

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Cope

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of 28th October were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr Smith on behalf of Cllr Jeffery.

4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

It was noted that Cllr Smith visited the School with the traffic lights questionnaire only to find that a completed form with several signatures was ready to pick up. Discussion was held on the new 20mph speed limit. This is to be implemented on Main Street 100-200m to the north and south of Davids Lane. The Parish Council learned that a 92-year-old lady had applied for a warden-assisted home – she was informed that she was no 5 on the list. Subsequently she enquired on progress to be told that she had gone up the list to no 15!

Cllr Bowles informed Members that he had been approached regarding access from Cottage Pasture Lane onto the A6097. Provision has been made for pedestrians and wheelchair users for access the west side of Lowdham Road, but due to the lack of central bollards, it is extremely difficult and dangerous for those wishing to use the bus stop on the east side of this very busy road. TC will write to Traffic & Highways asking them to address this issue

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Smith has been quoted £170 for the repair to the lawn – Members agreed to this. TC informed the Council that to enable the grass cutter to be driven on public roads, it should be registered with DVLA. Full information on registration could be obtained at a local DVLA office, but Members were unsure as to which office(s) remained open. Cllr Jeffery agreed to pursue. Members were concerned about dogs being walked without a lead on the Riverside. It was therefore agreed to erect one of the recently purchased large signs there. TC informed Members that he had written to Mr Muter, Chief Exec, but, as with Matt Lamb, had received no acknowledgement or reply.

TC was asked to request of Jeremy Hutchinson that the signs that were displayed on lamp posts warning dog-owners of possible £1,000 fine for dog fouling be reinstated. TC was also asked to enquire of Ian Torr, solicitor, whether horse owners were legally responsible for horse poo!

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

TC notified Members that following two emails to the Canal and River Trust (CRT) without reply, he had spoken to Stuart Garner, who said that the two issues raised by TC had been passed to colleagues at CRT – he expected responses in ‘the near future’. However these had not been forthcoming. Following a discussion about the Ski Club, whose activities are gradually destroying the river bank it was agreed that GPC must work closely with CRT on

the 'rules' for water users and 'policing' of same. It was suggested that the 6m of land adjacent the river bank belong to, or were the responsibility of, CRT. TC will ask CRT for a response on previous issues and ask 'How do we defend our river bank?' and if CRT would be willing to attend a meeting with GPC with a pre-arranged agenda.

TC informed the meeting that he had been receiving Minutes from the Riverside Trust that were not in the legally required format. Cllr Platten asked TC he would create a template, including an 'actions' column.

7. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

➤ None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

➤ None

8. CLERK'S REPORT

TC reiterated that legislation made it essential for the Parish Council to have a web site to make readily accessible to the public a wide range of up-to-date Parish Council information. As previously mentioned a draft web site has been created but TC stated that a deal of work had gone into this first draft and a great deal of work must be done to bring it up to the required quality and content. He requested that remuneration should be considered for work done, work to be done and for the maintenance of the site. TC agreed to produce an estimate of times and costs and to obtain at least one quote from a third party for comparison.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The proposed 20mph school speed limit was discussed. TC will resend details. Cllr Jackson is to enquire about the elderly lady on the rehousing list. Cllr Jackson also agreed to pursue the matter of the dropped kerb / bollards at Cottage Pasture Lane.

The ongoing issues with Marhill Service Station and the Total Petrol Station site. TC will write to Richard Marshall, Planning Enforcement. Cllr Jackson will seek a progress report on the Main Street drainage issues from Matt Duckworth.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence other than given elsewhere in these Minutes.

11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

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

12. PARISH PLAN

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

13. FINANCE

Members agreed that prior to production of the PC Budget in January, a 1.9% precept increase would be set. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
207*	122	Village Hall Grant	3,000.00		3,000.00
208*	123	Martin Wilson - Web Maintenance	200.00		200.00
209*	124	HMRC	78.80		78.80
210	125	Gordon Oldham	380.14		380.14
211	126	Post Office (HMRC)	79.00		79.00
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			3,737.94	0.00	3,737.94
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			9,271.82	282.12	9,553.94

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

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

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that there would be no meeting in December and the next Parish Council will therefore be held on the 27th January 2016 in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.