

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Helen Sutton. Cllr Jeffery read out a letter from Cllr Roy Thornhill confirming his resignation from the Parish Council for personal and health reasons. Members wish to thank Roy for his great service and friendship over the years. It was agreed that the Chairperson would purchase a gardening token in recognition. TC will commence due process to find a successor – notices are to be displayed for 14 working days informing the public of the vacancy and giving the opportunity for nominations. Cllr Jeffery stated that a member of the electorate had expressed an interest in the position.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Williamson expressed some interest in a planning application as a neighbour.

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held on December 16<sup>th</sup> – one minor amendment was noted – this was actioned and the Minutes signed by the Chairperson.

**4. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Cllr Stewart reported that he has, as requested, asked for a traffic count on the A6097. A letter from Jo Horton of NCC confirmed that the County Council had considered, but dismissed, the possibility of traffic controls or a roundabout at the junction of the A6097 and Main Street. The primary reasons given were that statistics showed such measures increased the number of accidents at junctions and that accident prevention and not the convenience of road users was NCC's main concern. It was agreed that the Parish Council would keep up pressure to have this decision reversed.

Following representations from various individuals and organisations a consultation took place on the Burton Joyce / Gedling bus 'plug'. This was described as a 'mix-up' (as an understatement) to a 'fiasco'! Notwithstanding the fact that removal of the plug could well have political and / or financial implications, this will happen 'sooner rather than later'.

Following the possibility of purchasing a speed warning sign Members were informed that the sign on temporary loan on Main Street is not of the best quality. Cllr Stewart will investigate other possibilities.

Cllr Everington reported on several highway issues: a great number of pot holes, surface slippage on the A6097 and the re-appearance of the double-double yellow lines on the slip road. TC to report

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

It was confirmed that a meeting regarding environmental matters had taken place with Mr Roger Fell. Various issues surrounding the Bulcote restoration work are still to be resolved.

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

Cllrs Sutton and Platten have drafted a letter to Marston's Breweries, on matters relating to the Riverside. This will be sent to the Development Manager, Phil Higham. Members were informed that planning permission had not been granted for the 'new' pontoon and that Marstons have not given permission for its building. It was stated that Marston's own the land up to the Toll House. Cllr Jackson is to pursue.

TC is to arrange a meeting with Kevin Coleman, successor to Morgan Wray, at the Environment Agency. It is understood that Nick Burke, mentioned in December's meeting was on a temporary contract, due to expire at the end of the month. Work required on the Dover Beck and the Hall Dyke will be discussed amongst other matters. TC will send Cllr Bowles' letter to Mr Coleman.

Members were informed that the Cottage Pasture Lane Bund was due for completion in February.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

At last meeting it was noted that the number of cars at Marhill Garage continues to increase. Cllr Jackson confirmed to Council that there are too many cars on the site and that Planning Enforcement is pursuing. Cllr Jackson mentioned that the newly-erected stables in top field may be 'portable' in which case planning permission may be unnecessary. TC was asked to arrange a Saturday morning meeting between Roger Kraft of Lowdham Leisure World, GPC and Cllr Jackson.

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

TC distributed copies of Standing Orders, agreed at December's meeting, to Members.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Items of correspondence, both recent and circulated to Members during January are listed at Appendices A and B.

## 10. PLANNING

### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

10/00046/FUL - Fuller's Cars – siting of static caravan – objections on grounds of: not in keeping with environment, would be an 'eyesore', building within the green belt and Members' scepticism regarding 'temporary' nature.

### Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

09/01717/FUL - Cam Pearson – approved.

## 11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

Mrs Greggs, Chair of the Village Hall Committee (VHC) has requested help and advice from the Council, regarding communications between VHC and the owner of land adjacent to the playing field. The latter has attempted to forbid the VHC cutting the boundary hedge between her property and the playing field. The Clerk on behalf of GPC has made it clear that the VHC have a legal right to cut this hedge on the playing field side.

**12. FINANCE**

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
107	218	RC Services - Grass Cutting	50.00	7.50	57.50
106	217	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	335.94		335.94
106	217	Office Expenses	28.00		28.00
<b><u>Total expenditure for meeting</u></b>			<b>413.94</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>421.44</b>
<b><u>Total expenditure to date</u></b>			<b>16,545.96</b>	<b>368.48</b>	<b>16,914.44</b>

**13. PARISH PLAN**

There were no matters to consider under this heading.

**14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT**

There were no matters to consider under this heading.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in the Village Hall, starting at 7:15.

**APPENDIX A – CORRESPONDENCE**

24-Nov-09	815	Rural Services Network
16-Dec-09	805	Env. Agency from MB
22-Dec-09	787	County Contact
01-Jan-10	789	Countywise
08-Jan-10	778	Undefended Villages + Press Release
11-Jan-10	779	Rural Services Network Mag
12-Jan-10	783	Parish & Town Council Event
	819	Hedge Cutting - Jebbs
13-Jan-10	777	NSDC Standards Comm. Reps
14-Jan-10	802	Bullying - A Questionaire via NALC
	786	Ministry of Justice - War Memorials
	785	Trees, Hedgerows and Landscape Schemes
20-Jan-10	808	County Link - articles wanted
26-Jan-10	817	NALC Planning Seminar - Thursday 4th February
	818	Rural Community Action - 24/4
27-Jan-10	820	Newark & Sherwood Sports Plan
	816	247 Secure

**APPENDIX B – CIRCULATION**

769	Your County Councillor
768	Care Fees Advice
763	Rural Contact Point - Poster
762	Rural Contact Point - Letter
759	Planning and Landscape Briefing
758	Notts Buses Timetables