

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC) and two members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jennifer Williamson, Cllr Roger Jackson (Newark & Sherwood District Council) and Cllr Andy Stewart (Nottinghamshire County Council).

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Held on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January were each agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

**4. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

The questionnaire on one-way traffic and weight limit on slope road is not yet completed. It was reported that various repairs and maintenance had been carried out in the village. These included pot holes, white-lining (including the slope road). Drop kerbs have been installed as requested, but drop kerb at junction of Innes Fields and David's Lane is far too steep and needs attention or repair.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

At January's meeting it was agreed that the dog bin next to the lock should be emptied twice a week. However, it was later confirmed that all the dog bins are already being emptied twice a week. Members were informed that some of the dog bins were being used, especially by the lock, for ordinary litter and rubbish from moored boats. NSDC are to be contacted to determine current frequency of litter bin collection and British Waterways are to be informed of the problem.

Members were informed that a meeting of the Green Campaign had taken place on the previous evening. There was a good attendance and all seemed very keen. A course of action had been agreed – this included the creation of the top ten 'challenges' which would be printed by the District Council and displayed in participants' windows. The Campaign would be formally launched at the Summer Fair.

Discussion took place on the Riverside CCTV – the SIM card required to transmit video is due to expire and the cost for renewal is £537. Members had assumed that its main purpose was to monitor river levels but it seems that this is incorrect and that the CCTV was there to help protect the Riverside businesses. It was noted that one or two 'transgressions' have indeed been caught on tape.

It was suggested that the recently completed Footpath No. 4 does not follow the route outlined on the map supplied at time of proposal! TC to speak to Matt Duckworth.

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

TC reported that a valuation of the Riverside land belonging to Marstons Breweries had been received from JH Walter despite the firm being informed that the Parish Council did not want to the firm to proceed with this work, as the quoted cost for this was considered to be extortionate. As the firm claimed not to have received the letter declining their proposal and no contract had been signed, the firm suggested a compromise, only seeking reimbursement for an assessment visit. However, it was agreed that the PC would take advice from NALC and if, as expected, NALC agreed with the PC, decline the compromise.

Roger Crafts of Lowdham Leisure World (LLW) raised two matters for discussion. It was agreed that the 'status' of a culvert, running from the caravan park to the Trent, would be determined. At present it seems unclear whether it had been deliberately, but incompletely, blocked or whether there has been a gradual build-up of material. Mr Crafts also raised the subject of the proposed bunds at LLW – Members agreed that "All work parties would work together to agree on a solution that would be beneficial not just for LLW but to the whole Parish." It was also agreed that there were lots of technical issues to be considered.

Cllr Bowles informed the meeting that there was to be a meeting of residents of Cottage Pasture Lane and other interested parties regarding the proposed bund extension at 7.00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

A number of points regarding flood alleviation were discussed including the recently built bund behind Marhill Garage. The Environment Agency have informed the PC that the new modelling data would be available in late March and that representatives of the EA will attend the PC meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 'armed' with this data and information about the LLW and Small Hydro proposals. There is also a proposal (said to be "expensive") for a scheme in Lowdham.

Paul Jeffery attended a flood wardens' meeting and informed Members that a flood store was available to be built/installed at a suitable location. A site adjacent the car park by the pavilion was suggested.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

TC was asked to contact Cllr Jackson regarding the caravans parked on Trentside. It seems there has been no planning application for this 'caravan park'.

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

TC is to contact Mike Elliott with regard to procedures for the forthcoming elections and referendum on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Estimate of Parish Council Election Costs	Public Sector Equality Duties
Independent Visitor Recruitment Campaign	Independent Custody Visitor
NALC - East Midlands Planning Aid	NHS Public Board Meeting
Harry Johnson Award	MJ Thompson - Funfair
NHS - Public Board Meeting	Feed In Tariff

## 10. PLANNING

### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

11/00125 – Johnathan Simpson, 10 Bramley Close, Erection of rear ground floor extension. No objections providing full risk assessment carried out and no encroachment into green belt

### Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

**11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK**

It was noted that the hedge by the playing field has not yet been cut.

**12. FINANCE**

A cheque for £1937.34 was received from the closing balance of the Toddlers Group – this will be held by the PC for the Play Park Fund.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
<b>27</b>	<b>303</b>	<del>Sid Paver – Dog Bin **</del>	<del>318.00</del>	<del>55.65</del>	<del>373.65</del>
<b>28</b>	307	Village Hall	2,426.86		2,426.86
<b>29</b>	311	Parks & Playground Solutions - Dog Bin	318.00	55.65	373.65
<b>30</b>	306	Dog Bin Contract	620.00	108.50	728.50
<b>31</b>	304	RC Services – grass cutting	485.00	84.88	569.88
<b>32</b>	308	NALC Annual Subscriptions	121.68		121.68
<b>33</b>	309	CPRE Subscription	30.00		30.00
<b>34</b>	310	TG Systems - Clerk	412.74		412.74
<b>34</b>	310	Office / Phone	28.00		28.00
<b>34</b>	310	Printing Costs	30.00		30.00
<b><u>Total expenditure for meeting</u></b>			<b>4472.28</b>	<b>249.03</b>	<b>4721.31</b>
<b><u>Total expenditure to date</u></b>			<b>11,894.83</b>	<b>504.96</b>	<b>12,399.79</b>

\*\* Cancelled from last month due to change in company name – see ‘Parks & Playground Solutions’.

**13. PARISH PLAN**

Nothing to report.

**14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT****15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Village Hall, commencing 7:15.