

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th AUGUST 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)
 Helen Sutton
 Mick Bowles
 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 Cllr Tony Everington and Cllr Roger Jackson for a late arrival.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on 24th July were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson. A number of points were raised:

- An enforcement notice has been served at the Buffer Depot – the site owner has until 23rd September to appeal.
- TC is investigating mirrors for the junction of The Avenue and 6097 – a potential supplier needs the distance from Avenue to far side of road – HS & PP are to measure. HS/PP
- TC raised the ongoing issue of residential occupation of boats on the Trent and their non-payment of council tax. Cllr Jackson gave Phil Ward as the contact at NSDC. It was mentioned that in the past boat occupiers have simply stated that they are not residents and that it has been difficult to prove either way. TC
- There has been some confusion about responsibility for the survey of the main drain under Main Street. Cllr Jackson gave TC a contact at Severn Trent (Adam Boucher). TC
- After a long delay, the Dog Control Signs are in place.

4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

With regard to the traffic lights on, and possible closure of, the A6097 by East Bridgford there had been some confusion and it was felt that with TC being away at the time a closure notice was emailed, Cllr Jeffery should, in future, be copied in on such notices. TC to pursue. Despite the notice, the road was not actually closed at that time due to a technical hitch. TC

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

TC reported that he had been informed of graffiti on the notice board at north end of Main Street, on the sub-station and on the skate park apparatus. Thanks are due to Rob Burbage who removed the worst example from the notice board. TC is to report to 'Hit Squad' at NSDC in the hope they will remove the remainder. Cllr Bowles met with Richard Covill (of RC Services who currently do grass cutting in the Village). The meeting was to determine what areas of grass and other vegetation need regular cutting and possibly one or two areas that need just an occasional 'tidy up'. Mr Covill will now produce a job specification and quotation on the understanding that the jobs will then go out to tender to at least two other firms, this being to conform to legal requirements.

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

An update on the land purchase was discussed. TC confirmed to the meeting that the new land registration did not include the area of land east of the bridge. This was despite the vendors being asked to confirm that the registration details were in fact correct. The vendors' solicitors have been informed and are seeking a correction with the Land Registrar. There have been complaints, over a number of years and from a number of residents, regarding the awful smell emanating from the Chettles meat rendering company in Stoke Bardolph. The odour seems to spread as far as Radcliffe and Shelford on the south side of the river and from Burton Joyce and Gunthorpe on the north side. TC is to write to Chettles with copies to Gedling BC and the Environment Agency.

TC

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Jackson confirmed that contact may be made with Andy Wallace NCC and Severn Trent regarding a camera scan of the Main Street main drain. With regard to the development at Holly Farm – NSDC Planning Enforcement have been unable to contact the owners, to verify exactly what is being planned and / or developed.

Discussion was held about the encroaching vegetation on the slope road and the A6097. The long delay has been due to NCC being unable to determine the land owners. It is almost certain that the Caravan Park own the embankment but NCC has, as yet, been unable to confirm this. Councillors are prepared to remove the vegetation (from the slope road) in their own time but are worried about traffic. TC is to ask Jo Horton if the road could be closed whilst work was carried.

With regard to bus shelter, Cllr Jackson confirmed that the current shelter is to be replaced with a wooden one, but there are other villages with, NCC feel, a greater need.

There still seems to be confusion about the bus stops by Cottage Pasture Lane – passengers are unsure whether there is a bus stop on either side of the road. There is a lay-by on the left (north-bound) side of the road.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

TC informed the meeting that Trading Standards had insufficient stocks of 'No Uninvited Visitors' stickers to supply the 200 requested. They will, however, provide one to anyone contacting them (on 01623 452 005 or emailtrading.standards@nottscc.gov.uk).

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Seasonal Decorations – Cllr Jeffery is to apply for a licence

Emails – Ian Torr, NSDC Planning

'No Uninvited Visitors'

10. PLANNING

The meeting was informed that the Marhill planning application had gone to appeal.

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

13/00871/FUL: Mr & Mrs M Shipman - Residential conversion of existing traditional barn to form 1no dwelling (Resubmission) Barns off Peck Lane - Resubmission of 12/01620. This application was not fully circulated amongst members (deadline August 13th) – TC, on advice from Members, objected on grounds of green belt and flooding. TC was informed that the previous application was approved but did not include the extension included in the original application. TC was asked to inform members of planning applications by email.

A letter has been received raising strong objections to this application – Members agreed with the content and spirit of the letter and asked TC to reply.

13/01091/FUL: Mrs L Simmons - Arkenfield House Arkenfield Stables Lowdham Road – Demolish existing stables, outbuildings tack store and office and rebuild complete. Members are to view this on line.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

None

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
17	83	Summer Fete	500.00		500.00
18	84	RC Services - Grass Cutting / Mowing	530.00	106.00	636.00
19	85	Gordon Oldham - Clerk's Salary	348.26		348.26
19	85	Gordon Oldham - Expenses	77.00		77.00
20	86	Post Office (HMRC)	37.40		37.40
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			1,492.66	106.00	1,598.66
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			3,826.44	122.00	3,948.44

13. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

Members noted that the Summer Fete had gone really well and that the Village looked very pretty!

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on September 25th in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.