

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th JULY 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs Lesley Jeffery
 Mick Bowles (Acting Chairman)
 Chris Cope
 Tony Everington
 Peter Platten
 Jan Smith
 Jane Simpson

Also present was the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Roger Jackson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of June were agreed and will be signed at the next meeting.

4. TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

It was reported that Tom Brown's had displayed another advertising poster in the Village. This has been removed and TC was asked to write to businesses reminding them that fly-posting is not allowed. Marehill Garage is also flying a number of advertising flags which are also not allowed without planning permission. Members reported that in the absence of any 'give way' sign or white lines, drivers are coming straight out of Tom Brown's without due care and attention.

Tc was asked to reported as an urgent matter the poor white lining at the junction of Main Street, Trentside and the slope road – this has led to some 'close calls' with drivers being unaware of rights of way. TC was also asked to report the overgrowth of vegetation on the footpath / cycle track on the A6097 by the caravan park. There is also a problem with the maintenance of the trees on the boundary between the A6097 and the caravan park – TC was asked to determine ownership of the land.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

TC and Cllr Bowles met with two officers from NSDC to discuss the litter bins on the Riverside. The latter stated t6hat the bins favoured by GPC were unsuitable as the tended to deteriorate very quickly and were also very expensive when considering installation costs. \they suggested two or three very large (1,100 litre) bins, but this was rejected by Members. They also stated that there were already 14 (very old) bins in the area. Members agreed that the 3 NSDC-type bins were insufficient and were constantly overflowing. It was agreed that Cllr Jeffery would re-visit the Riverside and formulate a plan for the area for consideration at the next meeting.

With regard to grass-cutting, Members feel that a very poor job is being currently done. Cllr Platten has written an outline specification to include areas for regular cutting and areas for ad-hoc treatment. Members will discuss proposed schedules and pass to TC for distribution to contractors.

6. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Cllr Platten informed Council that the next stage of fencing had been planned – this would be supplied by George Walker, the firm that had previously supplied timber, and would cost £684. Cllr Platten requested approval for this expenditure and this was granted. Help was requested by Cllr Platten with the use of a laser tool to align the fence. A tree-planting ceremony has been arranged for Saturday, 12th November – all are welcome to attend.

So far there has been no success with finding the vandals who cut down the trees. Cllr Bowles stated that coincidentally a number of bricks were stolen from the Grantham Canal restoration site over the same weekend.

7. CLERK'S REPORT

TC reminded Members that one of his duties was to ensure that the Parish Council complied with current legislation. In this respect he drew Members' attention to two matters:

- 1 The Internal Auditor's report in 2015 stated that the Riverside Trust (as was) should be formally set up as a committee of the Parish Council and be subject to the same rules and regulations as GPC. TC has, several times over the past year, reminded Members that the Riverside Minutes should be in the same format as those from GPC meetings. This advice and request has been ignored.
- 2 A requirement of the 2014 Transparency Code is that documents and information should be made publically available on the Council's web site. This has been done by the Clerk. However, to make the public aware of this, the 'web master' of the Gunthorpe Village web site has been asked to publish a link to the new site. This he has refused to do.
- 3 TC has revised and distributed the Terms of Reference for the Riverside Committee – these are to be agreed by members of the Committee and GPC.

8. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- 16/01136/FUL Baccara 29 Main St NG14 7EY Householder application to erect a PVCU Conservatory to the side of the property – no objections

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

9. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

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

10. THE PARISH PLAN

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

11. FINANCE

It was agreed that a number of items on the Riverside balance sheet should be removed:

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| 1 | Dog Sign | 2 | Mower repair |
| 3 | Weedkiller | 4 | Insurance |

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
246	164	Gordon Oldham	383.48		383.48
247	165	Post Office (HMRC)	79.60		79.60
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			463.08	0.00	463.08
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			4,603.77	217.60	4,821.37
Riverside Committee Account					
April		Opening Balance	5,000.00		5,000.00
July		George Walker - Fencing	513.76	4,486.24	
October		Mower Repairs	58.60	4,427.64	
December		George Walker - Timber	542.40	3,885.24	
January		Gas Training Solutions	108.00	3,777.24	
February		Frosts - Trees	1,378.73	2,398.51	
March		Income	- 300.00	2,698.51	
April		Fencing / Sand & Cement	86.90	2,611.61	
May		Sand & Cement	44.00	2,567.61	
June		Grant	- 9,000.00	11,567.61	
July		Grant * 2	- 500.00	12,067.61	

12. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

The issues at Pontefino's have been resolved. It was suggested that there may be a 13-year covenant on Pontefino's in which case GPC may have an interest. Cllr Cope is to investigate on Land Registry. Cllr Cope informed Members that the defibrillators had arrived. TC is to request a tree preservation order on the sycamore at the Riverside car park. The work in Brookland Close has not yet been carried out. Cllr Bowles is to speak with Matt Everett regarding drainage at the Burbage property on Main Street.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council will be held on the 24th July in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm to deal with urgent matters.