

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Also present was the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC), Cllr Roger Jackson (Notts CC and NSDC) and one member of the public, Jane Simpson, later Cllr Jane Simpson.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. WELCOME

Following prior discussion with Members, Jane Simpson confirmed her interest in joining the Parish Council. It was then agreed, unanimously, to accept and welcome Cllr Simpson onto Gunthorpe Parish Council.

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of 24th February, having been agreed, were signed by the Chairperson.

5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Members asked the current position with regard to the Traffic Lights Petition. This was unknown but there was to be a full NCC Council Meeting on following day at which the matter should be discussed. Cllr Jackson, not present at this time, would be asked to pursue and feedback any information. TC had received a communication from Matthew Norton, Business Manager – Planning Policy, NSDC, giving NSDC reasons for giving agreement to the Minerals Local Plan despite the probable serious and detrimental effects it will have for Gunthorpe. TC was asked to respond.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

An email has been received for a resident, Graham Marshall, who is greatly concerned by the state of at least one litter bin which is overflowing and creating an extremely ugly mess. Whether the overflow is caused by the bin(s) being too small for the amount of litter deposited or whether the bins are not being emptied often enough is unknown. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed by Members that TC would:

- 1 Check with NSDC that the bins were being emptied at the agreed frequency.
- 2 If larger bins were available would NSDC be willing to at least part-fund them and service them.
- 3 Write to businesses pointing out that a clean and tidy area can only help businesses to attract customers and that very often it is the businesses' customers that are creating the litter. TC will ask the businesses whether they would be willing to contribute to the cost and purchase of litter bins and, possibly, dog litter bins.
- 4 Whilst writing to the Canal & River Trust (CRT), reiterate the detail given in 3) above.

7. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Cllr Platten gave an update to the Riverside Trust's work – the Minutes of the meeting of March 9th are given at Appendix A. Correspondence has been received from Heather Mackenzie and Sean McGinley, CRT. Unfortunately this is very negative or neutral and of

limited help. TC was asked to reply to Mr McGinley requesting a meeting with one or two Members or a closed session of the PC.

It would seem that Lowdham's are raising the average level of the site although this cannot be verified. Members are also unsure as to whether the work being undertaken is in line with existing planning approval.

With regard to the latest work at Marehill's, it is uncertain as to what business is to be conducted there (sales, repairs etc). The land is in a flood corridor but Members are concerned that Highways have no issues with this.

At the request of the Riverside Trust, TC has ordered two 'Dogs on Leads' signs but there is a possibility that they will not be installed yet. Cllr Platten will arrange for signs to be collected from Newark. TC has been asked to acquire the plans for the land from Ian Torr.

Laura Gardner & Matt Lamb, NSDC, will be attending the PC meeting in April and, in preparation, it was agreed that GPC would have a meeting to discuss the issues to be raised. Two Members asked why the Bridge is not lit, no answer was forthcoming.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

It was reported that there has been no work carried out on Brookland Close car parking. Members were informed that the public must now register to use tips / recycling centres in the County. Cllrs Jackson informed Members that there is, as yet, no plan for the drainage works at Pecks Lane / Main Street. Cllr Smith asked if plans could be made for a Christmas Tree / Lights this year.

The letter from Roger Fell of Lowdham was discussed. The purchase of a seat in memory of Eric Reeves was agreed, TC will order from Broxham.

It had been stated that a Dog Control Order had been instigated for the Riverside Trust land. TC informed Members that he was unaware of this and would ask NSDC to confirm, or deny.

9. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- None

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

10. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

It has been decided by the Village Hall Committee that the Pavilion is to be scrapped. In addition to the cost of a dilapidated building there was a need to protect it against the harbouring of legionella disease.

11. THE PARISH PLAN

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

12. FINANCE

Cllr Everington brought it to Members' attention that the total expenditure detailed on the monthly payment sheets was less than that in the Summary. TC explained that this was because on cheques, and not direct debits, were normally detailed on the payments. TC was requested to give details of direct details on the payment sheets. Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo				
227	142 *	Peter Platten – Frosts' Trees	1,144.36	228.87	1,373.23
228	143	Martin Wilson	200.00		200.00
229	144	NSDC - Dog Contract	1,092.00	218.40	1,310.40
230	145	County Signs	90.00	18.00	108.00
231	146	Gordon Oldham	380.34		380.34
232	147	Post Office (HMRC)	78.80		78.80
233	148	RC Services	240.00	48.00	288.00
Total expenditure for meeting			3,225.50	513.27	3,738.77
Total expenditure to date			17,502.17	895.56	18,397.73

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 27th April in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm. Prior to this there will be a meeting to agree discussion items for the visit of Laura Gardner & Matt Lamb on a date to be agreed.

Gunthorpe Riverside Trust – Monthly Meeting

Minutes 9th March 2016

Present: Peter Platten, Brian High, Cam Pearson

Apologies: Ian Simms

No	Actions carried forward	To do
n/a	No actions carried forward	n/a
No	Matters discussed	To do
1	<p>Tree planting ceremony</p> <p>The ceremony of 20th February was deemed to have gone well.</p> <p>CP to write letters of thanks to relevant persons, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger Jackson • Helen Sutton • Lesley Jeffery • Gary Major • Roger Crafts • Neil Bettison • Carol Tainton 	CP
2	<p>Delivery of trees from the Woodland Trust</p> <p>CP reported that 420 native trees as ordered from the Woodland Trust had been delivered, along with canes and spiral protectors.</p> <p>PP to arrange work party for planting the weekend of 12th March.</p>	PP
3	<p>Notts Wildlife Trust</p> <p>PP to contact Mark Speck to discuss development of an environmental maintenance plan for the land.</p>	PP to maintain relationship
4	<p>Landowners Grant NCC</p> <p>CP to investigate feasibility of applying for the Landowners grant (for hedgerow maintenance), which is open until 30th April.</p>	CP
4	<p>Dogs on lead sign</p> <p>PP asked CP to request Gunthorpe Parish Clerk to supply 2xdogs on lead signs.</p>	CP
5	<p>Land deeds</p> <p>PP asked CP to request Gunthorpe Parish Clerk to supply title deeds for land in order that details of right of access to and location of underground pipes be ascertained.</p>	CP
6	<p>Pedestrian gate</p> <p>CP to ascertain replacement for Stephen Tipping at Notts CC and enquire of them as to availability of pedestrian kissing gates</p>	CP

Next meeting – Weds 13th April 2016 7.30pm