

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
GUNTHORPE PARISH
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC), and 3 members of the public

1. INTRODUCTION

The annual audit was recently carried out by Mr Roger Snowdin who approved the accounts but brought three important matters to the attention of the Parish Council. This EGM was called to consider these matters.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Tom Littlefair.

3. VAT CLAIM / INSURANCE

Mr Snowdin wrote 'The Council should ensure that all outstanding claims for repayment of VAT should be submitted as soon as possible. In addition input tax of £446.83 has been omitted from the Council's records and which in my opinion is fully refundable.' This was in progress, but awaited two invoices.

It was also noted that 'The Council's Fidelity Guarantee insurance cover of £25,000 is significantly less than the sum of its average balances plus half the precept. It is recommended that the level of cover is reviewed with the insurance provider.' It was agreed to ask Zurich to double the amount of cover to £50,000.

4. THE STATUS AND CONSTITUTION OF THE RIVERSIDE TRUST

The audit report stated that although the 'Trust' had been set up, in good faith, as a sub-committee it did not adhere to the Local Government Act 1972 Sections 101 and 102. The Act, like many Government Acts, is extremely complex and it was difficult to understand why the Trust is not a bona fide sub-committee as was originally intended. Nevertheless Members agreed, unanimously, to set up a sub-committee from 'scratch'. To this end Cllrs Platten, Smith and Cope were duly proposed and elected to the Trust and TC will seek with NALC and others to draw up terms of reference and ensure that Trust, which will retain the title, adheres to the LGA 1972 Sections 101 and 102.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Members unanimously accepted and approved the accounts to be submitted to Grant Thornton, the external auditors.

6. OTHER MATTERS

TC will chase the large 'Dogs on Leads' signs from NSDC.

To ensure the accuracy of the GPC Asset Register, TC was informed that the ride-on motor mower was valued at £500.