

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Peter Platten and Tony Everington.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in the planning application for 52 Main Street. Cllr Bowles informed the meeting that he had been advised that he should declare an interest in any matters of flooding. It was agreed that members were not obliged to declare an interest when their duties and experience as a councillor far outweigh their position as a resident.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on 22nd February were agreed as a true record.

4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Clare Murden, the project manager of the Highway Energy Saving project at NCC was present to discuss the project in general and the proposal for Gunthorpe in particular. Clare made available various literature and maps, one of latter is attached to these minutes.

It was agreed that a major contributory factor to the recent A6097 accident was motorists being unprepared for the transition from dual to single carriageway. Cllr Jackson suggested 'End of Dual Carriageway' signs which are very common across the country. Others wondered whether the accident should increase the chances, and the need, of interactive speed signs. Cllr Stewart is to speak to Heidi Duffy (NCC). Cllr Jeffery asked whether a 20mph speed limit could be agreed for David's Lane in view of the school.

The lack of signage on the A46 was again raised – Cllr Stewart to investigate.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

TC has received a further letter from RotheraDowson, solicitors acting for Mrs Thorpe of Bingham, relating to the playing field boundary. They suggest that if GPC were to move the corkscrew ride (as it is alleged it is, on occasions, frightening Mrs Thorpe's horse or horses) then Mrs Thorpe would cover the full cost of a replacement fence. Members rejected this proposal as it was felt that a replacement fence was required not because of people climbing over original fence but because of a lack of maintenance. TC will inform RotheraDowson.

Cllr Jeffery is to attend a meeting on 'Localism' on 19th April at Ruddington, TC to confirm.

A meeting on Neighbourhood Planning was arranged by the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Neighbourhood planning is a new community right introduced by the Localism Act 2011. It is concerned with planning decisions being made more locally and the local area having more say. It was mentioned that the SHLAA survey conducted 3 years ago determined there was no land available in Gunthorpe for 'affordable housing'.

Councillors remarked on the amount of rubbish in the area – on roads, including A6097 and along the Riverside.

Members asked if businesses who wish to collect, or organise collections of, rubbish are covered by insurance – Cllr Jackson confirmed that they are and that the District Council will supply the collectors and bags.

There was no update on the Business Forum.

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

It was confirmed, in light of the GEFAG 2012 group, that GPC, in co-ordination with the Environment Agency, actually have the final responsibility for flood alleviation in the Parish.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Stewart, referring to the unveiling of the Gunthorpe oil painting, congratulated all who organised and contributed to the event. He paid special compliments to the school and pupils and pledged £100 to the school for painting materials.

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Cllr Jackson stated that he had a walk around the village with Karen White and will act on their observations where necessary. One notable point regarded a house being built on Main Street where there was no security – Cllr Jackson will pursue.

RJ

8. CLERK'S REPORT

TC, as a member of the Life Education Centres Nottinghamshire (LECN) charity, asked if Gunthorpe Parish Council would be willing to make a contribution toward a day's visit of the mobile classroom to the Gunthorpe Primary School. The cost of a visit to LECN is £500 per day – LECN will normally contribute £100, with the balance payable by schools. Members agreed GPC would contribute £200, if the school was able to pay the balance.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Seminar on Localism

NCC - Adoption

Newark & Sherwood Local Dev. Framework

10. PLANNING

Appeal – Change of Use – Land on Trentside – 18th April.

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

12/00025/FUL - Philip Smith, The Buffer Depot, Trentside - Change of use to form land for hard storage / Storage of boats and caravans – GPC objects to this application on same grounds as previous applications.

12/00362/FUL – Jane Simpson, 52 Main Street – Garage to Salon and Erection of Conservatory – no objections.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

At this point in the meeting Graham Marshal raised the following points:

- 1 Mr Marshall and others in the village are unhappy in that they do not receive notifications of planning applications that are relevant to them.
- 2 With regard to the new group, GEFAG 2012, set up by R Fell and to which GPC members were not invited, Mr Marshall enquired why the group had been set up and asked about Mr Fell's motivation.
- 3 Mr Marshall highlighted the fact that the current plans for flood alleviation at Lowdham Leisureworld if implemented would lead to flood risk being increased in other parts of the village, especially along the Riverside.

11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

12. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
39	1	NSDC - Dog Bins	998.40	199.68	1,198.08
40	2	Cam Pearson - Web Site	25.00	5.00	30.00
41	3	TG Oldham - Clerk	444.57		444.57
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			1,467.97	204.68	1,672.65
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			14,387.81	912.02	15,299.83

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 Meetings will be held on April 25th in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.