

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 23RD 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Lesley Jeffery.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on March 26th 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson. The Clerk was asked to pursue the matters of the A612 Lay-by and the Electricity Sub-Station.

4. HIGHWAYS

Following the fatal road traffic accident outside 'Bramber Cottage', Lowdham Road on April 15th, the residents Steve & Hillary Hunt were welcomed and joined discussion. It was reiterated that parishioners and the Parish Council have been campaigning for years to have various road safety measures introduced and / or improved. It was clearly stated that there has never been a better and more appropriate time to step up the campaign with 3 accidents in a period of 36 hours. Cllr Thornhill asked of Mr & Mrs Hunt what they felt were the most effective measures that could be implemented. They gave the following measures, which were agreed unanimously by Members:

- The current speed limit of 50mph was too fast and this must be changed to 40mph
- There should be interactive signs (indicating vehicle speed)
- There should be (average) speed cameras which are 'rear-facing' to enable reading of motorbike rear number plates.

Hilary & Steve have arranged a public meeting on 30th April – the Clerk was asked to invite Paddy Tipping and others. Cllr Thornhill asked Cllr Stewart what measures are to be taken as a result of this accident – the latter responded saying that it was early days – generally speaking an RTA investigation takes a long time and is extremely expensive (up to £1M) and no conclusions could be made until the findings of the investigation were made public.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Constable, with copies to Chief Inspector Andy Charlton and Suzanne Haynes asking when the last 50mph check had been done.

Cllr Thornhill stated that a traffic mirror was needed at the junction of The Avenue and the A6097. There was one there in the past.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk was asked to circulate correspondence before meetings. Correspondence was received as follows:

Annual Health & Safety LCAS Seminars; Community Newsletter; Notts. Minerals Local Plan; Planning Portal; Parish/District Community Safety Liaison Group; NHS Consultation – April – June 2008; Countywise; Notts CC Review of Residential Care Homes for Older People; Harry Johnson Award – these items were placed in circulation folder; NCC Building Communities Annual Event

County Council Civic Service - Cllr Thornhill will attend

NCC – Flooding Select Committee – the Clerk will respond

Documentation re Hearing of Licensing for event by 'Fake Festivals' – Cllr Jackson was asked to attend Hearing on behalf of the Parish Council and to make three main points – that there should be parking restrictions in force; that these restrictions should be rigidly enforced and that the Parish Council would provide off-street parking

Best Kept Village – Gunthorpe will not participate

Zurich Insurance Manslaughter & Corporate Homicide Act – the Clerk was asked to find costs and seek advice from NSDC Insurance Section.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Platten asked the Clerk to write to various authorities emphasising either their lack of response or apparent lack of progress on agreed initiatives:

- British Waterways on the Riverside Survey
- The Environment Agency with regard to Marlock Cottage
- Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Department on Planning Applications with flood plain implications. The Clerk was asked to escalate this
- W & DB Pubs – The Unicorn – Common Land. There has been no communication from The Unicorn or Newark & Sherwood
- NCC Highways – regarding the removal of redundant signs and posts
- Malcolm Smith regarding valuation on the Village Hall and land – this valuation has apparently been done, but no report has been received.

It was confirmed that a Dog Bin should be installed on lamp post number 4 on Peck Lane. The Clerk was asked to report a hole in pavement, containing electric cables, on Main Street close to Hazelas Drive. Cllr Stewart assured Members that bins removed from old lampposts, would be fitted to new lampposts.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stewart informed Members that several, but not all, parish councils had been invited to meetings of the Flooding Select Committee. Gunthorpe would not be represented.

8. GRAVEL EXTRACTION & FLOODING

Following the work of Members, especially Cllrs Bowles and Thornhill, on 'Ditches & Drains', very satisfactory responses (both written and practical) had been received from both the NAIDB and the Environment Agency. The only outstanding issues are restrictions in the Hall Drain and Little Marlock Dyke.

9. FINANCE

For payment tonight and confirmation of payment since last meeting
(if any, and marked with *).

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
35	143	Martin Wilson - Website	803.65		803.65
36	144	Zurich Insurance	249.64		249.64
37	145	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	153.28		153.28
37	146	TG Systems - Clerk's Expenses	28.00		28.00
		P Palmer - Grass Cutting /			71.21
38	147	Maintenance	71.21		
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			1305.78		1305.78
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			10,397.34	278.06	10,675.40

10. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

07/01594/FUL J & C Pears Alterations to Stables – Approved – the Clerk was asked to question this decision

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meetings will take place on the 7th May. The next ordinary PC meeting will take place on the 28th May 2008.