

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllrs Lesley Jeffery (A)
 Mick Bowles (Chairman)
 Chris Cope
 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 Lesley Jeffery. It was also confirmed that Tom Littlefair has resigned. TC will advertise the vacancy.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC

A resident of Brookland Close enquired about progress on the parking issue in the Close. He was informed that TC had reached a stalemate in that no authority would accept ownership of the area. It was suggested that 'Mighty' (a firm responsible for work done in the area) could be contacted to help. However, Members were informed by Cllr Jackson that NCC and NSDC had agreed and arranged to drop the kerb and mark out parking spaces.

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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

5. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

It was noted that several cars, some of which are for sale, were parking on the roadside by Newbridge Garage. Some of these were on the foot/cycle path. It was also noted that a number of vehicles stop to look at vehicles for sale. Cllr Jackson will pursue.

At a previous meeting Members were informed that Paul Jeffery had managed to obtain statistics on speeding and convictions on the A6097. TC was asked to obtain these and circulate to Members. There has been a number of complaints about school users (mainly parents) parking inconsiderably on Davids Lane. Although it was agreed that this was a very difficult issue to address, TC was asked to contact the Head Teacher to discuss.

Members noted once more that despite being a large village, almost 1,000 inhabitants, Gunthorpe is not signposted on the A46, whilst Doncaster (42 miles away) is. It is unclear what may be done about this, the A46 being a trunk road, but TC will pursue.

A questionnaire / petition regarding the need for traffic lights at the north end of Main Street at its junction with A6097 was divided amongst Members who were allocated areas of the Village to visit homes and, hopefully, have completed the questionnaires. Cllr Smith will visit the School.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The continuing lack of co-operation and communication with NSDC Planning was discussed. Matt Lamb, despite written and verbal requests will not meet with the Parish Council to discuss various planning issues both current and going back for several years. TC was asked to write a strongly worded letter to Mr Muter, Chief Exec at Newark & Sherwood DC.

Two large (600m) diamond-shaped 'Dogs on Leads' have been purchase for the playing field. Cllrs Platten, Everington and Cope kindly agreed to build and install secure mounting posts and attach the signs. Richard Covill of RC Services, has carried out various grass and hedge cutting. The hedge belonging to the 'Hall's' owner is dangerously overgrown and overhangs the path. TC was asked to contact the owner and request the hedge be cut back.

TC was asked to report Street Lights 2 and 3 on Bramley Close as being faulty.

7. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

TC notified Members that despite two emails to the Canal and River Trust, no reply had been received. TC was asked to 'phone.

Cllr Bowles has been working with the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board (TVIDB) and is the main contact for drainage issues with TVIDB. Various drainage issues were discussed including the clearance of, amongst others, the 'Culvert'. In the next 2 or 3 weeks the Hall Drain is to be brought up to standard. Cllr Bowles will supervise.

It was noted that the footpath around Lowdham's had been cleared.

A meeting is to be arranged between Matt Duckworth, GPC, NCC, NSDC and GPC to discuss drainage issues at the junction of Peck Lane and Main Street

8. PLANNING

Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- 15/01545/FUL - Lodge Farm, Lowdham Road - Erection of a new dwelling to replace existing Residential caravan. Objections to this application were submitted on 23rd September. Prior to the meeting TC viewed the NSDC web site and found that an appeal had been submitted, but with no further detail. Cllr Jackson is to investigate.

Newark and Sherwood DC decisions

- None

9. CLERK'S REPORT

TC reminded Members that legislation (Local Authorities Transparency Code) 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. TC informed the meeting that the first 'draft' of the web site was now online at www.gunthorpe-clerk.org.uk. It was emphasised that this is a first draft and a great deal of work is to be done to bring it up to the required quality and content.

It was agreed that TC would no longer post hard copy of the Minutes, Members considered that should any amendments or corrections be needed these can be circulated via email.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Last month Cllr Jackson informed Members that a meeting had been arranged with Richard Marshall to discuss Marhill. This meeting has now taken place and action has been taken with regard to Marhill's. Once again, all agreed that the 'business saturation' on the A6097 was a serious problem – primarily drivers slowing down to look at the various items for sale.

TC was asked again about the drains plans from Matt Duckworth – TC has made contact but Mr Duckworth requires more detailed information.

TC was asked to contact Lowdham Parish Clerk to ask of the current situation regarding the handover of control of Lowdham Cemetery from NSDC to Lowdham PC. TC is to offer support in view of the fact that the cemetery is used by Gunthorpe.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence other than given elsewhere in these Minutes. It was noted that the lack of correspondence over the past few months is probably due to correspondents making far greater use of emails.

12. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

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

13. PARISH PLAN

The original questionnaire has been reproduced and will be brought up to date prior to circulation in the Village. TC was asked to contact Paul Jeffery and Martin Wilson with a view to publicising the need for volunteers to update the questionnaire and, subsequently, the Plan. RCAN were very helpful in the production of the Parish Plan and may be asked to assist in the update.

14. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
203	118	County Signs	90.00	18.00	108.00
204	119	Gordon Oldham - Salary / Expenses	413.18		413.18
205	120	HMRC	78.80		78.80
206	121	Peter Platten / Henton & Chattell	48.83	9.77	58.60
<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>			630.81	18.00	599.98
<u>Total expenditure to date</u>			5,533.88	282.12	5,767.17

15. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

Members discussed the ride-on mower. It has now been serviced and ready for use. It was confirmed that all that is required to drive on public roads is a valid driving license. The mower does however need number plates – TC is to enquire whether 'Q' plates could be obtained and the conditions required to be met (MOT etc). If Q plates can be used there is a good chance that no road tax would be payable.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council will be held on the 25th November 2015 in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm.