

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

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllrs.        Lesley Jeffery (Chairperson)  
                 Mick Bowles (A)  
                 Chris Cope  
                 Tony Everington  
                 Peter Platten  
                 Jan Smith  
                 Jane Simpson (A)

Also present were the Clerk Gordon Oldham (TC) and Cllr Roger Jackson (NSDC and NCC)

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mick Bowles and Jane Simpson.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Cllr Lesley Jeffery announced that following this meeting she would stand down as Chairperson, but would continue as a Parish Councillor. She asked of Members whether anyone would like to assume the role of Chairperson. No-one expressed such an interest.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

In the absence of the Vice Chairman, Cllr Mick Bowles discussion was held over until the next meeting.

**5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Held on 27<sup>th</sup> April were agreed as a true record. A small 'typo' was highlighted by Cllr Smith and so the Minutes will be signed by the Chairperson at next meeting.

**6. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

It was reported that line markings at the bottom of the Slope Road were worn and fast disappearing. This was felt to be dangerous for drivers approaching the junction with Main Street / Trentside. The fence adjacent the cycle track opposite Fullers on the A6097 has been knocked down. The cycle track is overgrown with grass and weeds at various points. The hedge at the north side of the A6097/Main Street junction is overgrown. These issues will be reported to NCC.

Details of the Outlaw Triathlon on 29<sup>th</sup> May were confirmed.

GPC plans to install a seat / bench by the bus turning circle. TC was asked to determine from Jo Horton if planning permission is required. The new seat is now to be delivered to the Village Hall – Paul Jeffery is to be notified by supplier of an eta.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

It was confirmed that the refurbishment of Hall Drain is to take place soon. David Sissons, Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board is to be asked what work is done. The Barn Drain will also be extended into the Cocker Beck. Work on the drains at the junction of Main Street / Pecks Lane is still to be confirmed by Severn Trent.

Discussion on the grass-cutting in the Village was discussed as it is currently problematical. TC will discuss with RC Services and invite Richard Covill to the next meeting. Consideration will also be given to inviting other contractors to submit tenders. TC pointed out that when this point arose two or three years ago he couldn't find any contractor willing to take on the work. The areas to be cut are the playing field, north end of the Village and the playpark.

The Pontefino's site was discussed – it was agreed that the building and the site in general are rapidly deteriorating. Members wondered whether there was a 'hidden agenda'. Cllr Jackson will make enquiries.

## 8. THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT, GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Cllr Platten gave a brief résumé of recent activities. There was no meeting of the Riverside Trust this month.

## 9. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYFIELD & PLAYPARK

There will be a Village Hall Committee meeting next week at which the playpark will be discussed.

## 10. FINANCE

Members authorised payment of accounts as per the following schedule:

Chq No	PSNo		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
235	153	Gordon Oldham	431.76		431.76
236	154	Post Office (HMRC)	79.60		79.60
237	155	D Fearn & Sons c/o Peter Platten	44.00		44.00
238	156	NALC -Subscription	17.00		17.00
239	157	Trent Valley IDB	22.61		22.61
240	158	Roger Snowdin	195.00		195.00
		<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>	<b>789.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>789.97</b>
		<u>Total expenditure to date</u>	2,689.61	50.00	2,739.61

## 11. PARISH PLAN

There was nothing to report under this heading.

## 12. OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT

There was nothing to report under this heading.

## 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June in the Village Hall.