

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

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 Cllrs Lesley Jeffery, Mick Bowles, Tony Everington, and Peter Platten.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held on 12<sup>th</sup> December – Members agreed on two amendments – these will be actioned and Minutes agreed and signed at next meeting.

**4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

A letter has been received stating that the ‘Lengthsman Scheme’ which has been piloted for the past year has been considered a success and is now being extended for another year. Whereas last year parish councils were asked to form ‘clusters’ of two or three, this time PC’s can participate individually. TC was asked to express GPC interest.

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Cllr Stewart stated that work on the trees on Main Road was in hand. He also reported that a ‘sign decluttering’ project was underway in the County – it was noted that in this respect the Manor Lane junction at the Bridge was a prime example.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

TC informed Members that the requested Dog Control Orders were now actioned. The Parish Council is legally bound to display the DCO’s at the specified locations for a period of at least 7 days – TC is to laminate them and Cllr Cope kindly agreed to install them.

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A representative of Caythorpe Parish Council has complained about the amount of dog muck in Gunthorpe.

Cllr Stewart reported that ‘Groundwork’ has applied to carry out work at each end of the new Burton Joyce to Gunthorpe footpath. It is unknown at this stage what this work entails. TC informed the meeting that responses, under the Freedom of Information Act, had been received from both Groundwork and Notts County Council regarding the footpath – both responses leave questions unanswered. TC has also spoken to Bulcote PC who state they are happy with the footpath and do not wish to meet with GPC to discuss the matter.

Cllr Stewart stated that he had some money available for early work on the Riverside Project.

A replacement dog bin has been ordered for the playing field – it was agreed that the existing bin could be stored for use elsewhere. There would however be associated costs for emptying it.

## 6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Following letters to Marston's and Canal and River Trust, a reply has been received from only the latter. TC has sent a reminder to Marston's and it was agreed that we should give them a little longer then pursue.

The purchase of the Fishermen's Land was discussed. The public meeting was considered a success – only one person voted against going forward. We await Government approval for the loan. When approved we may apply to the Public Works Load Board for the loan which should only take a few days. Various meetings and correspondence regarding the purchase were discussed – more detail may be found in the attached Clerk's Report

There is a Local Improvement Scheme Seminar to be held in May – it was suggested that Cllrs Jeffery and Bowles may wish to attend.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There was nothing to report other than mentioned elsewhere in these Minutes.

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

Please see attached Report

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter re Lengthsman Scheme	LIS Event 07-MAR-13	DCO - Dogs on Leads
DCO - Dogs Exclusion	Email to Keith Johnston, CRT	Letter to Rachel Willis, Marston's
Letter to Lynda O – NALC	Loan Application	Valuation from Matt Hilton
T & C Cleggs Solicitors - Ian Torr	Letter to Bill Belshaw	Emails from Matt Hilton
Letter to Groundwork re BJ - Gun Footpath	Emails to/from Jo Bradley, Groundwork Nottingham	
Email from Groundwork re BJ Footpath		
Final Modifications Document relating to NSDC Allocations & Development Management Development Plan Document		
Addendum to NSDC Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document		
Launch of Draft Police & Crime Plan - Police Commissioner	Commemorative Plaques - Gunthorpe Bridge	

## 10. PLANNING

### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

Wind Turbine at East Bridgford – it was agreed unanimously that the objections to the wind turbine at Gunthorpe applied equally to the East Bridgford turbine and that at least one additional objection applied in that the turbine would overlook the valley, and therefore Gunthorpe, creating a conspicuous eyesore. Cllr Cope is to produce a detailed objection for submission to Rushcliffe Borough Council.

12/01776/ADV - Mr Ian Brown - Lowdham Leisure World – Fascia Sign – No objections

### Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

## 11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

## 12. FINANCE

Members were informed that the interim audit had been carried out by Roger Snowdin. Roger made the following comments:

- Bank reconciliation was made difficult because of two cheques (for £10 and £40) not being cashed despite being issued many months ago. These now need to be negated, the payee informed and clarification sought as to whether new cheques are to be issued.
- Three payments were invalid in that they were made against invoices addressed to individuals (one to a Councillor, one to a member of public and one to a supplier)

and not to the Parish Council. There is no question that these payments were made in good faith.

- Due to misinformation, two of the above payments were made for the same goods, a photocopier. One was made to the individual who purchased the goods and one made (but cheque not cashed) to the supplier of the goods. This led to confusion on two counts – one on bank reconciliation and the other that the Parish Council is unable to claim VAT on the purchase. It was also noted that the photocopier was purchased by, and for, the Village Hall and as such shouldn't have been paid for by the Parish Council.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No				
42	52	heb Surveyors	150.00	30.00	180.00
43	47	St John's Church Hall	10.00		10.00
44	48	Gunthorpe School - Life Education	200.00		200.00
45	49	Glasdon - Dog Bin + Fittings	244.65	48.93	293.58
46	50	Gordon Oldham - Clerk's Salary + Expenses	476.75		476.75
47	51	HMRC	39.30		39.30
<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>			1,120.70	78.93	1,199.63
<b>Total expenditure to date</b>			<b>12,136.78</b>	<b>459.73</b>	<b>12,596.51</b>

### 13. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

### 14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

An email and documents have been received from Patricia Smith, the grand-daughter of David Purdie, of Purdie Lumsden, the firm that constructed Gunthorpe Bridge. The lady is upset because the latest plaque on the Bridge has an incorrect spelling of 'Purdie' ie 'Purdy'. TC is to pursue this with the County Council. The documents provided by Ms Smith are very interesting in that they contain information about the engineers; their construction of the Bridge in 1929 and various related photographs. TC is to scan the documents and circulate.

### 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the meeting scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> March would be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 27th February in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.