

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF  
GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Roy Thornhill and Mrs Helen Sutton

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was none.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Cllr Mrs Lesley Jeffery agreed to continue as Chairperson and was supported unanimously.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Cllr Jennifer Williamson agreed to continue as Vice Chairperson and was supported unanimously.

**5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April were agreed to be a true record. The Clerk has reprinted and numbered past minutes prior to binding and it was agreed that the Chairperson would return these, signed, at the next meeting. It was agreed that the proposal to fund fencing for the new Play Park, recently agreed in principle, was now agreed in fact.

**6. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAY MATTERS**

It was noted that there have been two more minor accidents in the village. The Clerk has submitted a proposal to Shelford Parish Council asking for their agreement and support in requesting a restriction on traffic turning right from the A6097 into Manor Lane.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The letter drafted by TC to be sent to residents of Hazelas Close regarding street lighting was agreed. The proposed feasibility study of a 'wind farm' at Stoke Bardolph was discussed and it was agreed that the Council would keep a watching brief on the proposal.

Discussion was held following the presentation given by the Small Hydro Co. Members felt that there was much to be clarified and / or confirmed and that the planning application would be awaited with great interest. It was agreed that Cllr Bowles would pass the documentation he had on gravel extraction to the SAGE (Shelford Against Gravel Extraction) Group.

Cllr Platten asked if the following information had been, or would be, obtained:

- Minutes of the meeting with the Environment Agency (Innes Thompson) and others, on the 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- TC was asked to request of Steve Broadhead, Newark Area Internal Drainage Board, when the Hall Drain was to be unblocked / serviced.
- With regard to the Anchor Car Park behind Tom Browns TC was asked to express concern to NSDC that this was an impermeable surface and situated on the green belt. NSDC were also to be asked if any enforcement was to be instigated.
- NSDC were also to be asked if planning permission has been given for the parking of caravans behind Marhill Motors and if so were there any restrictions in place taking into consideration the fact that this area is within the green belt.

Members were informed that a plot of land was to be auctioned on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. The land comprises 4.13 divided into 2 pasture fields with (as described by Shouler & Son, estate agents) "a variety of possible amenity uses". The land lies at the junction of A6097 and Main Street. TC was asked to confirm with the estate agents that with the land came the responsibility of upkeep and maintenance of the Old Hall Drain which traverses it.

A 'wish list' has been created for British Waterways – TC will forward this to Nick Pogson.

## 8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Jackson confirmed that he has 'called in' Lowdham Caravans and their Planning Application will now go to the Planning Committee at NSDC.

Cllr Jackson has submitted a motion to (NSD) Council asking that the Council requests of the Environment Agency that they confirm whether, and to what extent, the recent and proposed flood defence works in the Nottingham area were considered an increased flood threat to communities in the N & S District Council Area.

## 9. FINANCE

TC reported the following details from Financial Year 2008 – 2009:

| <b>Income</b>                       |       |              |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Brought Forward                     |       | 32000        |
| Precept                             | 15750 |              |
| Interest                            | 357   |              |
| Grants                              | 1059  | 17166        |
|                                     |       | 49166        |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                  |       |              |
| Salaries & Expenses                 | 4910  |              |
| Skate Park                          | 6300  |              |
| Various                             | 830   |              |
| Village Hall                        | 8000  |              |
| Publicity (Parish Plan / Web Sites) | 2700  | 22740        |
| VAT (To be refunded)                |       | 1300         |
| Carried Forward                     |       | <b>25126</b> |

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

| PSNo                                 | Chq No |                                   | Net Total       | VAT           | TOTAL           |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 82                                   | 193    | NALC - Local Council Review       | 13.50           |               | 13.50           |
| 83                                   | 194    | Zurich - Insurance                | 900.86          |               | 900.86          |
| 84                                   | 195    | TG Systems - Clerk's Salary       | 323.10          |               | 323.10          |
| 85                                   | 196    | Office / Postage / Printing Costs | 153.18          |               | 153.18          |
| <b>Total expenditure for meeting</b> |        |                                   | 1390.64         | 0.00          | 1390.64         |
| <b>Total expenditure to date</b>     |        |                                   | <b>3,335.22</b> | <b>119.78</b> | <b>3,455.00</b> |

## 10. PLANNING

### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

0900281/FUL Lowdham Caravans - Renewal of planning permission App 09/00281/FUL for Demolition of any remains of existing polyclad drying out store

09/00278/FUL – Further Information Lowdham Leisure World Renewal of temp planning permission 03/01819/TEM for the existing temp structure for caravan drying store and attached canopy

### Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

## 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting, primarily to agree Financial Audit for Year 2008 – 2009, will take place on Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> June.