

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 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 Tim Wendels (Newark & Sherwood District Council).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Roger Jackson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Cllr Mrs Lesley Jeffery agreed to continue as Chairperson and was supported unanimously.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Cllr Helen Sutton agreed to continue as Vice Chairperson and was supported unanimously.

5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on 24th April were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson. Members referred to the possible change of use of land on Peck's Lane – Cllr Wendels will pursue.

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6. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

TC reported that NCC have notified him that the owners of land, and therefore trees and bushes, adjoining the slope had been found and contacted. It is hoped that the County Council will shortly have permission to cut back the overgrown vegetation, but there is a chance that work will be delayed because of the nesting season. It was emphasised that the situation was now dangerous. It was agreed that grass cutting should be put out to tender. TC will contact RC Services and Andrew Potter, Lowdham PC, the latter to ask from whom they have received tenders.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

There has been a smell of sewerage in David's Lane / Inham Fields Close. It would seem that recently the drains were full but have been emptied. Members wondered whether there was still a problem in the Main Street main drain. At the time of the recent floods, the drain by the caravan park was full and it was also queried as to whether that problem had been sorted.

TC was asked to determine whether the land on Trentside adjacent the storage facility had been returned to its previous condition.

TC

An email has been received from a neighbouring parish clerk stating that "NSDC has recently introduced a change of policy for dog bin emptying, for those of you who use this service. If your dog bins have an insert in them, NSDC are no longer using black bin bags. We have received complaints from local residents with regards to the potential health issues related to this from dog waste being left in the bins". TC was asked to confirm that this is the case.

TC

8. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

It was reported that there has been no further progress on the land purchase. The vendors solicitors are currently seeking land registration and this can take some considerable time.

A letter has been received from NSDC reminding the Council that although they restocked the Community Resilience Stores last year it was a one-off gesture and that PC's should ensure that the stores are kept fully stocked in future. It was added that NSDC would continue to support and assist parishes wherever possible.

There was further discussion regarding the maintenance of the flood alleviation measures proposed in the area of Lowdham Leisure World.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Wendels confirmed that a revision of the Local Development Plan had been published after consultation with stakeholders.

10. CLERK'S REPORT

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- Care of Village Ponds
- CPRE - Volunteers Wanted!
- Lynda Ogilvey Retirement, Hillary Gibbons, Tanya Grimes successors
- CPRE - Transport Toolkit
- Disruption at Nottingham Station
- 'Streetscape'
- Employment Seminar

12. PLANNING

Discussion was held regarding the various planning issues still outstanding – some for a considerable period. These include the land adjacent the Storage Facility which has yet to be restored to its original state, ie before being used as a caravan site; the unfinished house on Main Street, now a building site for more than two years and finally the possible 'change of use' or new build at Holly Farm..

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- 13/00552/FUL - Major Demolition / Building Little Marlock } Unanimous objections to both on grounds
- 13/00532/FUL 2nd Vehicular Access Little Marlock } of increase in footprint and in flood corridor

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- 13/00273/FUL - Lilac Bungalow - Approved

13. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

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14. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No			
04	70	Post Office (HMRC) Balance 2012/13	44.50	44.50
05	71	Post Office (HMRC) April	36.60	36.60
06	72	TG Oldham - Clerk's Salary	345.02	345.02
06	72	TG Oldham - Clerk's Expenses	85.00	85.00
07	73	Post Office (HMRC) May	36.80	36.80
08	74	Able Internet Payroll Ltd	80.00	16.00
09	75	Weedkiller	9.00	9.00
Total expenditure for meeting			636.92	16.00
Total expenditure to date			1,211.14	1,227.14

15. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

16. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

There was nothing to report under this heading.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26th June in the Village Hall – there will be a closed meeting with GEFAG, the EA and, possibly Severn Trent between 7.15 pm and approx 8.15, followed by the GPC meeting proper which will be open to the public.

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