

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th MAY 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)
 Mick Bowles
 Chris Cope
 Tony Everington
 Cam Pearson
 Peter Platten

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC) and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Roger Jackson. Cllr Jeffery read aloud the letter of resignation from Helen, previously mentioned in the APM. Cllrs Peter Platten and Cam Pearson conveyed the possibility of taking time out from PC business to kick start the Riverside Project. TC was asked to publish the notice of 'Casual Vacancy for Parish Councillor' Cllr Jeffery stated that a new Councillor could be co-opted until such time that an election was required.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Cllr Mrs Lesley Jeffery asked of Members whether anyone would like to assume the role of Chairperson. As no-one expressed such an interest Cllr Jeffery agreed to continue as Chairperson and was supported unanimously.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Cllr Mick Bowles volunteered to assume the role of Vice Chairperson and was supported unanimously.

5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Held on 23rd April were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson. TC clarified that 'Lowdham's' mentioned in the Minutes was a commonly used name for Lowdham Leisure World, and not the village.

6. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

TC was asked to write to Cllr Roger Jackson regarding the roadside displays of lawn mowers, grass cutters, vehicles and other items for sale on the A6097.

TC

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

It was agreed that although RC Services have continued to cut grass and carry out other work in the Parish, no formal contract has been created nor signed. Cllrs Platten and Bowles agreed to formulate a contract.

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TC was asked to contact NCC Highways to request the removal of grass and weeds from the Village side of the slope road and the cutting of vegetation at the junction of Cottage Pasture Lane and Lowdham Road. The latter follows a request from a Parishioner who mentioned that the lack of vision up and down the A6097 was a safety issue.

8. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

The Riverside Project - following on from the APM it was agreed that Cllrs Platten and Pearson would form a committee of a least 7 members. A constitution would be written, and officers (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) appointed.

Following an incident where Severn Trent Water destroyed a lock and replaced it with another at the entrance to the newly acquired riverside land, TC was asked to contact STW to ask for a copy of the new lock and state that entrance to the land must be by arrangement.

TC

9. CLERK'S REPORT

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

10. PLANNING

Concern was repeated about the Marhill's application which, despite objections and Cllr Jackson putting it on hold, was nevertheless allowed. TC was asked to complain the NSDC Head of Planning.

TC

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

14/00704/FULM Mr Roger Crafts – LLW - Various extensions to touring caravan and existing storage areas and slight raising of display areas. There were no objections to this application but NSDC were asked to stipulate the following conditions:

1. No extra hook-ups for overnight
2. Screen between road and overnight stay, to replace vegetation
3. Retain the overnight pitches as existing and have extra storage nearer Lowdham Road.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There was nothing to report under this heading.

12. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
115	49	Martin Wilson - Web Maintenance	189.99		189.99
116	50	Trent Valley IDB - Drainage	21.76		21.76
117	51	Gordon Oldham - Salary - Expenses	415.46		415.46
118	52	HMRC	77.20		77.20
119	53	Print for Ian Torr	50.00		50.00
120	54	Frame & Mileage (10 * 45p)	12.00		12.00
Total expenditure for meeting			766.41	0.00	766.41
Total expenditure to date			1,601.07	76.80	1,677.87

13. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr Cope explained the financial, and other, benefits of purchasing a defibrillator from East Midlands Ambulance Service. It was agreed that Cllr Cope would arrange the purchase of a defib from EMAS, initially for inside the Village Hall. At a later date this could be fitted inside a box for the outside of the building. TC is to provide contacts for Marston's and the Canal and River Trust to ascertain whether they would be willing to make a contribution to another defib somewhere on Trentside.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th June in the Village Hall.