

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC) and Cllr Andy Stewart (Notts County Council).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lesley Jeffery, Cam Pearson and Roger Jackson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on 25th January were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cllr Stewart confirmed he was arranging a further more comprehensive traffic survey for the A6097. Cllr Bowles brought to the attention of the meeting email correspondence between a parishioner and the Nottinghamshire Police 'Traffic and Road Casualty Reduction Manager (OSD), Heidi Duffy. The parishioner had expressed his concerns regarding speeding on the A6097 and the 'boy racer' attitude of some drivers and riders. He was delighted to have a very quick and comprehensive response to his email. Included in the response were a number of points:

- 1 The local officer PC 3116 had been asked to contact the parishioner – this led to comment from TC that he had been trying in vain for more than a year, including requests to four Notts police officers, to be given a poster informing the public of the Gunthorpe local police officers. Cllr Sutton said she would raise this issue at the next Safer Neighbourhoods Group meeting.
- 2 A speed survey was carried out on the A6097 – one device only worked for about 24hrs but another was fully functional. Although they showed a minority of drivers exceeded the speed, the vast majority of drivers were complying with it.
- 3 Ms Duffy confirmed that the A6097 is being considered for mobile camera enforcement. The police await the 2011 accident figures for new sites where they consider safety camera enforcement is required.
- 4 NCC are launching a Speed road casualty reduction that will see roadside posters placed along the A6097 and Ms Duffy would like to know if anyone would be interested in supporting the campaign 'media wise', especially people whose lives are blighted by speeding motorists!

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It has been noted that, there has been a great increase in traffic numbers and congestion during peak hours and that issues would seem to be co-incident with the A46 road works.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that the speed detector vans have returned to the County's roads, including the A6097. From next month, Phase I of the installation of average-speed cameras on the A614/6097 would commence. Members were assured that everything possible, within the constraints of budgets, was being done to combat speeding.

TC was asked to report, urgently, that a warning sign on the slope road had been pulled down.

A letter and poster have been received regarding 'Street Lighting Energy Saving Proposals'. Various measures are being considered and each may or may not be contained within the proposal for Gunthorpe – the proposal may be found at <http://www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alld=148145>

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

With regard to the Business Forum, it was confirmed that GPC is to produce a report for distribution to business owners setting out proposals for the Riverside environment and to invite comments and suggestions.

'Britain in Bloom' – Cllr Everington is to write to residents suggesting the possibility of a best-kept garden competition and the formation of a horticultural society. Details would be published in the Newsletter and on the website.

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6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

TC informed Members that having completed the copying required for Mr R Finney, as agreed at last meeting, at a cost of £32.10, TC informed Mr Finney that the copies were ready and would be posted or delivered on receipt of the charge of £10.70 (107 A4 sheets at 10p per sheet), the maximum charge permitted by the Information Commissioner's Office. To date no word has been received from Mr Finney.

In an email from Sue Cook a reference was given to a National Flood Forum / DEFRA fund recently made available:

A £28 million Fund to clean up England's rivers and encourage local wildlife to flourish has been announced today by Environment Minister Richard Benyon.

Part of a £92 million Defra commitment to clearing up England's rivers and lakes, the Fund announced recently will allow communities and charities to tackle local eyesores and encourage iconic wildlife to thrive by tackling pollution and removing redundant dams, weirs and other man-made structures to create habitats which work for wildlife.

PP / CC

Cllrs Platten and Cope will look at this.

The current situation with Marston's and the Riverside was discussed. A comprehensive report detailing both past history and proposals for the future has been sent to Marston's and their solicitors.

Members were informed that Roger Fell of Lowdham had arranged a meeting to discuss flood alleviation in Gunthorpe. Roger Crafts told us that a select number of residents at the North end of the village, with the exception of Parish Council members, were invited. It was made clear that PC Councillors would not be welcome. This new GFAG2012 group is a specifically invited, specially selected club. Cllr Jeffery and Mr Crafts have had a number of 'phone conversations regarding flood alleviation and expressed the view that parish councillors should have been part of such a community group.

Cllr Bowles informed the meeting that the re-profiling of the A6097 was in hand at the EA.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stewart advised members that various papers were now available relating to Sand and Gravel in the Minerals Local Plan. Cllr Stewart is to invite Wayne Alum (NCC Minerals Officer) and the Parish Councils of Bulcote, Caythorpe and Lowdham to a meeting prior to PC meeting on 28th March. TC is to invite Shelford.

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Cllr Cope is to investigate the possibility of draft PC Minutes being included in the Lowdham with Caythorpe & Gunthorpe Parish Magazine.

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8. CLERK'S REPORT

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Training on Revised Ethical Framework
 Letter to R Finney
 Best Kept Village
 Annual Parish Conference
 CPRE Membership 2012

Picture Unveiling - from NCC Chairman
 Parish / District Community Safety Liaison Group
 Change to Governance Arrangements
 Supporting Neighbourhood Planning
 SLCC Training

A further letter has been received from RotheraDowson regarding the fencing between the playing field and Mrs Thorpe's property – TC has been asked to pass to manager of football team for his comments.

TC

10. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

12/00037/FUL - Marehill Service Centre – objections on grounds of Green Belt; Flood Plain and Flood Corridor.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

11/01827/FUL Sweeney 2 Trentside – approved.

11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

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

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12. FINANCE

Members were informed that the HSBC bank account was finally up and running – it was agreed that £20,000 would be transferred into the account from the Co-op, the remainder being transferred when this month's cheques had cleared. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
35	353	Zurich Insurance	225.00		225.00
36	354	CPRE	30.00		30.00
37	355	NALC Subscription	127.72		127.72
38	356	Gordon Oldham - Salary / Expenses / Printing	444.57		444.57
38	356	Printing Costs - R Finney	32.10		32.10
39	357	NCC Picture	50.00		50.00
		Transfer to HSBC - £20,000			
		<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>	909.39	0.00	909.39
		<u>Total expenditure to date</u>	12,919.84	707.34	13,627.18

13. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

Emergency Volunteers – Cllr Stewart is attending a one-day course at Kelham Hall

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 28th March in the Village Hall commencing approximately 7.15 pm, following a Minerals Plan meeting at 6.30pm.