

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23rd 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllrs. Mrs Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)
 Roy Thornhill
 Mick Bowles
 Peter Platten
 Tony Everington (A)
 Mrs Jennifer Williamson
 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 Cllrs Tony Everington and Keith Sheppard.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Williamson declared an interest in a specific planning application.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on November 28th 2007 were signed by the Chairperson but it was noted that apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs Sutton.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

With regard to Footpaths Nos. 4 and 2a, the Clerk stated that a memo sent to members in 2006 advised that no further action would be taken on confirmation of, or diversion(s) to, the existing paths. The Clerk was asked to bring Memo to next meeting.

Discussion was held on the attributes and progress of the various organisations involved with flood defence. The role of the Undefended Villages Partnership (UDV) was considered of great importance. Other points raised included:

- A lot of work has been done over the last 12 – 18 months, but much remained to be done
- Lowdham has achieved a great deal as an individual Parish Council
- There are to be meetings of the Parish Plan Group and the UDV in the near future and these meetings may be an opportunity to discuss co-operation between all parties!
- Parishioners pay for drainage and yet some areas are neglected - maintenance of Glebe Farm drainage not being carried out for a considerable period being given as an example.
- Special mention was made of Cllrs Bowles and Thornhill who were thanked for their contribution to flood defence in the Parish

It was noted that on the footpath to Caythorpe, two bridges were possibly in need of repair. The Clerk was asked to write to Alex Trundle, NCC, to express concern.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Thornhill asked Cllr Stewart – In view of the overwhelming feeling in Gunthorpe both vocally and in the form of a petition emanating from the Parish Plan, what likelihood of obtaining traffic lights for the village? Cllr Stewart was informed that notwithstanding the total lack of response from NCC to the above petition, villagers are adamant that they will not let this matter die! A feeling is that it may take a road fatality to achieve some sort of resolution.

It was agreed that a traffic count was needed but that this may be taking place already at the bridge. This need will be discussed at next meeting.

Members gratefully accepted offer from NCC of plaques for the bridge – these will be in ‘smoky black’ with gold writing at a cost of £400 for each side of bridge.

Members were informed that LED Speed Signs cost £7,500 each and would have to be paid for from GPC budget. A recent County Council acquisition is a number of mobile speed indicators which may be available for 3 months a year. It was suggested that speed limit warnings should be published in the newsletter. It was noted that parked vehicles cause a chicane effect on David’s Lane. Referring to the parking problem in Pasture View and nearby roads the possibility was raised of a suitable parking area being created.

Cllr Jackson informed members that permission had been given to proceed with the demolition of Grange Farm.

6. CLERK’S REPORT

A document entitled ‘Guidance Note on the Validation of Planning Applications’ has been published by NCC – the Clerk was asked to print this and make available at next meeting.

7. GRAVEL EXTRACTION & FLOODING

It was noted that the first meeting of the Notts. County Council Flooding Drainage and Watercourses Select Committee was held on the 28th January.

8. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

07/01869/LDC - Graham & Jennifer Williamson - Siting of mobile home for residential use Brooklands Farm Lowdham Road Gunthorpe – no objections

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

9. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

With regard to the ¼ Pipe for the skate park, it has been found essential that any additional pipes are purchased from and installed by supplier of original pipe. The original supplier has yet to be determined.

10. FINANCE

To authorise payment of accounts as per the schedule:

Chq No	Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
131*	16.00		16.00
132*	153.28		153.28
133	153.28		153.28
134	112.00		112.00
	<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>		434.56
	<u>Total expenditure to date</u>	278.06	7,740.93

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th February 2008 at 7:30 in the Village Hall.