

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllrs           Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)  
                  Mick Bowles  
                  Chris Cope  
                  Tony Everington  
                  Peter Platten  
                  Tom Littlefair  
                  Jan Smith

Also present was the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC) and Cllr Roger Jackson (Notts CC and NSDC).

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none. TC asked if there were any forms to be returned to NSDC – there were none.

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> June were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson. However, Cllr Bowles expressed concern that in the Minutes it was stated that 'TC would not be recompensed for the extra work involved' in clerk's duties for the Riverside Trust. Discussion followed after which it was agreed by Members that as a member of the Trust would continue acting as secretary and treasurer there would be no extra work for TC.

**4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Details of the upcoming Outlaw Triathlon were discussed – comment was made that similar details should be published for all road events in the area. Continued concern was expressed regarding the extreme difficulties of entering and leaving the Village (especially the latter) during peak hours. Many members of the public are in favour of traffic lights at Main Street / A6097, but some are against this because of the possibility of increased number of accidents and delays. Cllr Jeffery has produced a Questionnaire that, after some minor amendments, will be sent to TC for copying.

Cllr Jeffery referred to the chaos caused by traffic lights being in operation early morning (ie 8 – 9). Having contacted Severn Trent Water, it was learnt that the traffic signals were left overnight for the completion of work started the previous day. TC was asked to write to Severn Trent Water and NCC Highways to request that traffic lights should not be operation before 09:00 hrs.

TC was asked to write to NCC under the Freedom of Information Act to ask how many people have been prosecuted for speeds in excess of 40mph on the Lowdham to East Bridgford stretch of the A6097 and the cost of upholding this limit.

With regard to the overgrown grass and hedges on the green at the North end of Main Street Cllr Bowles informed Members that he had tried a number of times to contact RC Services. He will pursue this matter

It was noted that the railings by the Slope road are in a very poor state of repair – they are rusted and twisted in places. TC was asked to set up a meeting with Jo Horton to discuss

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

TC informed Members that he had a supplier for large 'Dogs on Leads' signs and will obtain details, costs etc. It has been suggested that CCTV could be installed on the Village Hall to

cover the playing field and car park. Cllr Jeffery will consult the VH committee. For a number of years Villagers have been concerned by the sound emanating from a field across the River during horse trials. The 'noise' can be heard up to a half-mile away, is very annoying and lasts for many hours. TC was asked to discuss with Shelford PC and Rushcliffe BC.

Discussion ensued regarding dog mess in the Village generally and specifically on or by the playing field. It was noted that the bin at the top of the playing field was not being emptied. TC was asked to contact NSDC re bins and Jeremy Hutchinson to request visits by the dog warden(s).

Cllr Platten informed Members that the application for an extension and amendments to the Commoners list was rejected. Appropriate steps will be considered.

## 6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Regarding gravel extraction in Shelford – Cllr Littlefair asked why GPC had stopped 'fighting' this proposal. He was informed that the consultation period ended last year and that the NCC Minerals Plan was planned to be published in September.

Cllr Platten distributed copies of the proposed agreement with Ashfield Anglers for the coming year.

It was noted that people are camping and 'breaking into' the Riverside land. TC mentioned he had received several calls regarding an angler being told he cannot legally fish from the Trent. Despite TC clarifying it seemed that the angler was fishing (illegally) in East Bridgford! Cllr Platten stated that there is nowhere to fish from the Common Land as there are jetties, ski club, etc. blocking access.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Jackson upon arriving at the meeting was consulted on issues discussed previously in the meeting – Slope Road / meeting with Jo Horton and litter bins not being emptied.

Car parking in Brookland Close was discussed once more – TC was asked to consult Newark & Sherwood Homes. It was agreed that if an increase in parking could be achieved simply by cutting down some vegetation and laying tar, then this should be actively pursued.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

TC gave updates to the three emails received last month – renewal and removal of seat; bus services to Shelford and nearby villages and overhanging vegetation in the caravan park.

## 9. PLANNING

There was discussion regarding Pontefino's – Member debated whether it may be considered a 'Community Asset'. Consensus was that it was too late. Members also wondered whether any planning application or was

### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- 15/00709/FUL - *Erection of 3 Bed Detached Dwelling and associated works - 10A Brookland Close - although called in, no date has been notified for planning committee*

### Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- 15/00773/FUL – *Paul Barratt – 9 Brookland Close – Approved*

## 10. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report other than described elsewhere in these minutes.

## 11. THE PARISH PLAN

Members were asked to revisit the Parish Plan. The PC meeting in August would be devoted to an update of the Plan.

## 12. FINANCE

Members confirmed the budget of £5,000 for the Riverside Trust – this will be reflected in this month's Accounts Summary.

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo				
170	105	Zurich Insurance	85.02	85.02	
171	106	Clerk's Salary / Expenses	392.77	392.77	
172	107	Post Office (HMRC)	78.80	78.80	
173	108	RC Services - Grasscutting	750.00	150.00	900.00
174	109	SLCC Membership	103.00	103.00	
175	110	George Walker Ltd - Fencing	428.14	85.62	513.76
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			1,837.73	235.62	2,073.35
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			3,565.78	235.62	3,801.40

## 13. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

There was nothing to report other than described elsewhere in these minutes.

## 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> August in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.