

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th JULY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)
 Helen Sutton (A)
 Mick Bowles
 Chris Cope (A)
 Tony Everington (A)
 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 two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Helen Sutton, Tony Everington and Chris Cope.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on June 22nd were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Mick Bowles.

4. PLANNING

This item was given priority as the two planning applications to be considered were submitted by members of the public available at the meeting to answer any questions that may have arisen.

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

11/00765/FULM - Roger Crafts - LLW – erection of a caravan and motorhome maintenance facility – no objections.

11/00909/FUL - N Dale Chadwick - Erection of short wave amateur radio mast and aerial – no objections.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

5. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

Members were pleased to note that after three years the Slope Road (Gunthorpe Bridge to Trentside) access road had finally been completed with both white and double yellow lines correctly placed. It was however stated that as various pot holes and bumps had not been filled in prior to the application of the surface dressing the road was rather bumpy. Thorpe Lea was also resurfaced with the same defects. TC was asked to write to Jo Horton, NCC, thanking her for the work, but pointing out the issues.

Vegetation along the slope road is in need of cutting back again – Cllr Platten will organise – he would be grateful for any volunteer help. Members were pleased to hear that the Outlaw Triathlon was a success with no reported problems. It was stated that GPC had not been notified of the Dragon Boat Races.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The proposed wind turbine was discussed – a great number of responses has been received so far. The Chairperson attended a meeting in East Bridgford. The meeting was well attended and there was a lot of useful discussion.

It was noted that the planning application for caravan / boat storage has been withdrawn – Cllr Jackson will request of Adrian Adams, Planning Enforcement NSDC, that the site be cleared. There is another boat operating commercially for river trips – Members discussed what authority (permission / licence) was required for this operation and whether GPC should have been informed. TC was asked to confirm meeting with Karen White.

TC has been contacted by Liz Murdock (LM) (legal department, British Waterways) regarding the Marina – GPC informed that there were now three businesses operating from there (club, café and boat hire). TC is to reply to LM, copy to Karen White NSDC, on the following issues:

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| 1 | The clapper gate which is out of action | 3 | The illegal pontoon or pontoons |
| 2 | The black wrought iron or steel fence erected between the Bridge & Bayleaf and the footpath | 4 | The extended path onto the common land |
| | | 5 | Bridge onto pontoon. |

The next meeting of the Business Forum is to be arranged for the 3rd August and a meeting with Karen White for the 4th August.

7. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

TC to make arrangements for GPC and Cllr Jackson to meet with Innes Thomson. The next meeting of the Undeveloped Villages will probably be in the Autumn.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There have been a number of comments about the new bus shelter, seemingly metal (actual polycarbonate) rather than the more suitable wood as requested. Cllr Stewart understood that GPC had been informed of the situation and this was confirmed. However Cllr Stewart informed Members that when the existing shelter could be used elsewhere, it would be replaced with a wooden one. Cllr Stewart also informed Council that the new Director of Highways at NCC, Andy Warrington, was dismayed at the chaos caused by recent road works in Gunthorpe. He sent his apologies – a series of ‘upsets’ had exacerbated the problems.

9. CLERK'S REPORT

There were no additional items to those mentioned elsewhere in the Minutes.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Hanging Baskets – letter from NCC stating need for license to hang baskets on NCC property / street furniture – **TC to pass to LJ**

Broadband Questionnaire – RCAN Admin. Survey / Audit!!

Publications - PC Guide, The Cllr

NSDC Appointment of Parish Representatives to Standards Committee **No interest**

Wind Turbine - Pfr Stuart Barnes - **considered elsewhere**

Waste Core Strategy - WASTE?? RCAN Membership Renewal - AGAIN!

Waste Core Strategy – AGAIN East Midlands Councils - Associate Membership - **NO**

To Small Hydro - query to re weir height – local farmer asked if raising weir level would raise water level – TC responded ‘No – water would be diverted onto turbines – more detailed explanation to follow from Small Hydro Co.’

11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

TC informed meeting that the Village Hall registration document had finally arrived. The document has been copied and discussion was held as to where both copies could be held for safekeeping. There is a third copy retained by solicitor.

TC is to contact RC Services re flower beds at north end of village.

Cllr Platten informed Members that the Castle Museum were unable to restore the oil painting. It was agreed that the issue of its restoration would be address after the viewing at Biondi's.

12. FINANCE

TC informed Members that the external audit had been conducted by Clement Keys and that an unqualified approval had been given, ie the accounts are OK! Many thanks to our internal auditor, Roger Snowdin, for his help in achieving this.

TC reported that no word had been received from SLCC / NALC regarding PAYE. TC also mentioned that the £2,000 from the Village Hall for the Playpark expenditure had still not been received as there was no-one available from the Village Hall Committee to sign cheques over the holidays! Proof of identity / residence of cheque signatories had still not been received at HSBC Radcliffe in preparation for transfer of bank account from the Co-op.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
12	328	Kirkland & Lane - Registration	350.00	70.00	420.00
13	329	Void – payment for CCTV – not to be paid			
14	330	TG Systems	415.92		415.92
15	331	RC Services - Grasscutting	440.00	88.00	528.00
16	332	Martin Wilson - Web Maintenance / Upgrade	245.00		245.00
17	333	Clement Keys - Audit	135.00	27.00	162.00
Total expenditure for meeting			1585.92	185.00	1770.92
Total expenditure to date			8,102.50	587.00	8,689.50

13. PARISH PLAN

Cllr Platten requested a note to the village – 'Help needed for work on tidying up the Riverside'.

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th August 2011 in the Village Hall, commencing 7:15pm.