

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs Lesley Jeffery (A)
 Helen Sutton (A)
 Mick Bowles (Chairperson)
 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).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lesley Jeffery, Helen Sutton and Tony Everington.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on August 28th were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson. TC showed Members the new bound Minutes. A firm in West Bridgford, Print Quarter, have made an excellent job. All bound Minutes are now stored in the back room at the Village Hall.

4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

NCC Highways have notified GPC that the cutting of overgrown vegetation on the A6097 and Slope Road would start on October 7th. There was a degree of scepticism about this. Cllr Bowles reported the following from a recent meeting:

Follow up Danny Burbage drain problem with TVDB. Some restriction in pipe size on Mrs Rigsby's property. Small pipes butting up to larger ones are or could be a problem in flood events.

Also some levels variation in the Hall drain. These will be put right during the next maintenance visit in the Autumn. Matt Everett is to contact Danny Burbage

TC has investigated mirrors for the junction of The Avenue and 6097 – these are to enable motorists exiting the Avenue to see approaching traffic. It was agreed that the mirrors and pole detailed at Appendix 1 would be purchased. TC is to check with NCC Highways, Jo Horton, what permission is required to erect these and to ask if NCC will erect them.

TC

With regard to a camera scan along the Main Street drain, TC has contacted Severn Trent, but so far, without response.

Members are most concerned about park cars along Main Street, David's Lane etc when there are events in the Village. TC was asked to contact the Neighbourhood Beat Officers.

TC

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

TC has received a quote from RC Services for grass cutting in the Village and some vegetation clearance around the back of the Village Hall. The quote is for individual cuts and it is to be determined the frequency of cuts to calculate an approximate annual cost.

Discussion was held on two points: 1) it would seem that the edge of the playing field overlapping the car park has been sprayed with weed killer. The grass is brown. No-one knows who did this – will the brown vegetation / earth need to be removed? 2) Regarding the area of grass at the North end of Main Street and continuing around to the A6097 there is so much encroachment of hedging and other vegetation that all the grass cannot be cut. TC is to determine who owns this land and who is responsible for its maintenance.

TC

There is also a great deal of overhanging hedging on the East side of the A6097 between

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Ian Torr has informed TC that, with regard to the omission of land from the land purchase plan, the vendors have submitted to the Land Registry an amended 'Statement of Truth' confirming the land east of the Bridge to be part of the sale / purchase. It is anticipated that this should not take long to be actioned.

Extensive discussion was held about the Riverside land – both immediately in front of, and belonging to, the businesses and the land to be purchased for the Village. Members are most concerned about the proliferation of flags, banners, lights and noise by the Riverside. These talks were inconclusive.

It is thought that the Woodland Trust and the Wildlife Trust may be able to help with the development of the Riverside. When the purchase is finalised these organisations, and others, will be contacted. It was also noted that grants may be available for the reclamation of the land and that a committee will be set up to manage the project.

TC informed the meeting that he had contacted NSDC Council Tax Department with regard to residential occupancy of boats on the River. NSDC will send an officer to investigate.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Jackson informed the meeting that there was no progress on Holly Farm. An Enforcement Notice has been served on the Buffer Depot regarding the hard standing to the west of the depot. The owners have been instructed to:

'Remove all hardcore material imported onto the land to form the hard standing area and restore the Land to its condition before the breach took place by levelling the ground and re-seeding it with grass'. The owners have two months from the date the notice takes effect (23-SEP-13) to comply.

It was noted that the planning application for Arkenfield looks more like a house than a barn.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Application from NSDC for a licence for any Christmas decorations – this must be submitted, if required, in the next few weeks. Members were unclear as to whether any decorations would be installed.

The Parish Conference takes place on 7th October. Unfortunately no Councillors are able to attend.

10. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- 13/00871/FUL: Mr & Mrs M Shipman - Residential conversion of existing traditional barn to form 1 no dwelling (Resubmission) Barns off Peck Lane - Resubmission of 12/01620 – Refused.

11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

12. FINANCE

Roger Snowdin is to undertake an interim internal audit in the next few weeks – a point he made on the last audit was that TC had no employment contract. It was noted that Cllrs Jeffery and Sutton have undertaken to produce a contract. Members were informed that

Parish Clerks had been awarded a 1% pay rise – this, in TC’s case amounts to approximately £3 per month.

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TC has been informed by Nationwide that interest is added to the GPC savings account on the last days of June and December every year. Nationwide is to send a statement of account to TC.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
87	21	The Print Quarter – Paid by, and Payable to Gordon Oldham	27.00		27.00
88	22	Gordon Oldham - Clerk's Salary	348.06		348.06
88	22	Gordon Oldham - Expenses	75.00		75.00
89	23	Post Office (HMRC)	37.60		37.60
90	24	NSDC - Dog Signs	135.00	27.00	162.00
91	25	Village Hall - Annual Grant	3,000.00		3,000.00
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			3,622.66	27.00	3,649.66
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			7,449.10	149.00	7,598.10

13. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

There was nothing to report under this heading.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on October 23rd October in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.

APPENDIX I – TRAFFIC MIRRORS FOR THE AVENUE

Vialux Multi-Use Convex Mirror Polymir 600mm

Quickfind Code: QF1448



Vialux Multi-Use Convex Mirror Polymir 600mm for both indoor and outdoor use

£95.00

Inc. vat. £114.00

Quantity

1

Quantity	Price per unit	Price inc. vat	Saving	+ Compare product
2	£90.25	£108.30	5%	
10	£87.40	£104.88	8%	
50	£82.65	£99.18	13%	

*Choice of Colour

-- Please Select --

Optional Accessories

- Mains Powered Anti-Frost & Anti-Condensation Heating Film +£111.00 (+£133.20 Inc. vat)
- Galvanised Steel Post 76mm Dia 4m High +£114.00 (+£136.80 Inc. vat)
- Painted Green RAL 6005 Galvanised Steel Post 76mm Dia 4m High +£187.00 (+£224.40 Inc. vat)