

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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), Cllr Roger Jackson (Newark & Sherwood District Council), Cllr Andy Stewart (Notts County Council) and Roger Crafts (Lowdham Leisure World).

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. DISCUSSION WITH LOWDHAM LEISURE WORLD**

Mr Roger Crafts (RC) of LLW addressed the meeting regarding the company's second proposal for a bund to protect LLW and the Village. RC and others for GEFAG had met with Morgan Wray and Paul Lockhart from the Environment Agency and some very interesting information and comments arose. Although no cost has been assessed yet, the cost of the previous scheme was given as £2.5M and it was thought that this proposal would be considerably less. The plan includes a small bund to the A6097 at Holly Farm and raising bund by between 0 and 18m. RC is to meet with EA (MW and PL) on-site on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the plans further. There was some discussion regarding the knock-on effects of the Nottingham and Attenborough schemes which in theory should have had no effect on downstream locations although this is disputed by some. RC confirmed that GPC would continue to be consulted throughout the project.

**4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Minutes from the meetings held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup> were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson.

**5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

The proposal to reduce the speed limit on the A6097 was discussed. The consultation period ends on November 2<sup>nd</sup> but it was noted that this reduction in speed limit was initially suggested in 1989. At a previous meeting concern was expressed that a change in the speed might, for financial or other reasons, adversely affect the implementation of average speed cameras on the A6097. TC voiced this concern with NCC and was informed that a delay may result from ascertaining motorists' response to the new speed limit.

Another concern has been voiced in Lowdham but is also applicable to Gunthorpe. In the case of emergencies, such as flooding, the street lights now being switched off late night / early morning could be a serious problem. There are still access problems with the twichell. Cllr Stewart will pursue both these points.

AS

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The newly resurfaced bridleway between Burton Joyce and Gunthorpe was discussed again. It appears that 'Groundwork, a Nottinghamshire-based charity, received monies from an, as yet, unknown source, possibly a 'Rights of Way / Highways' project. It was reiterated that the work was carried out without consultation with local stakeholders.

TC has requested, under the Freedom of Information Act, full details of the consultation, tendering and financing processes that were, or were not, carried out.

Cllr Bowles expressed the concerns of parishioners at the north end of the village that the No 6 bus travelling between Lowdham and Gunthorpe does not, and will not, stop near Cottage Pasture Lane. It seems that there is, at least in one direction, a lay-by, but no bus stop although one was there in the past. Cllr Stewart will pursue.

AS

Cllr Jeffery reported that there was an arboreal problem opposite her home in Inham Fields Close. In the past some trees were plated by, it is believed, Notts County Council. They are adjacent to, but outside of, the boundary of a private residence. NCC was asked to cut them back as they are seriously overgrown and at least one is blocking the light from a street lamp. This work has not been carried out and NCC has written to residents demanding that the tree or trees be trimmed. As these trees are outside of residents' boundaries the question was posed – who is responsible – is it NCC or NSDC. On a similar note – Cllr Platten reiterated a problem that exists at several locations in the Village, namely that lamp posts have been installed where their light is impeded by foliage.

Cllr Platten described a situation at Calverton Recycling Centre – it seems that the Centre is over-used and in desperate need of enlargement. The manager has plans but is unaware of how to implement these with regard to planning permission, authority and, possibly, finance. Cllr Stewart will pursue.

AS

The latest of a series of complaints about dog mess in the Village has been received. Residents and visitors will be pleased to learn that notification has been received from NSDC of various Dog Control Orders for Gunthorpe that are to be brought into effect on 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Orders, when available, are to be displayed at the relevant locations. The Orders are in addition to those already in force throughout the District. TC was asked to order signs to be installed at the relevant locations – The Playing Field, The PlayPark and along the Riverside.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Jackson (RJ) reported on various matters:

- The caravans on Trentside have not been moved – the site is subject to an enforcement notice and should have been moved in October. NSDC are still acting on this and legal action is to be taken if they are not removed soon
- GPC is unhappy with the NSDC decision regarding Pontefino's – Cllr Jackson will pursue
- Cllr Jackson informed the meeting that Caythorpe and Hoveringham had initiated investigation into high-speed broadband in the area. RJ will express GPC's interest in this.

RJ

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

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

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

Cllr Everington attended a flood resilience meeting which he found to be very useful. He now has access to the water level reading at Colwick.

TC informed the meeting that a request had been received from Lowdham Colts FC Club Secretary to use the football pitch. This was agreed and made particularly relevant as the two Gunthorpe football teams had disbanded due to lack of support from team members.

TC was asked to determine if the area of tarmac at the rear of Fullers has planning permission.

TC

A parishioner has asked if the occupants of boats moored along the riverside, some of which are thought to be residential, pay council tax. TC is to ask the Canal and River Trust a) if there was a restriction on the number of boats permitted to moor there and b) whether residential mooring was permitted.

TC

The question was raised as to whether GPC still owned a 'ride-on' maroon grass cutter.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Western Power re re-cabling etc  
 Letter under FOI re Footpath along Trent  
 Emails re dog fouling from member of public  
 Neighbourhood Planning  
 Letter and Agenda re Planning Meeting NSDC

Dog Control Letter NSDC  
 Diamond Jubilee Concert  
 Emails re Lowdham Colts Football Team Pontefino's  
 Pergola etc. Caravan Site (?enforcements)

**11. PLANNING**Newark and Sherwood DC applications

None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

12/00994/FUL	Mr A Solecki	Erection of new building for office, storage and vehicle valeting (re-submission) - refused
12/01197/FUL	Mr & Mrs G Mason	Proposed residential conversion of existing traditional barn to form 1 no dwelling (Re-submission) – withdrawn
12/01102/TPO	Mr P Sissons	TPO N049 Multi-stemmed sycamore - reduce the crown by removing two of the stems Peacock Close - Work Refused

**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				
30	34	RC Services - Grass Cutting	765.00	49.80	918.00
31	35	Gordon Oldham - Office / Printing	87.00		87.00
31	35	Gordon Oldham - Clerk's Salary	351.62		351.62
32	36	HMRC - Tax	30.20		30.20
33	37	Chair's Allowance - Cheese and Wine	40.00		40.00
<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>			1,273.82	49.80	1,426.82
<b>Total expenditure to date</b>			6,865.09	227.80	7,196.09

**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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.