

GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Report of the Virtual **Extraordinary** Meeting of Gunthorpe Parish Council on Tuesday 2nd June 2020 at 7.15pm

Apologies: Nil

Present Cllr Everington (Chair) Cllr Jeffery (Vice) Cllr Cope, Cllr Milward, Cllr Severn, Cllr Hill and Cllr Platten

In attendance: NCC Cllr Jackson, Yvonne Greenfield Parish Clerk,

Declaration of Interests – None

20/001 Gunthorpe Riverside – Current Situation and Concerns

Following the lifting of movement restrictions introduced due to Covid 19 and the incredibly warm weather Gunthorpe (and other riverside and beauty spots) has been inundated by huge numbers of cars and visitors, the majority have been responsible, the minority have been antisocial, thoughtless and a nuisance. Gunthorpe has very limited parking – Biondi's, accessed by the narrow riverside lane, The Unicorn, rear private car park is shut, riverside Common Land car park full. Cars were parked on all the roads including on double yellow lines with no access for emergency vehicles of any sort.

There had been swimming in the river and some jumping off Gunthorpe bridge into the river, Tom Brown's were selling take out food and drink - quite legally within their licence, and visitors were also bringing their own food, drink and BBQ's. There are no public toilets in Gunthorpe and due to Covid 19 Tom Brown's facilities were locked and no other premises were allowed to be open.

This has caused all the litter bins to overflow with masses of rubbish and both dog and human waste.

20/002 Actions Taken

The Vice Chair of Gunthorpe Parish Council Cllr Jeffery contacted NSDC Waste Management, who responded promptly with a plan to collect rubbish and litter pick at Gunthorpe and other beauty spots on a two shift system subject to review. Free standing trade waste bins were considered but using the existing bins and operatives is more flexible and efficient.

Cllr Jeffery also contacted the police, Beat officers and Area Managers but received no replies prior to this meeting.

20/003 Plans going forward

Cllr Jackson will contact Inspector Heather Sutton himself to request increase police patrols to maintain law and order.

It was suggested that residents should ring 101 themselves to report any incidents.

The Parish Council have ordered some parking cones to use as and when required to help relieve the street parking.

Following long standing incidents of racing cars and motor bikes along the riverside and anti social behavior in Biondini's carpark - it was agreed to shut the car park at nights with agreement from the owner. Signs in the car park will clearly give opening and closing times.

Signs "Due to Covid 19 there are no facilities available in Gunthorpe" to go in the car parks

The Parish Clerk to report closure of the Bridle Way at the Toll House to NCC Foot Path Officer.

Cllr Severn gave a vote of thanks to NSDC for the bin emptying and handling of the waste scenario, also to Tom Browns who had done litter picks.

Meeting Finished at 19.58

