

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs Lesley Jeffery (A)
 Helen Sutton (Chairperson)
 Mick Bowles
 Chris Cope
 Tony Everington
 Cam Pearson
 Peter Platten

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Lesley Jeffery.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on November 23rd were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson.

4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cllr Stewart reported that he had addressed a lighting issue to NCC Highways Department and they had responded as follows:

“You will recall that a parishioner raised the question of highway lighting at the October meeting, regarding Lowdham By-Pass. I have looked into this and enclose the county council response ... (see below).

Lowdham - Junction of the A6097/Station Road I have spoken to the street lighting engineers and there is some work planned at this location. There are 2 new columns which when working will be brighter and shine with a white light rather than the existing yellow. This should be sorted by Christmas. If there is still a problem after this we can look again.”

At last month’s meeting, Members asked Cllr Stewart to arrange a traffic survey regarding the difficulty of leaving the village by Main Street onto the A6097. Rather than passing the request on, Cllr Stewart kindly carried out the survey himself! The results are given at Appendix A. It was agreed that unfortunately the results seemed to be at variance with the ‘norm’ – it seems that no two days are the same and on the chosen day there was only light traffic!

It was reported that there is a big pot hole on Peck’s Lane – members were unsure whether the road is adopted at this point. It was later confirmed that the pothole the road is unadopted at this point. TC to investigate. It was also reported by a member of the public that there is a lot of dog muck in this area.

TC

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

TC reported that he’d contacted Central Networks regarding the re-siting of the electric substation. He was informed that the original plan to use a pole-mounted system had been changed as CN were unable to come to an agreement with local landowner(s). The plan is now to make the existing system water / flood resistant by installing an impermeable membrane on the ground and walls around the substation. This work should be carried out in January.

It was reported that some tarring or re-tarring and laying or relaying of hard core had taken place at Marhill’s – Cllr Jackson to investigate. Also, new tarmac has been laid at the Fullers site – TC to write to Environment Agency.

RJ
TC

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

There has been some confusion about the bundle of documents to be sent to Marstons Breweries and their solicitors. It was agreed that the documents should be sent as soon as possible.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stewart showed members a painting of Gunthorpe recovered from the archives at County Hall. It was agreed that Cllrs Stewart would find out what reimbursement, if anything, NCC would like for the painting.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

There was nothing to report other than described elsewhere in these minutes.

9. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

Phillip Smith - Appeal against planning enforcement - Change of use of land – members object to this appeal on the same grounds as original (withdrawn) planning application.

Wind Turbines at Stoke Bardolf – objections were raised, where applicable on the same grounds as the proposed wind turbine at Gunthorpe.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

11/01507 - Fullers – Approved – TC was asked to confirm that EA have approved this application in view of the flooding implications (in flood corridor)

10. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

11. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
29	346	RC Services - GrassCutting	155.00	31.00	186.00
30	347	Clerk's SLCC Subscription	95.00		95.00
31	348	NALC - New Cllr Training	30.00		30.00
32	349	Gordon Oldham - Clerk	430.57		430.57
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			710.57	31.00	741.57
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			11,380.88	707.34	12,088.22

12. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

13. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

There was nothing to report under this heading.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th January 2012 in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.

Gunthorpe Traffic Survey - Wed 16 Nov (7.20am - 9am)

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7.20am

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4 vehicles

2 vehicles queuing

cleared in 2 minutes

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7.30am

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8 vehicles

7.45am

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10 vehicles including 2 buses

3 vehicles queuing

cleared in 2 minutes

8.00am

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11 vehicles including 1 bus

2 vehicles queuing

cleared in 2 minutes

8.15am

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15 vehicles including 1 bus

8.30am

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14 vehicles

5 vehicles queuing

cleared in 3 minutes

8.45am

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20 vehicles

5 vehicles queuing

cleared in 3 minutes

9.00am