

GUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting Held on
Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr's: Tony Everington (TE), Lyn Palmer (LP), Nick Hill (NH), Ray George (RG), Lesley Jeffery (LJ), Chris Cope (CC).

In Attendance: Five members of the public and Cllr Roger Jackson joined the meeting.

Year and Minute	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS
	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>An update was given by Jenny Weaver on further action on monitoring traffic flows at the junction of Main Street and A6097. Whilst monitoring it was reported that a near miss occurred when a car exiting the Main Street was left stranded in the centre of the road and there was a lot of screeching of tyres from a car avoiding a collision.</p> <p>Finding of this latest survey had been compiled by Linda Brammer and Jenny Weaver handed the report to TE for the Council's information to support further actions.</p> <p>Questions were asked about cameras that had been erected in the area as to their use and whether the public could be appraised of the results by the organisation responsible for them.</p> <p>LJ informed the meeting of an email received from Paul Hillier; Notts County Council the Principal Officer tasked with dealing with the project to consider traffic controls at the junction. It read, <i>'I appreciate and understand the sentiment. The issue here isn't about how good a case you've made or whether it needs making more strongly, it is purely about whether there is anything we can do about it. As I say, I'm trying to ensure that I don't leave any stone unturned and will update you as soon as I am able to.'</i></p> <p>There was some discussion on the state of the bridge re-emphasising what was reported in the minutes of the last PC meeting.</p> <p>RG reported that the Bridge Inspection was due to be conducted on 29th September 2024 and would require traffic controls whilst each lane was closed.</p> <p>RG also reported that he was pushing to have all drains cleared in addition as well as those on the bridge.</p> <p>Speaking on behalf of the Friends of Gunthorpe School, Amy Lathan asked if the PC could contribute £250 to pay for extracurricular training in first aid for students at Gunthorpe School.</p>
081/24	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Roger Jackson (RJ), Cllr Dona Kent (DK) and Clerk Lisa-Jayne Cambell</p> <p>Paul Jeffery agreed to take minutes of the meeting</p>

082/24	<p>To receive and note declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.</p>
083/24	<p>To receive and accept the Minutes from the meeting held on 28th August 2024 as a true record. These were accepted as true records of the meetings and signed by the Chair.</p>
084/24	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>a. To receive an update on the traffic monitoring report submitted to the PC. LJ referred the PC to her update in public participation.</p> <p>b. To receive updates on the state of the A6097, road surface and footpaths/cycle tracks particularly RJs request to have footpaths/cycle ways swept and road to be cleared of debris. The Cycle path markings were to be repainted sometime in mid-October.</p> <p>The cycle path and footpath had been swept.</p> <p>RG reported that as part of the bridge inspection, vibrations caused by traffic on the bridge were to be further investigated. These were perhaps the result of road surfacing being applied over road vibration strips rather than leaving appropriate gaps.</p> <p>The footpath alongside the A6097 from Main Street to the Bridge has been inspected and is to be completely reinstated. Date not yet known.</p>
085/24	<p>To receive and note reports from District and County Councillors: Apologies had been received.</p>
086/24	<p>Planning: Applications: Ref. No: 24/01595/TELNOT Telecommunications Pole WP1 Trentside Gunthorpe Intention to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus.</p> <p>No objections</p> <p>Decisions: Ref. No: 24/00794/HOUSE The Croft Lowdham Road Gunthorpe NG14 7ES Proposed extension, dormer and cladding</p> <p>Application Refused by District Council</p>
087/24	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a. To note payments received and authorise accounts for payment. Payments submitted were agreed apart from £24 due to be paid to LJ. This was not in fact owed.</p>

<p>088/24</p>	<p>Environmental Matters/Nature reserve:</p> <p>a. To receive updates on the access track leading to the Nature Reserve adjacent to Bingham Pond. James Houghton, an Estates Surveyor from Notts County Council, had requested photos of the area in question. These had been supplied to him and requesting an update of what actions NCC had taken or if not what their intentions would be to safeguard the land use.</p> <p>b. To receive report from Sub-Committee on the opening of the Nature Reserve scheduled for 9th October 2024. LJ reported that Invitations had been sent. Cllr Jackson would plant a tree provided by Lynne Preece of Sherwood Forest Trust. Refreshments would be served afterwards at the Village Hall. Posters are in the notice boards and on social media. LJ to represent PC as TE was on holiday</p>
<p>089/24</p>	<p>Flood Resilience Scheme</p> <p>a. To receive update on the resilience store The shed was to be erected by the supplier on Friday 18th September. Once completed security devices will be installed. A contents list had been compiled and the store will be stocked in due course</p> <p>b. To receive report on Flood Warden Training from Newark and Sherwood District Council RG reported that he along with LP, LJ and Amy Latham, all Flood Wardens had attended this training and thought it useful but did not add anything that wasn't already in the local flood plan.</p> <p>Permission was sought to provide a redacted copy of the flood plan to N&SDC.</p> <p>PC agreed for this to be done.</p>
<p>090/24</p>	<p>Highways and public rights of way</p> <p>a. To receive an update on the traffic control considerations for the A6097 junction with Main Street The PC was referred to the reports and comments given in Public Participation and Matters Arising.</p> <p>b. To consider actions taken and to be taken on the state of the footpaths / cycle paths at the side of the A6097 The PC was referred to the reports and comments given in Public Participation and Matters Arising.</p> <p>c. To receive an update on the Clerk's communications with Lowdhams on the state of the footpath adjacent to their perimeter fence. Apologies received</p>

091/24	<p>Gunthorpe Bridge</p> <p>To receive update on the meeting between RG and Pete Platten in anticipation of a bridge inspection scheduled for 29th September 2024.</p> <p>All concerns discussed have been documented in previous meeting minutes and will be subject to the bridge inspection and ongoing monitoring and reporting to the PC by RG</p>
092/24	<p>Lengthsman Scheme</p> <p>a. To receive updates on the Lengthsman Scheme registration and access to County Council Funding</p> <p>Refer to next meeting to establish where the funding intended for Gunthorpe had been sent to and arrangements for its return</p> <p>b. To consider and plan for the scheme's implementation.</p> <p>Refer to next meeting for clerks input on employing a Lengthsman.</p>
093/24	<p>Website</p> <p>To consider what actions need to be taken to fully update the Parish Council Website in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office requirements.</p> <p>It is apparent that the PC Website is not up to date. The full extend is not yet quantified.</p> <p>RG to conduct an audit comparing the web-site content against those legally required and those recommended as good practice.</p> <p>To be reported upon at the next meeting.</p>
094/24	<p>Village Hall, playing field and play park</p> <p>To receive any reports</p> <p>CC alerted the PC to the need to replace pads on the defibrillator at Gunthorpe Village Hall and at Tom Browns. The pads however could now be obsolete and therefore he was proposing to have PC approval that if he did manage to find some, he should buy them. Pads were for sale at £175 from one company and £234 from another.</p> <p>If not available, the PC should be aware that replacement machines could be £1000 plus and be prepared in future for this kind of expense.</p> <p>All agreed that CC should try to source pads on behalf of the PC</p> <p>CC also officially requested that the PC agree to pay £250 towards First Aid training for students at Gunthorpe School.</p> <p>The PC agreed to this.</p>
095/24	<p>To note Correspondence received.</p> <p>LJ referred the PC to an email received from Paul Hillier Notts County Council as recorded in public participation section.</p>

	<p>A Parishioner had informed NH via email that trees and the barriers at Riverside had hampered access to the river by Emergency Services attending an incident.</p> <p>This reemphasised a need for the PC to deal directly with Marston's, the owners of the land, over concerns not only over this incident but also to other safety issues and maintenance.</p> <p>It was agreed that a representative of Marston's be contacted and invited to a PC meeting.</p>
096/24	<p>Any other business</p> <p>The PC was informed that the derelict site for the old Anchor Inn was being cleaned up.</p> <p>It was reported by DK at a previous meeting that the condition of foot bridges on the path from Peck Lane to Caythorpe needed urgent repair. This has now been done.</p> <p>Letter to be sent to parishioner regarding hedging adjacent to the slope road from the bridge.</p>
097/24	<p>Matters for the next Agenda</p> <p>Nothing has not already been referred to in the above Minutes</p>
098/24	<p>To agree the next Parish Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday 23rd October 2024.</p> <p>Agreed</p>
099/24	<p>Private & Confidential:</p> <p><i>In accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 section 1(2), the Council exclude the public and press from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</i></p> <p>No items discussed</p>
100/24	<p>Meeting Closed: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting</p>