

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2011 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 (Nottinghamshire County Council) and eight members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Tony Everington. Cllr Peter Platten attended briefly prior to meeting and clarified one or two issues.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Held on July 27th were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson. Minutes for August – a minor amendment is to be made – the amended Minutes will be displayed as soon as possible on the web site and submitted for signature at next month's meeting.

At this point the meeting was closed for discussion with representatives of GUST.

4. GUST GUNTHORPE UNDER SIEGE FROM TURBINES

The group had its first meeting on 31st August with another following on 21st September. During discussion the following points were raised and agreed:

- A 'Village Meeting' has been arranged to take place on 26th October at 19:15hrs, the GPC will meeting will follow at approximately 20:00hrs. GPC will provide light refreshments.
- Fliers advertising the meeting and the 'manifesto' are in draft format and GPC will give some financial assistance to the printing costs. These costs will have to be specified prior to any agreement.
- Further material will be published on the village web site and comments invited.
- The Newsletter is ready for printing, but if possible will advertise the meeting.
- GPC is to contact neighbouring parishes to liaise on possible implications for them.

At this point the meeting was reconvened.

5. HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

Cllr Bowles informed Members that plans for the Cottage Pasture Lane bund have been approved and published for tenders. It is expected that work will not commence until at least November.

Cllrs Jackson and Stewart informed the meeting that phased implementation of average speed cameras was planned from, and including, the A614 to Bingham / the A6097. It was emphasised that no timescale has been agreed and that the future and scope of the scheme were by no means certain.

Cllr Platten has requested a little more help with the clearing of vegetation adjacent the slope road.

The following correspondence was submitted to the web site:

- *The latest accident to occur on Gunthorpe Bridge happened on 19th September. A week later the glass and debris is still strewn over the road.*
- *Along the A6097 the rubbish on the road side is everywhere - the latest is a large lorry tyre in the lay-bye near the bus stop opposite The Avenue.*
- *Some of the drivers coming from Trentside to Main Street are treating the bus lay-bye as a mini roundabout causing some problems.*

Cllrs Jackson and Stewart agree to pursue these issues.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Platten informed the meeting that, as agreed, the oil painting had been cleaned and restored. The painting was then photographed with both digital and paper copies produced. Members agreed to recompense Cllr Platten for £256 expenditure. It was also agreed that copies would be produced in various sizes and made available for sale. It was also suggested that calendars and cards could be produced.

7. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

TC informed the meeting that another demand had been made by the surveyors JH Walter for the unrequested valuation of the Riverside land. It was agreed that the surveyors should produce proof of agreement by GPC.

Following discussion between solicitors representing Marston's Brewery and GPC it was agreed that all the correspondence relating to the Riverside / Common Land would be collated in preparation for a meeting with Marston's.

It was noted that:

"Section 15 of the Commons Act 2006 sets out the criteria for the registration of land as a new village green. This section came in to force on 6th April 2007.

Land can become a town or village green where a significant number of the inhabitants of any locality, or of any neighbourhood within a locality, have indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years."

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Jackson has discussed various matters with the Planning Department at NSDC and the following has been stated:

- Mr Phil Smith of the Lighthouse applied for an extension of 18 months for the caravan site adjacent to the warehouse. This was refused and enforcement procedures have commenced.
- The Pontefino owners have been advised that they need to submit a planning application for the pergola recently erected.
- Marhills Garage proprietors will be served an enforcement order for the abuse of planning regulations with the storage of motorised homes and lorries on hard-standing.

With regard to the fireworks display, TC reported that he had spoken to two people at NSDC and two at Notts. Police but was unable to find out if GPC (or anyone) should be informed. The two police contacts (including beat officer) have promised a response but neither has! The beat officer also promised to send a poster giving details of police representation in the village, but hasn't! The police were also asked for this poster last year and didn't respond. Cllr Stewart advised that Rob Fisher at NCC was the best contact.

9. CLERK'S REPORT

With regard to setting up a payroll system HMRC confirmed that we must. TC asked if NCC Payroll Section were able to do this, but was informed that it was not cost effective for small councils. Roger Snowdin recommends HMRC system. TC will pursue.

British Waterways – TC has been in contact with Liz Murdoch who is investigating various comments from GPC but was unclear about ‘extended path’ – this has been clarified.

TC has spoken to Simon Westrope at Small Hydro Co – he says the supply route to the grid would not be via the hydro scheme (the ‘theoretical’ power output of the wind turbine would be far too great!). It looks like, for various reasons, the hydro scheme won’t start until 2013!

TC has withdrawn request for replacement printer. The matter of an increase in TC’s office and ‘phone/internet allowance discussed in absentia at last month’s meeting is still unresolved.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

NALC Course - Intro to Chairmanship – this unfortunately has already taken place. Cllr Sutton expressed an interest and TC will determine if another is planned.

Parks & Playgrounds - Health & Safety warning – this will be passed to Village Hall Committee.

11. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

11/01142/FUL - P/R - Interpretation Board – no objections, but Members questioned the substantial nature of board for a ‘temporary’ structure!

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

11/01025/FUL - Martin Wilson, 1 Fearon Close – approved

11/01010/FUL - Rose Cottage - approved

12. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

13. FINANCE

A mid-year internal audit has been carried out by Roger Snowdin – the accounts were declared to be order. A cheque for £2,000 has been received from the Village Hall Committee (VHC) in settlement for payment of the PlayPark Invoice. This sum was originally paid to VHC in the belief that they would be invoiced for the work carried out.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

PSNo	Chq No		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
19	336	NSDC Election Costs	79.75		79.75
20	337	Roger Snowdin - Internal Audit	75.00		75.00
21	338	TG Oldham - Clerk	430.92		430.92
22	339	Cllr Platten Oil Painting Restoration	236.00		236.00
Total expenditure for meeting			821.67		821.67
Total expenditure to date			9,310.09	587.00	9,897.09

In view of £2K returned from Village Hall, expenditure may be considered as £7.9K.

14. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

15. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr Pearson informed the meeting that the 'Old Post Office' had been suggested as a possible site for a community shop. TC to ask owners (possibly Scottish & Newcastle) if the building may be made available. Also considered was a communal coffee / café morning in the Village Hall on Fridays – this would be similar to Shelford's 'Coffee Pot' where post office services are available on Monday mornings.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th October 2011 in the Village Hall, following the planned Village Meeting and commencing approx. 8 pm.

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