

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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

4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

In last month's meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase mirrors to ease the plight of drivers exiting The Avenue onto the very busy A6097. However TC on consultation with Jo Horton at NCC Highways has been informed that:

"We do not erect mirrors on the Highway and will not give permission for anyone to do so. Mirrors can distort the appearance of both speed and distance and can create reflection issues at night."

Cllr Jackson agreed to discuss with Ms Horton.

RJ

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Bowles brought Members up to date on the Grass Cutting Contract. We have received one very reasonable quotation, but have found it extremely difficult to get another. A firm from Bingham considered the work to be beyond their resources. MB will be discussing matter with another firm based in Shelford. The meeting was informed that the grass overgrowing the area at the boundary of the car park and playing field had been treated by RC Services and was now a combination of dead grass and soil which turns to mud with rainfall. Cllr Bowles is to discuss this with RC Services and enquire as to whether Mr Covill can replace the knee-high fence there.

MB

It was reported that the fitting of the matting in the playpark was faulty. When grass cutting the cutter is damaging the matting

There are flower beds in the area of the Village Hall that need renovating. These are the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee. An area behind the Village Hall has been considered for the siting of allotments. Although the area is suitable, there may be difficulties with access. Cllr Jeffery is to speak with the VH Committee regarding both these matters.

LJ

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

With regard to the land purchase there was lengthy discussion. This centred on Trent Lane, a short stretch of track from the A6097 extending two or three hundred yards into the area. The Parish Council has received conflicting reports on the ownership of this track; the rights of access to the land; general rights of way and whether or not it is bridleway.

Some specific points were the following: parts of the land on the plan have been shaded blue – TC to determine the reason for this; it was agreed unanimously that the Notts Federation should pay the indemnity insurance, as the loss of the original deeds was entirely their responsibility and Trent Lane, as described above, although included in the original plan, was omitted from the Land Registry plan. It was agreed that after gathering some further information and making more enquiries, Members would meet to discuss and determine a course of action.

TC notified the Meeting that the Local Improvement Scheme was not taking any more applications this year, and that although they will be operating next year, it will be with a reduced budget and take a different format. The PC has received information about NCC's "GREENWOOD COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING GRANTS 2013/14". It was agreed that the Riverside Project is in too early a stage for this to be of benefit to us at present, but TC was asked to contact Greenwood for further information.

TC

Cllr Everington informed the Meeting that he had undertaken Flood Defence training. The training included traffic control. It was reiterated that in the case of flooding, the command centre, and the centre for the public to be sheltered, would be the Village Hall and not the Church Hall.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Jackson reiterated that the Buffer Depot had until today to reinstate, or start to reinstate, the hard standing adjacent to the Depot. So far there is no sign of compliance. They now have until the end of the week when they could be taken to court. Marhill Garage have resubmitted plans.

Members of the public have reported seeing a number of people entering and leaving the former post office. The PC have been informed that this is to be a shop, but it has not opened as such, and it is felt (from the sound of foreign tongues) that the building may be being used for the accommodation of immigrants. TC to speak to Police.

TC

8. CLERK'S REPORT

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

CPRE - Improve Travel Choices	Technical Turf Ltd
Groundwork	Greenwood Community Tree Planting Grants
Electoral Review – to be circulated	Notts Minerals Local Plan – TC is to purchase hard copy of the main report
NSDC - Green Waste	

10. PLANNING

It was noted that building work on the house on Main Street has recommenced.

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

The following decisions were unanimous:

- 13/01301/FUL - Lilac Bungalow – no objections
- 13/01413/FUL - Arkenfield Stables – no objections
- 13/01325/FUL - Marhill Garage – object on the grounds, as before, that this site lies within the green belt.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- 13/00881/FUL - Installation of Diesel Storage Tank - Approved

11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

RJ

12. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
92	26	Grant Thornton - Audit	300.00	60.00	360.00
93	27	Martin Wilson - web site maintenance	160.00		160.00
94	28	Post Office (HMRC)	37.40		37.40
95	29	Gordon Oldham - Clerk's Salary	348.26		348.26
95	29	Gordon Oldham - Expenses / Costs	67.50		67.50
		Total expenditure for meeting	913.16	60.00	973.16
		Total expenditure to date	8,362.26	182.00	8,544.26

13. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

It was suggested and agreed that awards for the 'Best Kept Garden' and 'Most Colourful Garden' would be presented at the Summer Fete.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on November 27th in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.