Council meeting in August this year.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 28th in the Village Hall, commencing 7:15.