

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllrs Lesley Jeffery (Chairman)  
Peter Platten  
Mick Bowles  
Chris Cope  
Tony Everington  
Tom Littlefair

Also present was the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC) and two members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

**4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

TC informed the meeting about the imposition of double yellow lines outside the school. The question was raised as to whether this also meant a 20mph speed limit, the answer being 'No'. Councillors were also informed that TC had investigated the new ownership of the ex-Total garage. TC was told that the site had indeed been sold to a local buyer, just recently. GPC suspects that Brupen Motors (next door) had purchased the site, but neither Brupen nor the estate agents would confirm this. As it would seem from the vans being offered for sale and work on the building on site that there may have been a change of use. TC was asked to speak to NSDC Planning.

Members agreed that, a few years ago, a planning application for the Total land was opposed by David Fuller. TC informed that Karen White had not responded to request for an on-site meeting. He was asked to write again, emphasising the issue with the Total garage, and about a vehicle parked on the corner of A6097/Main Street junction.

TC has written to Newark & Sherwood Homes with regard to a request from the residents of Brookland Close. They are very short of parking and have asked if an area of 'wasted space' could be converted to a parking area. N&S Home have not, as yet, replied. Members suggested TC speaks to Maurice Tracey.

The proposal for sand and gravel extraction nearby in Shelford was discussed. The number of objections has now exceeded 2,000. It was agreed that a public meeting would be arranged to take place on Wednesday evening, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, in the Village Hall.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

TC reported that Jeremy Hutchinson at NSDC was aware of the derelict home in Pasture View. Attempts have been made to ensure that the owner, who lives in the USA, does something about the property, but so far without success. Mr Hutchinson has had the property surrounds tidied once already and is arranging for another tidy-up. The work on both occasions will be chargeable to the owner and if not settled within a reasonable period, the bungalow will be sold and the monies raised used to settle the invoice(s).

Cam Pearson has submitted an application to 'Supporting Local Communities' for financial assistance for the reclamation of the Riverside Land. It was agreed that this application was very well written and Members supported it completely.

Ian Torr of Cleggs Solicitors and Cllr Platten have discussed the legalities of the Common Land and it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between Mr Torr and GPC.

Cllr Bowles reported on a meeting between Lowdhams, GEFAG and GPC. The meeting was very productive. Some work has been done in the area and, if continued according to provisional plans, a lot of flooding could be saved in the event of a 1 in 50 years event.

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

Cllr Platten informed Members that extensive work had been done on the east side of the bridge. It was confirmed that the car park is for the use of the public ie walkers etc and not specifically for the pub. During the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> November it was planned to move the path a few metres. One or two members of the public have expressed concerns about the work with regard to health and safety; inconvenience to users and lack of signage (presumably to denote diversions). Cllr Platten however stated clearly that all aspects of H & S are of paramount importance to the Riverside Trust and any inconvenience to users would be well worthwhile and kept to a minimum.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The flooding in the area of Main Street / Thorpe Lea was discussed. Although there are various theories as to cause, no specific conclusion has been reached. Cllr Bowles and Matt Duckworth are to continue investigations.

## 8. CLERK'S REPORT

For clarity, the Clerk's Report is given here:

1. Shelford Update (for Gunthorpe)
  - 1.1. Chris Cope was interviewed for BBC EMT about air quality and local illnesses – this will be broadcast at a later date. Campaign going well, but objections a little disappointing (will probably make 2,000). Also a bit disappointing is the number of posters, banners etc. Objections have been received from some big organisations ( CPRE, LeFarge ).
  - 1.2. Re flooding – Environment Agency say they have too little information at this stage to make comment. They will of course require extensive modelling, flood risk assessment(s) and restoration plans.
2. House on Pasture View – NSDC have tried, at length, to contact owner who lives in USA. They arranged a 'tidy-up' for which the owner will be charged and they are planning another tidy-up. If in the New Year there is no further progress they will arrange to sell the property and deduct costs.
3. Total Garage – the land has been sold to a local car-sales company. I asked Brupen if it was them and if the vehicles for sale were theirs – they wouldn't answer but said that NSDC had been on site on Monday (no reason given).
4. Brookland Close – I've scanned / emailed letter to NS Homes – they will pursue.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Girton Flooding Appeal – another request – TC was asked to respond.	Car Parking in Brookside
Trading Standards Notices – to be placed on Village notice boards	Alison Glazebrook - Common Land – TC to put Alison in touch with Cllr Platten
Email - Jaine Chappel – TC to respond	NCC - Consultation on Spend Proposals
Chris Cope's report / interview	

## 10. PLANNING

There were no applications or decisions. Other planning matters have been dealt with elsewhere in these Minutes.

## 11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

**12. FINANCE**

TC has received contradictory messages from HSBC regarding the new bank mandate. It now seems that **all** signatories, not just new signatories, must visit the bank with confirmation of identity and address. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>PSNo</b>		<b>Net Total</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
140	73*	NOT USED - VOID	0.00		0.00
141	75	RC Services - Grass Cutting	1,035.00	207.00	1,242.00
142	76	Cleggs Solicitors	37.00		37.00
143	77	Gordon Oldham	373.46		373.46
144	78	HMRC (Post Office)	77.20		77.20
<b><u>Total expenditure for meeting</u></b>			<b>1,522.66</b>	<b>207.00</b>	<b>1,729.66</b>
<b><u>Total expenditure to date</u></b>			<b>10,077.18</b>	<b>283.80</b>	<b>10,360.98</b>

**13. PARISH PLAN**

There was nothing to report under this heading.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.