

# Gunthorpe Newsletter

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## Parish Plan Distributed

It was quite some time ago that the residents in Gunthorpe were asked to contribute to the formulation of a plan for the future of the Parish. Well after some delays in the publication the plan is now being delivered to residents.

Like all plans, although there is a document, the real plan is the common understanding of where we would like to be in the future in terms of the environment, services and facilities. To a great degree the plan was implemented some time ago and has been guiding decisions made by the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and other service providers.

Development of the Parish website and the new play park are examples of the plan's implementation.

In urban areas income for services is easily raised by the numbers of residents contributing through their taxes, smaller communities such as Gunthorpe are heavily reliant upon additional contributions from within the community. There are many ways in which we contribute. The 200 club is a really good example of a community working together. Attendance at events to raise funds for facilities like the play park and the

time people give to help run the various volunteer organisations are all important.

We now have a guide to what this community wants in the future. We have chipped in with our views and ideas. What we all need to understand is that the plan will not deliver itself. To make this work we all need to be willing to play a part in whatever way we can. After all as the saying goes, "Many hands make light work"

### **A6097 Lowdham to Gunthorpe Bridge**

In March of this year our County Councillor, Andy Stewart received a letter from Councillor Stella Smedley the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways, Nottinghamshire County Council. The letter was in response to concerns voiced about speeding along this road. The letter contained the following information:-

*"On the basis of the accident record along this 2.55km length and the speed measurements recorded, the road length did not meet the criteria for fixed or mobile speed cameras.*

*The Accident Unit have checked the length of road again using the most recent 3 years of accident data available. Between 1-11-2005 and 31-10-2008 (the current limit of the database) there have been 2 KSI*

*(Accidents where there have been people killed or seriously injured) and 2 slight accidents. In light of this low level of reported injury accidents the A6097 still does not meet the criteria for fixed or mobile speed cameras. It is also worth noting that speed readings taken in April 2008 showed that the majority of vehicles were not exceeding the speed limit.*

*It is County Council policy that the criteria for safety camera enforcement as set out by the Department for Transport is followed to ensure that the sites with the highest numbers of fatal and serious collisions and evidence of speeding are targeted first. It also ensures that speed cameras are used at sites where all other engineering measures to address the prevailing accident problem are inappropriate."*

The letter then goes on to explain that the local police have some provision for hand held speed cameras and can be approached to deal with local speeding problems.

The Parish Council are writing to Stella Smedley raising their concerns. (See Council Minutes.)

## **Macmillan Cancer Support benefits from local Nonagenarian**

Iris Wright who was 90 years old on the 19<sup>th</sup> April invited some of her friends and family to a party at the Village Hall to help her celebrate her birthday. In lieu of presents she asked that a collection be made in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. A total of £200 was raised. The charity and Iris thank everyone for their generosity.

## **Letters**

I would like to put a thank you in the newsletter to all the loyal customers we had in the village during our 28 years in business here.

We handed over to Nick and Andrea Pearce on 1st April and are just realising that we do not have to be there at 8.00am any more.

We are sure that we have left everyone in safe hands as the new owners are keen to move the business forward and into the 21st century with new systems, more stock and spruced up premises while continuing to keep the 'family approach'.

We will miss the banter and the comradeship with both staff and customers as we adjust to a more sedentary lifestyle!

So thanks to everyone, we will see you as we wander aimlessly around the place looking for something to do.....not likely..... we already understand the phrase 'how did we find time to go to work!'

Mary & David Fuller

## **Whist Drive Closes?**

It is with regret that I am no longer able to run the Gunthorpe Whist Drive, due to age, infirmity and the falling numbers of people attending, I feel it is time to call it a day.

I took over the running of the whist drive when Jim Fearon died, nearly 20 years ago. Jim ran it with the help of August Derungs who did the refreshments. When I took over Iris Wright and Joan Baird did refreshments for a while and then I helped my wife Jean. In the early days the drive was very popular with tables in both the hall and committee room.

Jean and I would like to thank all those who supported the whist drive over the years. It

was lovely that at our last drive, Jock took home some prizes.

If anyone feels they would like to run the drive in future, it was held once a month, we would give them our full support. It has always been run to raise money for the Village Hall.

Roger and Jean Heathcote

## **Gunthorpe Church of England Primary School**

Gunthorpe School have a busy end of year. Our older pupils visited N.Yorkshire for a week of activities along the coastline and across the North York Moors during the 1<sup>st</sup> week in May.

All our juniors are preparing for the musical production of Treasure Island, adapted from a script by Stephen Kingsbury. The songs have been challenging but the scene is set for a spectacular adventure on the high seas with vicious, bloodthirsty pirates bent on recovering 'Flint's treasure'. Can a small band of girls aided by the often inebriated Captain Jack Blackbird get to the treasure first? Find out at Gunthorpe School on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June. Admission free, tickets available from the school.

Our infant children hope to take a journey into Nottingham to visit the synagogue, combining their RE with their topic work on journeys, later this term.

We are also combining with Lowdham School for a festival of singing at Southwell Minster on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. All are welcome.

We are hoping for a better summer this year, as a number of our classes are gardening as part of their 'education out of doors'. The lower juniors have a new patch to sew after one of our parents, Mr Nightingale, cleared an area of shrubbery and built us a raised bed. The children are highly delighted with the result and can't wait to see the fruits, or should we say vegetables, of their labours!

Head teacher Mr Armstrong

### **News from St. John's Church, Gunthorpe.**

Exhibition of inspiration from  
TALES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at  
GUNTHORPE CHURCH

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Coffee, light lunches, teas  
Stalls on church lawns  
Church open 10 - 4 pm

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

9.15 am Holy Communion  
Afternoon Teas

#### **Songs of Praise 5 pm**

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Kim Burrows of Main Street, Gunthorpe has just started a floristry service for this area and opened a flower shop at 27, Main Street, Lowdham (next to the butchers). You can order via e-mail/phone or fax. Credit and Debit cards are accepted.

The website [www.burrowsonline.com](http://www.burrowsonline.com) is being developed and will soon be online.

Kim says, "As well as flowers we grow and sell roses and other shrubs are also available. This is a family business which has been established over 20 years and we have won awards at Hampton Court and Chelsea."

## Annual Gunthorpe Parish Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

There was a rather small turnout for the annual meeting but nevertheless it went ahead.

The Village Hall Committee was re-elected and the chair, Trish Greggs gave her annual report:-

In planning our events for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustees' committee meetings. We aim to provide opportunities for everyone in the village to enjoy using the Village Hall and Playing Field.

With this in mind we have continued to provide activities for all ages - a parent and toddler session for the very young, a social group for the mature residents, Brownies and Guides, Kick Boxing, Keep Fit, Yoga, Dance Classes and Whist Drives. The Village Hall has been used regularly for meetings of the

Women's Institute, the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Plan Steering Committee. In addition the Hall is used for activities as diverse as dog training and keep fit training, and for wedding receptions and private parties. The Committee has been very conscious of the need to balance the cost of hiring the Hall with the current economic situation, but have nevertheless felt the need to increase our charges to keep in line with similar organisations. The 200 Club continues to bring in valuable funds and appeals to villagers who are not necessarily involved in any of the other activities.

In an effort to bring Arts to the village we have continued to be involved with Village Ventures and with two new young enthusiastic volunteers we ran very successful nights with Opera Dudes and Barbershopera. As well as being entertaining and fun these evenings are a valuable part of our fund raising efforts. Not to be outdone by professional talent we also had a

successful Variety Night with our own local talent.

The main focus of our activities this year has been on providing facilities for outdoor recreation. The football teams who had soldiered on with very poor facilities after the Pavilion was burnt down, tracked down a replacement Portacabin, available free bar for the cost of transport and refurbishment. With funding from the Village Hall Committee, support from the Parish Council and a lot of hard work by the football teams themselves we now have a facility which will last several years. Work continues to be done in bringing this up to a standard suitable for a team which has won the league and reached the cup final. On a less positive note we have suffered vandalism with considerable damage to the playing field, graffiti on the skateboard park and the continuing problem of dog fouling.

Following a request from the youngsters and funding from the Parish Council the skateboard park, now five years old, has been extended to include a half pipe and is being very well used.

Our greatest success, however, is with regard to the new Play Park. For several years we have been fund raising and applying for grants and at last our persistence has been rewarded with a grant of around £55,000 from Newark and Sherwood through the Playbuilder scheme. Several tenders have been submitted, the children at Gunthorpe School have voted on their favourite scheme, and after an open day at the Village Hall for everyone to have their say, we have placed an order with Proludic and hope to have completion by the end of July. Included in the plans is a natural play area utilising the trees in the corner of the field. This area has been in need of attention for some time. A village field clean up day in

April was most successful. It was so rewarding so see young and old work together and thanks go to everyone who worked as a team to help make this dream a reality.

Thanks go to the Parish Council for their support with grants. Without their help we would not be able to maintain the Village Hall and Field, and cover all the cost involved in meeting the legal requirements of running a modern Village Hall. I should also like to thank Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, who keep us abreast of developments regarding village halls and provide training courses for the above. I must also mention the caretakers, Elaine and Bill Asher-Frost, who continue to maintain the Hall to a very high standard.

Finally my thanks go, once again, to all the committee who voluntarily put in many hours. More than ever, we really need more people to come forward and join the team to establish these new facilities for us all to enjoy.

Trish Greggs  
Chairman

## **Parish Council Chairperson's Annual Report 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

Thank you to everyone for attending tonight's meeting I know it must be very difficult for some as Barcelona play Manchester united tonight. Once again the year has been a very busy year and a lot of hard work for all.

We started out the year with a plan for the Village this was as a result of a questionnaire put out to the residents of Gunthorpe asking them what they would like for the Village. Although we have reached a completion of the plan we are still awaiting printing. Hopefully this will be in the next week.

From the committee set up to produce the plan sub committees were formed to address the areas identified. Parish councillors were also present on these meetings and fed back to the full council. The Parish council also backed the plan financially.

This document can be used as a tool when we make decisions on behalf of the residents of Gunthorpe. One of the great successes resulting from this is the grant received enabling the play park committee to erect a new play park. This involved a lot of hard work like applying for grant aid which sounds easy but when you are faced with the application form it can put you off. Fundraising for this project has been ongoing and has involved all age groups so it is good that the finished project will benefit all ages.

We have a website. [Gunthorpe.org.uk](http://Gunthorpe.org.uk). this is regularly updated by Martin Wilson and Cam Pearson. Recent pictures on this show the hard work carried out to clear the play park site by volunteers. Sadly, I personally was not able to help out on that day but a lot of people put a lot of hard work in.

Talking of websites our clerk Gordon has created an archive website for the Parish Council. He has been busy scanning documents onto this.

We still press on with our fight for flood defences for Gunthorpe and we achieved part of this when the ditches and dykes were cleared and a bund was erected at Cottage Pasture Lane entrance. Opened by Hilary Benn.

The Riverside has also taken up a lot of time and effort and meetings and work still carries on.

The Parish Councillors have attended lots of meetings over the year with the Environment Committee, British waterways, the Police and

also meetings with Newark and Sherwood Council.

Thanks go out to the County Councillor Andy Stewart and District Councillor Roger Jackson for their support also Keith Shepherd.

The strong partnership remains with the Village Hall Committee and we continue to support each other.

I also want to thank my fellow councillors who turn up each month to very long meetings thank you Peter for that. Thanks go to Gordon a clerks job is not easy and especially so if it is the first time as a clerk.

What we want as a Village is not achievable overnight but with parishioners support we will carry on the fight and get there.

So just to end on a happy note here is to a printed village plan good strong partnership working and shorter meetings.

Lesley Jeffery - Gunthorpe P C Chair.

## **Gunthorpe Marina**

Samantha and Philip Smith who own the Marina, which is now a licensed club, were a little disturbed when their customers started to comment upon their planning application to become a club being turned down.

Rumour was that the club had not got planning consent due to objections raised by the Parish Council.

It appears some of their customers have read the Parish Council Minutes that were reproduced in the April Newsletter. In the minutes from January an objection was recorded about the planning for the club.

The Parish Council do not have any right to veto planning applications but like anyone else they can make objections if they have concerns. There were some safety concerns which they passed to the District Council who are responsible for giving planning consent. The District Council received no objections from the Police or Fire Service and Samantha and Philip were able to answer the safety concerns to the District Council's satisfaction.

Full planning consent was given and the club is open for business.

Please treat the Parish Council minutes as a record of their meeting at a time in the past and be aware that circumstances may have moved on significantly since their meeting is recorded in the newsletter.

If there are items in the minutes which are of concern it may be worth contacting the Parish Clerk, Gordon Oldham on 0115 9336228 or [gunthorpepc@ukinfoweb.com](mailto:gunthorpepc@ukinfoweb.com)

## **Minutes of Gunthorpe Parish Council Meetings**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> 2009  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Lesley Jeffery (Chair), Jennifer Williamson, Roy Thornhill, Mick Bowles, Peter Platten, Tony Everington, Helen Sutton.

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC), Notts County Councillor Andy Stewart, and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor Roger Jackson.

### **Apologies**

No apologies were received

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson. It was noted that although an increase in the Precept of 2.5% was agreed, Council Tax demands showed the increase to be 1.1%. TC will investigate. Two additions were made to the minutes of the meeting held on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 - firstly that to the proposal for no right-hand turn to Shelford should be added "except for emergency vehicles and access to Shelford". It was also noted that the modification and diversion orders for Footpath No 4 were discussed.

### **Highway Matters**

It was reported that following on the problems of the temporary closure of the A6097 for tree felling, Roger Fell has received a response from the Ambulance Service confirming a failure in communications and that a more robust email system is now in place. It was stated that the A6097 50mph speed limit was unenforceable. In an exchange of correspondence between Cllr Stewart and Cllr Smedley, Cabinet Member for The Environment, regarding this issue, Cllr Smedley has reiterated that there is a lack of funds to carry out the beneficial actions (e.g. speed checks) and improvements (e.g. traffic lights) requested by Cllr Stewart on behalf of the Parish Council.

The official meeting was stopped at this point to allow a presentation by the Small Hydro Co and British Waterways on the proposal, not yet finalised, to install a small hydro-electric plant at the weir in Gunthorpe.

## **Environmental Matters**

Arising from a question by Cllr Everington, TC stated that the modification and diversion orders for Footpath No 4 were now approved. Disapproval of these orders was once again expressed.

Following a letter and site plan from Keith Thompson of Central Networks regarding the re-siting of the electric sub-station it was agreed unanimously that the proposed new location was neither agreed with the Parish Council nor acceptable. TC was asked to reply to Mr Thompson making the PC's position clear and requesting dialogue to agree a new site, preferably at the same location as existing sub-station.

Members were told of the installation of CCTV in front of the Unicorn. The system would be dual purpose - to monitor river status / level and, via a link to Newark, for crime deterrence / detection. The Council has received an invoice for £500 being the revenue, but not capital, cost of the system. Cllr Jackson has, on behalf of District, donated £250 to this system. The capital costs would initially come from District, but would be discussed and agreed at a later date.

Cllr Thornhill expressed concern at the ongoing problem of dog mess in the village and asked for an item to be published in the Newsletter - this was agreed.

Cllr Everington has written to the owner of land on Peck Lane which may be available for use as allotments, but it was noted that access to this land is difficult. Cllr Jeffery agreed to arrange for an item to be published in the Newsletter requesting and one with land suitable for allotments to contact the Council.

The minutes of the meeting with the Anglers were discussed. It was agreed that the

missing man-hole covers were not the responsibility of GPC - the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Belshaw to say so.

It was agreed that there were two ways to investigate the financing of land purchase - either as part of the Parish Plan or through the Riverside sub-committee. Members of the Parish Plan Committee would be asked if anyone would like to be part of this sub-committee.

Members were informed that the new Beat Manager is Dan Bebbington, based in Blidworth. TC was asked to move the Police Contact notice to protected area of notice board.

## **Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Stewart reported that Severn Trent has submitted plans for the restoration of the old gravel and sand pits between Gunthorpe and Bulcote. Mike Hankin, County Planner, says that he is not yet ready for these to go out for public consultation i.e. Parish Councils etc. He is hoping to do this in the near future.

Cllr Stewart reported that the financing (£200k) had now been approved for the cycle track (Burton Joyce - Gonalston). The track would divert from the main road west of Lowdham, into the lay-by. When completed, the lay-by would then be improved with such as benches, tables planting etc.

With regard to the Riverside / Common Land, Cllr Stewart has spoken to Steve King who advises that communication should not be made directly with Marstons (for example) and that all correspondence should be via Richard Lawrence at N&SDC.

Cllr Jeffery expressed extreme disappointment at Members treatment at the Broxtowe's Development Control Committee

regarding Left Bank Flood Alleviation. Several GPC Members were in attendance, but were unable to speak and were confined to an outer room.

Cllr Jeffery reported that, following an on-site meeting with NCC, individual bus stops served for **both** directions and that a new bus shelter would be erected a few metres away from existing stop.

Cllr Jackson reported that the bund at Lowdham Caravans had been partially removed.

### Clerk's Report

A complaint from resident regarding litter along riverside was reported to Litter Hit Squad who may have cleared by now.

The two stanchions by bridge have been removed (and replaced by three); yellow lines not yet.

TC reported, following a request to NCC for street lighting in Hazelas Drive, that HD has not been adopted and therefore NCC would not finance lighting here. TC was asked to ascertain cost. Members agreed that Hobson's Acre also required extra lighting - TC to pursue.

After a very interesting 'County Partnership Training Day' organised by Notts ALC, TC stated the need for a valid Publication Scheme and suggested the possibility of GPC fulfilling the criteria for a 'Quality Council'..

### Correspondence

**Rural Community Action** wrote to say that, regrettably, they would need to charge for membership in the future. **Safety Liaison Groups** - dates for meetings. **Housing Needs Survey** - to be distributed. **Two letters from British Waterways**, Nick Pogson, would be discussed at next meeting. **Victim Support**

asked for contributions to their cause. **Ansons Solicitors** acting for Marstons would be considered along with other correspondence on the Common Land. TC was asked to copy to PP and HS.

### Gravel Extraction & Flooding

Community Risk and Resilience - TC was asked to apply on-line. It seems that Gunthorpe will **not** get high level flood defences. It will however get better 'water flow'. It was agreed that Gunthorpe should do all that is necessary to facilitate the clearing of flood channels, ditches, dykes and drains. Discussion should be initiated or continued with those land owners including Highways Agency on the drainage of land adjoining roads in the parish.

### Finance

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No.		Net Total	VAT	Total
187	TG Systems Clerk's Salary	306.56		306.56
187	TG Systems Clerk's Expenses	28.00		28.00
186	Village Hall	8,000.00		8,000.00
<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>		8334.56	0.00	8334.56
<b>Total expenditure to date</b>		<b>21,959.51</b>	<b>1,188.48</b>	<b>23,150.87</b>

It was agreed that GPC would continue to subscribe to Bassetlaw Neighbour Watch Scheme and the Gunthorpe Co-ordinator would be invited to next meeting to discuss benefits (TC to arrange).

### Planning

#### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

09/00278/FUL - Lowdham Leisure World - no objections

#### Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

09/00046/FUL - Gunthorpe Marina - Application Approved

## **Village Hall, Playfield & Play Park**

Nothing to report

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 at 7:30pm.

The Annual Parish and Parish Council Meetings will take place 27<sup>th</sup> May 09

### **HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 22nd 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Lesley Jeffery (Chair), Jennifer Williamson, Mick Bowles, Peter Platten, Helen Sutton.

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC), Notts County Councillor Andy Stewart, and Newark and Sherwood District Councillor Roger Jackson.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tony Everington and Roy Thornhill

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March were agreed to be a true record. The Clerk is in the process of reprinting and numbering past minutes and it was agreed that the Chairperson would sign those processed (up to January 2009) and await completion of the remainder and sign at the next meeting. It was noted that the Government has asked all local authorities to consider the lowering of speed limits of A roads and to increase the enforcement of all speed limits.

## **4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Members discussed the ARUP report - it was noted that there is subsidence at Main Street near to the junction with the A6097. It was also noted that report was not received in time to consider and return comments. It was agreed that a meeting with the Environment Agency would be arranged and that ARUP be requested to attend.

At this point the Clerk was asked to circulate a copy of all letters in the "Black Box" - Members would then be able to take copies. TC agreed but expressed reservations.

Discussion was held regarding road safety and both the fatal accident last year and the accident that occurred at Easter resulting in serious injury to a motor cyclist. It was noted that £200,000 had been allocated for a cycle track and yet the situation on Gunthorpe's roads (major problems with Gunthorpe Bridge for example) did not seem to warrant reasonable expenditure.

Disappointment was expressed at Cllr Smedley's response to Cllr Stewart bearing in mind a recent Government request to local authorities to consider reviewing speed limits on A roads and stricter enforcement of these, and existing, speed limits. It was agreed that a letter would be written to Cllr Smedley reiterating the issues and Government's apparent unwillingness or inability to address them fully. Cllr Smedley is to be asked "will it take another death before anything is done?"

Regarding the RH turn to Shelford at the bridge, there are so many issues, buses, emergency vehicles. Cllr Stewart stated that there were no proposals for a speed reduction on Gunthorpe Bridge. It was noted that proposals from Government seem to come well ahead of practicality.

It was noted that following the recent RTA although the paramedics arrived within a few minutes, there was a long delay before the police arrived, having had to drive from Ollerton. It seems that South Notts police from Bingham are unable to cross Gunthorpe Bridge as their jurisdiction is south of the river and the police may have to travel from as far as Ollerton.

## **5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

TC reported that NCC will consider extra street lighting on Hobson's Acre. With regard to Hazelas Close, being a private road, the estimated cost of approximately £7,500 for four lights would have to be raised privately. TC was asked to write to residents clarify the situation and seeking views and comments.

Following the presentation given on hydro power at the Weir, TC was asked to invite the Small Hydro Company to the Annual Parish Meeting. There was debate amongst Members as to whether Gunthorpe and/or the Parish Council had any say in this development. Also asked was, "What does the Parish get in return"?

Cllr Platten is to draft a "wish list" for British Waterways in regard to the Riverside. The Council have been informed of the plan to investigate the feasibility of Severn Trent building a wind farm at Stoke Bardolph. Prior to submission of a planning application for the erection of a 70 metre wind vane (to determine wind speed at different levels) Severn Trent have discussed their plans with some local parishes. Members expressed their wish to be kept informed. TC will contact Severn Trent. It seems that Severn Trent have not, as yet, submitted a planning application.

Regarding the Housing Needs Survey,

Members agreed that the results were ridiculous and, in 8 out of 9 cases, showed not a genuine need, but a desire. One example given of this was a middle-aged couple approaching retirement who would like to stay in Gunthorpe but downsize from a 4-bed house to a 2-bed bungalow. Is this a **need** for "affordable housing"? Midlands Rural Housing are to be invited to the June GPC meeting to discuss the survey.

Cllr Bowles, following a meeting with Central Networks, informed Council that there seemed to be just one place for the re-siting of the sub-station. Information would be published in the Newsletter and views and opinions requested.

## **6. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Jackson has "called in" Lowdham Caravans and their Planning Application will now go to the Planning Committee at NSDC. It was felt that the car park behind Tom Browns, belonging to the Anchor being hard standing is contrary to planning regulations. Cllr Stewart is to pursue Steven Wood regarding the Common Land. A charge may be incurred.

## **7. CLERK'S REPORT**

Members were informed of the Clerk's new pay scale, partially backdated to April 08.

TC confirmed Dan Bebbington to be new Police Beat Manager. Dan may be contacted on 07890 856446 / 01623 420999 Ext 3370.

The two poles recently removed from Trent Lane have now been replaced with signs (on both sides of road) Gunthorpe (Riverside).

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received as follows  
**Richard Lawrence** regarding Common Land.  
**Email from Chair - Lesley** re Parking (Tom Browns / Anchor) **Victim Support. Midlands rural housing** - HN Survey. **Cllr Smedley** to Andy S re RTA. **Equality and Human Rights. Parish / District Community Safety Liaison Group. NHS** - Public Board Meeting - 21st May. **Broxtowe BC** - Left Bank. **CPRE** - AGM 2008 - May 11th

## 9. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No.	Net Total	VAT	Total	
188	NSDC - CCTV	500.00	75.00	575.00
189	NSDC Dog Bins	298.50	44.78	343.28
190	TG Systems - Clerk's Salary	323.10		323.10
190	TG Systems - Salary Arrears	157.60		157.60
190	TG Systems - Clerk's Expenses	28.00		28.00
191	NRCC- Parish Plan Printing	600.00		600.00
<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>		1907.20	119.78	2026.98
<b>Total expenditure to date</b>		1907.20	119.78	2026.98

## 10. PLANNING

*Newark and Sherwood DC applications*

None

*Newark and Sherwood DC decisions*

09/00103/FUL - Graham Marshall - 8  
 Trentside - Refused

## 11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

Members were informed that a single quote for fencing (which the Council has agreed, in principle to fund) was for £2,000. The Village Hall Committee are now seeking other quotes and Cllr Jeffery will investigate other possible funding / grant.

## 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish and Parish Council Meetings will take place on Wed. 27th May.

## Gunthorpe FC

Congratulations to Gunthorpe FC who secured a deserved promotion back into the top flight by winning Division One in the Newark Football Alliance,

League Table Top Three

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1. Gunthorpe	18	15	1	2	72	20	+52	46
2. Lowdham Utd	18	12	2	4	98	36	+62	38
3. Villa	18	11	4	3	97	41	+56	37

### Willie Hall Cup Final 2009

#### Match report:

The first goal of the final was scored by Gunthorpe's Michael Glover in the 12<sup>th</sup> minute with a shot from the edge of the area.

Lowdham equalised through Brian Baker in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute with a header from a corner.

Gunthorpe regained their lead in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute when Adam Meakin took a quick direct free kick from just outside the Lowdham penalty area.

Lowdham equalized in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute with a goal from Troy Smith.

After 90 minutes the score finished 2-2. and extra time failed to find a winner.

Lowdham won the penalty shoot out 5-4 to win the trophy.

The Chas Jackson Memorial Trophy for Man of the Match was won by Gunthorpe's Alex Turpin.