

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th MAY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllrs. Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)
 Jennifer Williamson (A)
 Mick Bowles
 Tony Everington
 Cam Pearson
 Peter Platten
 Helen Sutton

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC) and Cllr Roger Jackson (Newark & Sherwood District Council).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jennifer Williamson and Andy Stewart.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were 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 had agreed to continue as Vice Chairperson and was supported unanimously.

5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on April 28th were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

6. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

Following on from the Annual Parish Meeting and the meeting with Alan Birt, TC stated that an email had been received from Jim Freeman with a general update on some of the matters discussed at the latter meeting. TC was asked to clarify whether this was a formal reply from Alan Birt or whether further information would be forthcoming and to copy Mr Freeman's email to Members for next meeting. TC was asked to write to the bus companies regarding the slope road, to look at the possibility of buses travelling either in one direction only or even not using the slope road at all. NCC Highways are also to be asked to clear the ditches and waysides along both sides of the A6097 of debris, litter and vegetation and to give a schedule for this work.

The Clerk was asked to write to Innes Thompson at the Environment Agency to ask for a schedule for the completion of the half-built bund at Cottage Pasture Lane. It was noted that this work has now been in progress for two years.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Regarding dog litter, NSDC has in force two dog orders which "cover all land within the district to which the public has access" – TC was asked to clarify whether the land in question included private land to which the public has access.

Following from previous discussion on the proposed Hydro-Electric Plant, Cllr Pearson has spoken with David Pickles, the Energy Manager at NSDC, regarding the possibility of GPC managing the installation of the plant. It was noted that the EA were to send copies of the flood mapping to the Parish Council and the Clerk was asked, when writing to the EA, to remind them of this commitment.

Thanks were given to Paul Jeffery for producing the Village Newsletter, over a long period of time and on a voluntary basis! However, Paul now feels that with many other commitments he is unable to carry on this sterling work. It was therefore proposed, and unanimously agreed, that someone would be sought to take up the reins and to be paid for the undertaking. It is hoped that local business advertising will help with costs. In the meantime, TC is to produce a mini-newsletter with contributions from Members, informing the public of one or two recent developments, especially the HE Plant.

8. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

At a meeting of the Undefended Villages it was noted that 'GFAG' has now become 'BFAG' ie relating to Bleasby! In conversation with Will Harding-Newman of the EA, Cllr Bowles was informed that a small amount of money **may** be available for the (flood) protection of individual homes.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There are a number of road name signs in serious need of renovation or renewal and Cllr Jackson was asked how the Council could pursue this. Members noted the attractive village name signs at Shelford and TC was asked to find out where they were produced.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from and to Rachel Finn re Litter & dog litter	Direct Gov
Burton Joyce re Wind Farm	Library Doc
Parish Rep to Standards Committee	Commander's Update

11. CLERK'S REPORT

There was nothing to report other than considered elsewhere in this document.

12. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

10/00171/FUL - G Biondi Elevational alterations – whilst the Parish Council had no objections to this application they felt that certain conditions should be stipulated:

- A) Public access to the new toilet facilities needs to be ensured.
- B) Cleanliness of the facilities needs to be ensured. Responsibility for ongoing maintenance and standards should be clarified.
- C) Provision should be made for at least one additional bin for dog waste, including ongoing maintenance / emptying cost

10/00575/FUL - Erection of two wind turbines – Stoke Bardolf – following a split vote the Chairperson's casting vote was cast in favour of 'no objections'

10/00705/FUL - Andrew Guest Green Gates – Lowdham Road – erection of single-story rear extension – basically no objections, but Members require sight of the flood assessment form.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

13. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

14. FINANCE

Members agreed the accounts as approved by the Internal Auditor Roger Snowdin – they will be submitted to the External Auditor. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
06	232	TG Systems – Clerk	335.94		335.94
06	232	TG Systems - Office Expenses	28.00		28.00
06	232	TG Systems - Printing Costs	50.00		50.00
07	233	Roger Snowdin - Internal Audit	75.00		75.00
08	234	RCAN	70.00		70.00
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			558.94	0.00	558.94
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			2,684.33	0.00	2,684.33

15. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

16. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

There was nothing to report under this heading.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday June 23rd in the Village Hall, commencing 7:15.