

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 24th IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Helen Sutton, Mick Bowles and Tony Everington.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on June 26th were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson. The Minutes from the Annual Meetings in May were also signed.

4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr Marshall and Ms Howell expressed their strong disapproval of the conduct of NSDC Planning Department's handling of the land adjoining the Buffer Depot on Trentside. For more than two years the tenant and / or owner of the land have repeatedly been refused planning permission for various activities and development. Each time they have:

- initially carried out work without permission
- sought permission, but only when ordered to do so
- been refused permission
- appealed against the decision
- again been refused permission
- **not** reverted the land to its original 'green field' condition
- carried on regardless, with either the same work or a slightly modified development.

This has led local residents to call the situation 'farcical' and a 'joke'. During the last visit of Adrian Adams (Planning Enforcement NSDC) Mr Adams was informed that the latest works, using a JCB for several days, were to enable Mr Mason, a local farmer, to load animals onto trucks. On consultation Mr Mason was ambivalent about his need and informed Mr Adams that he used to use the entrance to his land behind Biondi's. It was unclear as to whether this situation had changed. TC was asked to write a firm letter of complaint to Adrian Adams, with copies to Andrew Muter (Chief Executive, NSDC), Karen White (Head of Legal Services, NSDC) and Mr Marshall / Ms Howell. Ms White was to be reminded that it was most important, as discussed in previous meetings, that there was to be no more business development along Trentside.

A complaint has been received from a resident about the litter along Trentside. It was agreed that the businesses are, in effect, responsible for their customers' litter. The businesses pay commercial council tax, but little of this goes toward the upkeep of the Village. TC was asked to write to the businesses requesting that they install, or make available, litter bins and keep tidy their area of Village.

5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

TC reminded Members of the Road Closure (Slope Road, between 29th July and 6th August) – works by Western Power. Cllr Jeffery stated that the work on David's Lane (moving sub-station) had been completed.

Everyone seems very pleased with the new Village signs.

Residents on The Avenue have requested that a replacement safety mirror be installed to replace the one removed a few years ago from the junction with the A6097. TC to pursue.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The subject of residential boats not paying council tax was discussed. It seems that this is a perennial problem and is difficult to resolve. When approached, boat owners will assure those asking that they are not residential, that they are holidaymakers. This issue will be discussed at a later date.

7. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Members were pleased to learn that the Land Purchase was now imminent. Ian Torr has requested a Meeting with the Cllr Jeffery to finalise a few details.

A meeting of the Undefended Villages was very poorly attended and the attendance led those present to consider a number of options for the Group's continuation. TC was asked to let Susan Cook know of the Gunthorpe flood wardens' email addresses.

The latest flooding was discussed – it would seem that the main drain under Main Street may still be partially blocked. The phrase, 'Maintenance, Maintenance' was reiterated! Cllr Jackson is to arrange a scan of the pipe from Peck's Lane junction to the A6097.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The 'Dogs on Leads' signs have still not been installed – Cllr Jackson will contact Jeremy Hutchinson at NSDC.

It was agreed that the Village should have Christmas decorations this year. If this is the case, we have been reminded that a licence, on Health & Safety grounds, should be obtained.

9. CLERK'S REPORT

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

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Register of Title / Plan / Contract	Seasonal Decorations
Email from Ian Torr	No Uninvited Visitors'
Letter from CC to Morgan Wray	Email String re Caravan Site
Standards Training	Email - Graham Marshall to AA
NSDC - Allocations & Development Management Development Plan Document	

11. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

12. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

13. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
14	80	Gordon Oldham - Clerk's Salary	345.02		345.02
14	80	Gordon Oldham - Expenses	68.00		68.00
15	81	Post Office (HMRC)	36.80		36.80
16	82	SLCC Annual Subscription	100.00		100.00
Total expenditure for meeting			549.82		549.82
Total expenditure to date			2,333.78	16.00	2,349.78

14. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

15. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

There was nothing to report under this heading.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on August 28th in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm. The meeting will be brief to discuss only essential business.