

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllrs. Mrs Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)

Roy Thornhill  
Mick Bowles  
Peter Platten  
Tony Everington  
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**

No apologies were received

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

**4. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Three complaints have been received about the ongoing problem of dog mess in the village. It has been suggested that notices should be displayed in the main problem areas. The Clerk will contact the Environment to arrange a meeting – of particular concern are the Playing Field between 3 and 3:30 when parents are collecting children from school and Main Street. The disgusting habit of dog-owners placing dog-waste in plastic bags and hanging on trees was also noted! It was reported that signs and waste bins removed from old lampposts had not been replaced on new.

The electricity substation was discussed – the Clerk was asked to present the documentation at next meeting.

Members were informed of the Festival proposed to be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>. If no objections are raised the event will run from about 10am to Midnight. Whilst no-one wished to be a 'kill-joy', concerns were raised in several areas, primarily music and noise from 10:30 to midnight and the number of people expected (500 – 1000) with the resultant traffic movements and parking. The Clerk was asked to write to the Brewery and N&S Licensing stating not objections but reservations.

Members had a very successful on site meeting with Cathy Gillespie of NCC regarding the Riverside Project. Ms Gillespie is to be invited to further meetings to progress the project. A meeting with Nick Pogson of British Waterways was also very fruitful. Cllr Stewart confirmed that Council would receive full support from Notts. County Council on this initiative.

Discussion was held regarding the ownership of the A612 layby between Lowdham and Bulcote. It was agreed that GPC did not own this land.

It was noted that the Public Convenience sign was still there! With regard to Grange Farm, Cllrs Bowles and Platten and the Clerk agreed to pursue the planning application issue. At this point some uncertainty was expressed over Planning Policy Statement 25 (PPS25) – the Clerk agreed to obtaining a copy of this important document.

**5. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Stewart informed Members that there were to be some changes to the Notts. Bike Ride this year. The previous route will change slightly and a further course of 50 miles introduced. These changes would however have no effect on Gunthorpe.

Members enquired of Cllr Stewart how far the new A6097 lighting was to extend. Cllr Stewart agreed to determine this.

**6. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that development of the document library was well under way and it was agreed that a meeting would be held to discuss the project.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received as follows

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	NS DC Housing Forum
Redundant Road Signs	NALC – the Council as Employer
Training Programme for Certificate in Local Council Administration	Griegs Limited re land nr Bulcote
Standards Committee – 19 <sup>th</sup> March!	Parks & Play Seminars & Exhibition
Burial Sites	

**8. GRAVEL EXTRACTION & FLOODING**

With regard to the Pitt Review, Members agreed that whilst the contents were sound, there was some doubt as to the feasibility of implantation of many of the recommendations.

**9. PLANNING**

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

**10. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK**

It is understood that a neighbouring parish was able to obtain funding from the Lottery for their village hall – the Clerk to investigate. We still await a valuation from estate agents – the Clerk is to contact. The Clerk was given literature from the firm that originally supplied and installed the skate park. He is to contact them to obtain a quote for a new quarter-pipe.

**11. FINANCE**

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

<b>PSNo</b>	<b>Chq No</b>		<b>Net Total</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
35	140*	N & S DC - Dog Bin Contract	265.79		265.79
36	141	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	153.28		153.28
36	142	TG Systems - Clerk's Expenses	28.00		28.00
<b><u>Total expenditure for meeting</u></b>			447.07		447.07
<b><u>Total expenditure to date</u></b>			<b>9,091.56</b>	<b>278.06</b>	<b>9,369.62</b>

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 at 7:30 in the Village Hall.