

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

Also present was the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tony Everington and Roger Jackson. Matt Lamb, NSDC, was invited to meeting but TC was unable to contact him to confirm.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held on 25<sup>th</sup> March were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairperson.

**4. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

With regard to parking at Brookland Close, TC was asked to contact the Land Registry to determine ownership of the area in question. Regarding the green area at the N end of Main Street – where NCC excavated the drain they deposited the soil, rubbish, stones etc on the adjacent grass. This ‘mound’ was subsequently flattened, but the rubbish remains making it impossible for contractor to mow the grass, which is covered anyway! RC Services have quoted £650 to make good, TC to obtain another quote from Uleytts. TC to contact NCC with costs and say that it is felt NCC should either carry out this work or foot the bill, copy to Roger Jackson.

Members are still unaware of the ownership of Peck’s Lane drain – TC will request an update from Cllr Jackson.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

TC was asked to pursue the matter of larger ‘Dogs on Leads’ notices for the Village playing field. TC will also request, again, that some enforcement should be carried out.

It was suggested that CCTV could be installed on the Village Hall to cover the playing field and car park. Cllr Jeffery will consult the VH committee.

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

Members agreed that the improvements to the Riverside are going extremely well but Cllr Platten described the problems facing the Riverside Trust members. As with many voluntary projects, there were initially a great number of volunteers and well-wishers. However, as time passes the stalwarts of the group are few and are spending a great deal of time on the project. For example, last weekend four people spend 36 hours doing hard manual labour. They were greeted by well-wishers, but also confronted by various hostile motor cyclists and others who use abusive violence. There is a serious problem of security in the area. Cars and motor bikes use various ways onto the land. Everyone is requested to inform the police of any motor bike use; abusive behaviour or what is referred to in politically correct fashion as ‘inappropriate behaviour’. It is felt that the only security policy can be to erect a combination of kissing gates and stiles where appropriate and, as above to enlist the help of the police whenever possible. A general warning was issued, in view of the abusive behaviour mentioned previously, that no-one should work alone in the area.

It was agreed that members of the Riverside Trust would give a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting. Dr Andy Harrison has also volunteered to give a presentation on the proposed flood alleviation work for the Village. There is also a site meeting to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May at 18:30hrs.

Cllr Platten is in the process of registering all GP Councillors as 'commoners' to protect the common land for the future. The process is a complex one and Cllr Platten's main contact is inexperienced in the field. TC has been asked to contact Lowdham and Caythorpe PC's to ascertain whether they would be willing to become 'commoners' with the view that the more commoners there are, the stronger the greater the bargaining position, if required.

Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board have notified GPC that they are about to carry out routine maintenance in the area. This entails some work on the watercourse banks – Cllr Bowles is to contact Matt Everett to ensure that the IDB keeps GPC informed and up to date with any work.

## **7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

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

## **8. CLERK'S REPORT**

Members confirmed they had received, and were in agreement with, the updated Code of Conduct. The Clerk's website has not been updated for several years, but PC has personally paid the annual fees (£24 for hosting and £6.95 for domain hosting). It was agreed that TC would update the web site and that GPC would pay the renewal fee, now due.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

Epperstone Tennis Initiative – have written to say that 'This Summer we are trying to promote the Tennis Club through a series of Open Days, Special Offers for Group Coaching and new adult classes. Members agreed that the club would be free to place a poster on the Notice Board.

## **10. PLANNING**

TC has been unable to speak with Matt Lamb regarding planning issues in the Parish. He would try again to invite Matt to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Jeffery is to attend the NSDC Planning meeting with regard to the Fuller's planning application on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### Newark and Sherwood DC applications

- None

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- None

## **11. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK**

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

## **12. THE PARISH PLAN**

Cllr Jeffery informed the meeting that the Parish Plan was to be revisited and updated.

## **13. FINANCE**

TC reported that the HSBC was making it very difficult to complete the mandate. They first informed him that there was just one person to tender identification and address verification, but when after that individual had visited the branch, we were then told that there were two more people with incomplete identification! TC informed members that the accounts were to go to the internal auditor, Roger Snowdin, on Friday,

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
162	95	Gordon Oldham - Salary / Expenses	399.14		399.14
163	96	Post Office (HMRC)	78.80		78.80
164	97	Tom Littlefair - Training	50.00		50.00
165	98	Trent IDB	22.19		22.19
<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>			<b>550.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>550.13</b>
<b>Total expenditure to date</b>			<b>550.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>550.13</b>

#### 14. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

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

#### 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall commencing 7.15 pm. The Annual Parish Council will follow at approximately 8pm.