

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th JULY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC), Cllr Andy Stewart (Notts. County Council), Cllr Roger Jackson (Newark & Sherwood District Council) and, for a brief period, two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jennifer Williamson and Cam Pearson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

At this point the Chairperson closed the meeting to discuss a question from a member of the public. The meeting was then reopened.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on June 23rd were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson. The item relating to Footpath No 4 in the minutes was clarified. It was agreed that this would be discussed under 'Riverside' in this meeting.

4. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

TC informed Members that the successor to Jim Freeman, NCC Highways, is Carl Whitley. In response to enquiries from TC, Mr Whitley gave updates on various issues:

- 1 The double-double yellow lines on the access road from Gunthorpe Bridge to Trentside. The lines are to be burned off, but it is not known when.
- 2 Overhanging vegetation and road condition on the slope road. These have been reported to the Operations team. No response as yet.
- 3 Dropped kerbs at various locations in the village – these are being 'progressed' and it is understood the works are 'imminent'.
- 4 Litter, rubbish and vegetation in the A6097 ditches – Mr Whitley is to inspect these and report to Operations.
- 5 Advertising by 'Biondi' at entrance to village – CW will inspect.

It was agreed that in view of the long history of some of these issues and that there was very little to show for on-site meetings with NCC Highways senior managers Jo Horton last year and Alan Birt this year, Cllr Stewart and TC would make strong representations to Highways.

Cllr Jeffery noted that the new street sign installed in the village were 'very amateurish' – the wood backing has been badly cut and prepared and is too small on one and worse (in both respects) on the other!

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

TC informed Members that he had updated Mrs Deverill on dog control orders and the financing thereof. Mrs Deverill subsequently asked what the costs would be. TC was unaware of the costs at the time, but it was stated at this meeting that the legal costs and required publicity would be in the region of £1,000. TC was asked to contact Sid Paver to enquire of the new dog bin ordered for the Riverside and to ask for a site visit to ascertain locations and costs for dog control notices.

It was noted that by the Riverside, vegetation is encroaching by several metres from the river to the green. TC stated that the backboard of the Peck Lane notice board was distorted. Cllr Platten agreed to have the notice board repaired by the supplier.

With regard to the letter to be sent to businesses in the community asking if they will consider closer co-operation with the Parish Council, TC has produced a master copy and Cllr Platten agreed to pass names and addresses of businesses to TC.

TC informed Members that he had been able to talk to the successor of Phillip Higham at Marstons Breweries, owners of The Unicorn. He is Henry Plant and TC was asked to pass contact details to Cllr Platten.

Earlier in the year the Cllr Jeffery walked around the village with Mr Bob Greggs. From the resultant discussion it was agreed that a number of issues would be raised with, and a number of proposals considered by, the Parish Council. The list was revisited and one or two items crossed off as 'achieved'. Other points were considered 'in progress'.

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Following on from the project plan for the completion of the bund at Cottage Pasture Lane distributed at last month's PC meeting, Cllr Bowles informed Members that Richard Kershaw (EA) is meeting with NCC Highways to discuss the plans.

Cllr Bowles also told Council that Steve Broadhead of Newark Area Internal Drainage Board has said that the dykes in and around the village would be cleared in September / October. It was stated that the budget for this work is still intact.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Platten asked Cllr Stewart about the Burton Bus Plug consultation. The consultation timescale was discussed. It was stated that the consultation period ended on the 25th July and the findings would be discussed at an NCC meeting on the 25th August.

Cllr Jackson reported on the last meeting of the Undefended Villages Group – Members were unhappy that the presence of Gunthorpe Councillors was brought into question.

Work is currently being carried out on outbuildings at Grange Farm, possibly without planning consent. Cllr Jackson will discuss this with the case officer at NSDC. It is considered possible that the work comes under the heading of 'Permitted Development'.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

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

9. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

10/00863/TPO – Tree Preservation Order 64 Main Street – Approved

10/00705/FUL - Andrew Guest - approved

10/00171/FUL - G Biondi Elevational alterations – approved

10. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

With regard to land registration saga, three Members have now signed the registration document. Members noted the very poor parking situation at the Village Hall this evening – it would appear that no-one was informed of the football match.

11. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
13	239	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	335.94		335.94
13	239	TG Systems - Office, Printing and Postage	126.10		126.10
Total expenditure for meeting			462.04	0.00	462.04
Total expenditure to date			4,095.31	121.17	4,216.48

12. PARISH PLAN

TC questioned whether this item could now be removed from the Agenda, but was informed that the Parish Plan was ongoing and in fact another meeting was to be arranged.

13. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr Pearson reported on the 'Greening Campaign' which has been set up to fight 'global warming'. Members agreed that it was a great idea and the Parish will take part in the campaign. TC informed Members that GPC is a member of 'Green Communities', part of the Energy Savings Trust. TC was requested to ask Mr Phil Warrior if he was able to lease GPC about a half-acre of land for allotments.

Cllr Sutton reported on the meeting of the Safety Liaison Group. Overall, crime in the Parish has halved in three years, from 48 incidents in 2006-7 to 23 in 2009-10. Number-recognition cameras are now in place. The public are warned to be wary of charity bag collections as some, if not many, are being collected by bogus officials. Members, and the public, are reminded of the number on which the police can be contacted **for non-emergency calls**. It is 0300 300 99 99 – calls are charged at the local rate.

It is planned to invite the public to September's GPC meeting, with a few specific items in mind, one way traffic and weight limit on the Trentside access road for example. It was therefore agreed that, due to the limited time available at GPC meetings and the heavy Council workload, there would be a meeting this year in August.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday August 25th in the Village Hall, commencing 7:15.