

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27TH 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 Councillors Roger Jackson & Keith Sheppard

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Tony Everington

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on January 24th 2008 were signed by the Chairperson and agreed as a true record.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

With regard to Footpaths Nos. 4 and 2a, members still felt that although no documentary evidence was available so far, objections had been raised – the Clerk was asked to investigate further.

There is continuing concern in the village about speeding. It was announced at the Safer Neighbourhood Group that PC Keith Thompson, Beat Officer, has a mobile speed camera which would be deployed in the area on a rolling programme. Members asked the Clerk to write to PC Thompson to welcome the initiative. Another concern is the use of off-road / scramble motor bikes along footpaths and other green areas. It is understood that some of this rough-riding has been filmed and can be seen on 'U-Tube' and 'Facebook' and that the police are able to determine who posted these clips – PC Thompson will be asked to confirm, and if possible, action this.

There was discussion regarding redundant signs, an example being a Public Conveniences sign pointing to long-closed building! A letter has been received from NCC confirming that after a site visit, any redundant signs would be removed.

Cllr Thornhill stated that there is a dog waste problem in the area of Peck Lane – there is no dog bin and owners are using the litter bin. Members approved the purchase of a dog litter bin to be sited on Peck Lane or Hazelas Drive.

With regard to the Riverside Project – it was noted that an extra pontoon had been erected and it was as to whether planning permission had been obtained.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

A document entitled 'Guidance Note on the Validation of Planning Applications' has been published – this was printed and circulated to members. Members agreed that the Clerks would overcome the problem of distribution of large documents (eg many Pitt Review documents) by writing them to CD's or DVD's.

Members were told of meetings with Cathy Gillespie of NCC Communities Department and a representative of British Waterways to discuss the Riverside Project.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stewart distributed statistics from the permanent traffic counter. Cllr Stewart also advised members that on traffic and other matters it is always advantageous to work to a programme which, for example, could be created through the Parish Plan.

Cllr Andy Stewart reported that the plaques for Gunthorpe Bridge had been ordered.

Cllr Roger Jackson is trying arrange a meeting with Newark Homes to discuss the parking problem.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received as follows

Public Examination on the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan	N & S - Civil Parking Enforcement
Parish Council and the Media + Copy of Gunthorpe Newsletter	Rural Community Action - Change of Name
UDV Meetings – 22/1 4/3	Funfair Rides
Highway Issues – Info on Traffic Counters	Marlock Cottages
Appointment of External Auditor	Keeping Children Safe
Trent Valley Community Flood Defence Products Exhibition	

8. GRAVEL EXTRACTION & FLOODING

In light of the Pitt Review, members agreed that the various bodies in the area that are concerned with flooding (eg Undefined Villages, GEFAG {few members}) should meet to pool resource and knowledge. It was suggested that all should meet on May 7th prior to AGM.

9. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

08/00138/FUL – Tim Smith, Grange Farm - objections

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

07/00630/FUL – David Fuller Cars and Caravans - approved

10. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

James Fisher has offered to sell land adjacent to the playing field to GPC. Members await a price – when this is available the offer will be given due consideration.

11. FINANCE

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

Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
135	Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	210.00		210.00
136	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	153.28		153.28
137	TG Systems - Clerk's Expenses	28.00		28.00
138	NALC - Subscription	117.48		117.48
139	Campaign to Protect Rural England	28.00		28.00
	<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>	536.76		536.76
	<u>Total expenditure to date</u>	9,187.15	278.06	9,465.21

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th March 2008 at 7:00 in the Village Hall.
Members agreed the earlier start.