

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th MAY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC) and Cllr Andy Stewart (Nottinghamshire County Council).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cam Pearson and Roger Jackson (Newark & Sherwood District Council).

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 take on the role of Vice Chairperson and was supported unanimously.

5. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council – two village residents have expressed an interest and will be asked if they wish to make a formal application. Co-option and / or an election will be considered, if appropriate, at next month's meeting.

6. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on April 25th with one minor amendment were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairperson.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The ongoing problem of retrospective planning applications was discussed. Recent experience has shown that businesses can simply carry out changes of various types and then (sometimes much later) apply for planning permission. If the application is delayed for any reason GPC have no rights of appeal or ability to seek help from NSDC Planning Enforcement.

TC was asked to write to Richard Lawrence and copy to Karen White to request that a 'Saturation Order' be placed on Trentside / Riverside to curb the proliferation of businesses and associated issues discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Over the past two years, Nottinghamshire County Council have, through their Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) offered various items of street furniture. Initially we took up the offer for a seat / bench which is now sited next to the pavilion. The Council have recently learned that a notice board and village sign or signs were available although we may be too late in applying for the former. TC was asked to make a formal application for both these items.

TC is to arrange the implementation of Dog Control Orders with Alan Batty.

8. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

A meeting with the Environment Agency is to be arranged – Cllrs Mick Bowels and Peter Platten will attend and it is hoped that a representative of NAIDB will be present. Members will meet next week to discuss agenda and presentation.

The residents of Cottage Pasture Lane are to meet with the Notts Flood Forum Committee on 26th May.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nothing to report other than mentioned elsewhere in these Minutes.

10. CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing to report other than mentioned elsewhere in these Minutes.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. PLANNINGNewark and Sherwood DC applications

11/00516/FUL – B Williams – September Cottage, David's Lane – there were no objections to this application.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

13. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

Nothing to report other than mentioned elsewhere in these Minutes.

14. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
05	322	Roger Snowdin - Internal Audit	75.00		75.00
06	323	Village Hall - Concrete Base	1,000.00		1,000.00
07	324	Village Hall - Playpark	2,000.00		2,000.00
08	325	TG Systems Clerk's Salary / Expenses	451.91		451.91
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			3526.91		3526.91
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			4131.66	10.00	4141.66

15. PARISH PLAN

Nothing to report.

16. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

Web Site maintenance – this is to be placed on next month's agenda.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday June 22nd in the Village Hall, commencing 7:15pm.