

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Gunness Parish Council held on
Thursday 4th February 2010 in the
Coleman Hall Gunness at 7.30pm**

Present : Cllr D.Oldfield : Chairman

Cllr's A.Craddock, T.Glover, E.Gray, D.McIlvaney, C.Morris, A.Singleton,
S.Thompson, D.West, P.West NLC R.Waltham.

Members of Public : Mrs J.Ladlow, I.McWeeney, Mr & Mrs A. Schmidt, S.Spurgeon.

Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr's S.Armitage, R.Etchell, T.Gosling, B.Porter.

Before the meeting commences Cllr Morris called for a minutes silence in respect of Mrs Y.Horton (OVS) & Mr Ezra Balderson (Wharfdale Close) The Clerk stated that Ezra had been a respected member of the Parish Council for many years.

Declarations of Interest Min 20/2010

Cllr D.Oldfield : VHC ; Cllr's Glover & Gray : Boundary Fence.

Report from Humberside Police Min 21/2010

P.C Kirkby not present : report via Cllr Oldfield : The Officer & Cllr Waltham had erected Neighbourhood Watch Signage on Lodge Moors Estate : No further complaints re the Jolly Sailor which was now under new management : A drop in youth problems especially in L/M area : Bogus caller in Beech Avenue posing as plain cloth's Police Officers fortunately the person involved did not let persons gain entry. A call for residents to keep watch on elderly & vulnerable people. Cllr Morris was disappointed that there was no police presence as he wished to question the authority of police vehicles in respect of complying with speed restrictions. He had witnessed a Police Van travelling through the school zoned area, no blues & two's flashing, travelling in his opinion over 40mph. Cllr McIlvaney stated that the 20mph was advisory only and not enforceable. : Cllr Morris : there is a 40mph limit on this stretch of road which can be enforced. Clerk to action.

Questions from Members of the Public Present Min 22/2010

Mrs McWeeney : Welcomed this item being on the agenda. Request to make minutes of council meetings available to public on the Gunness web site not always convenient to call at the home of the Clerk to access : informed that the Parish Council did not have a web site one available was personal to Cllr Oldfield who had in the past posted minutes. Clerk stated that it was possible to include persons on mailing list to have minutes sent to home address, not acceptable waste of resources. Cllr Oldfield informed the meeting that there was space on the notice board adjacent to the bus stop. : Cllr Waltham : NLC provided free service on their site. To investigate Funding of festival : No support from PC, the event was good for village and surrounding areas putting Gunness on the map whilst also raising funding to build a much needed village hall. Cllr D.West : He was on the original VHC 20 years ago, weekly meetings were held many well supported fund raising events were held but interest waned and now there was evidence that many residents did not want a hall. Every house in the village has been leafleted over the years three times to gauge feelings and when the last public meeting was held only 16 persons attended and 19 questionnaire's returned to the Post Office which showed the apathy of residents. Funding : PC asked to access loan from PWLB repayable over a 40 year period this had not been supported at meetings, long term burden on Council Tax payers, would be prepared to repeat leaflet drop again,

Public Session cont......Mrs McWeeney indicated she would help with this and was prepared to knock on doors. Cllr Oldfield : In his opinion the PC should show leadership, VHC had £80k in their fund with a promise from NLC of £30k should the project go ahead. The proposed hall would have facilities for changing rooms with showers, a large main hall for sporting activities, office, kitchen to cover other usage, the PC were not being asked to fund the whole venture but to support the VHC to allow other funding sources to be accessed. Cllr Craddock : rate payers needed to have their say in this, ongoing running costs could fall on them to fund via council tax. Cllr Waltham : Offered to join the VHC to give his support.

To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting Min 23/2010

Resolved : That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th January 2010 be approved a correct record.

Questions on the Minutes Min 24/2010

Cllr Craddock, it had come to her notice that whilst out of the room for Min 1/2010 casual vacancy, it was stated she was an employee of Cllr Porter she wished to make it clear that she was employed by Mrs J.Porter. Noted.

Playing Field Boundary Fence Min 25/2010

No further meetings held : Cllr Oldfield informed the meeting that an appointment with Symes Bains for the four members, Cllr's S.Armitage, R.Etchell, D.West and himself next Tuesday at 16.00 hours. Report to next meeting.

Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor Min 26/2010

Footpath improvement work Doncaster Road especially adjacent to poplar House where it was almost impassable was being monitored but lack of finances in the Highways budget was a problem. The School safety zone had been received with mixed feelings from parents and a meeting with the school travel plan members to discuss the issue was arranged, the safety of the children was paramount. Complaints re the trees on the circle in Beech Avenue : Trees had been inspected by NLC who had agreed to lop high branches : potholes are being filled as manpower allows. Walks round the village and on the estates with P.C.Kirkby were ongoing last in Guinness was 2 weeks ago, many residents spoken to. A petition from LMRA was to be heard at a meeting with NLC on 10th February, want to lease the caged area from NLC to improve ; put in an all weather surface to gain access to other funding sources lease for land is required which would also protect the site from other usage in the future. Reports of increased problem with dog fouling on Hilton Avenue estate. He had attended the well supported first fund raising event arranged by the GCSI a sponsored walk round the playing field, kids enjoyed that much asked to do it every week amount raised not yet verified. Cllr Oldfield : caged area L/M item further down agenda, disappointed that as PC were occupiers of the land LMRA had not kept this Council informed of the petition and in his opinion we should have been consulted. Cllr Waltham : Needs resurfacing lease would give them ownership of the area, they were consulting with NLC grant finder and may make future requests to the PC for funding. It was envisaged that NL Homes would support this facility.

Audit Commission Min 27/2010

Clerk reported telephone call from Audit Commission requesting all minutes that carried reference to the 2008 festival, copy of standing orders and information on PC's involvement with Millennium Account. Cllr Gray asked if these had been sent, informed by the Clerk that there was no option but to reply to any requests made by the Commission and they had been sent by return, this item was to keep Members fully informed.

Consider Donation to VHC Min 28/2010

It was questioned why this item was on the agenda as a decision had been made at the January meeting (Min 9/2010 refers) The Clerk informed Members that it was not her being awkward it was unlawful to make decisions especially on spending money without the item appearing on the agenda with the statutory three days notice to both Members and the public, this item had been brought to the meeting by the Chairman with no advance information available, hence the new agenda item. Item 12 on the agenda, proposal from Cllr Armitage re funding festival etc clearly states that an amount of £8000 for the festival was already agreed from the P.C. this was not the case the £8000 was granted to the VHC. Cllr McIlvaney stated this is not the item being discussed but was entirely separate. Cllr Oldfield : The donation was agreed as a package with the dropping of all legal issues the outcome being 7 in favour – 4 against. Cllr P. West was concerned that if in the future legal proceedings were instigated re the boundary fence where would that leave the P.C. Cllr Singleton echoed this concern stating that any come back could expose the P.C. to litigation procedures. Cllr Morris stated that it would be up to the Council to stop this as solicitor employed by us and cannot tell us what to do we instruct him on what action we wished to take. Cllr Gray: spoken to residents concerned most would be agreeable to legal proceedings being dropped but that Cllr Etchell should contact solicitor for detailed information. (meeting already arranged see Min 25/2010 above. Cllr McIlvaney proposed that Members approve both items as originally agreed :- all legal issues be dropped and £8000 be donated to VHC on a vote being taken

Resolved : That proposal as above agreed : all legal issues dropped £8000 donated to VHC 7 in favour 1 abstention.

Consider Organising Village Fete Min 29/2010

Cllr Singleton circulated information on plans to organise an Alternative Guinness Festival, which would be more affordable, the £16k request to run Guinness festival was too much out of the precept. The P.C. and all organisations in the Parish including all the schools asked to have input in the running of the event. The aim to generate a fundraising surplus to be returned to the Guinness P.C. Community Pot. Many Members supported this project, questioned if both would go ahead, were in favour of only holding the event over 2 days rather than 4 and agreed that there should be one committee working together in producing a more community led more cost effective event. Cllr Oldfield stated that Cllr Armitage was not in attendance to present her proposals and whilst he was not saying we can't have both the final decision would rest with Members, it was the known against the unknown and proposed that a public meeting be held to assess the general feeling in the village. Cllr Singleton agreed to contact all the organisations in the Parish for their views which would gauge the amount of support they would input. Cllr Morris fully agreed that a separate committee should be formed which would distance this from the P.C.

Decision deferred on March agenda for further discussion.

Proposal Organisation & Funding Festival 2010 Min 30/2010

Cllr Armitage not present On March agenda

Provision of MUGA Guinness Community Sports Initiative (GCSI) Min 31/2010

Presentation by Mr Spurgeon Chairman GCSI : Formally constituted group ; committee members with a proven track record of fundraising : bank account opened. The groups fund raising target during the next nine months is £5000, business plan almost completed ; cost of MUGA which will go out to tender estimated £90,000 Projected funding source GCSI £5000 : other sources £60,000 P.C £25,000

MUGA provision cont... The idea was a result of the Street Sports sessions held on the playing field for one night a week this summer run by local persons, very well attended brought kids together but had to stop as nights drew in, with MUGA could be held all year, all weathers. Cllr Morris : excellent idea committee should be set up to marry together the VHC & GCSI there were funds in the VHC now and once hall built could play sports 52 weeks of the year. Cllr Oldfield : integrated committee help with running cost of village hall proposed £25,000 out of community pot. Cllr Glover : these are two separate & different issues, MUGA is outdoors accessible at all times by all residents not just children. Mrs Spurgeon : Funding organisations need to know that the facility is supported by P.C and an amount of say £10,000 would assist other funding applications. On March agenda for further discussion.

Letter from Mrs Spicer supporting MUGA questioning if residents still want a village hall and to use the monies in the village hall fund to support this project. circulate for discussion March agenda.

Accounts for Payment Min 32/2010

Resolved : Accounts detailed below be approved for payment

C Marshall.....Taxi Voucher Scheme.....£ 100.00

CPRE.....Annual Subs..... £ 29.00

Cllr Oldfield Reimburse brass cap £1.48 withdrawn.

Receipt : Santon FC pitch hire £30

Planning Matters Min 33/2010

2010/0006 : M.Fish : SHSmith car park : sale fruit/veg No objection

2010/0088 : K.Smith : 11 Chesterfield Rd : erect tiled pitched roof
over existing conservatory No objection.

Information from NLC re part build developments Noted.

Playing Field Matters Min 34/2010

Lock on litter bin No progress : Cllr Gray floodlights on until 01.00am Cllr Oldfield to request time mechanism changed by TVES.

Matters Relating to Lodge Moors Estate Min 35/2010

Letter from NLC Estates Officer re a petition from LMRA to lease the caged area from NLC, petition hearing on their agenda for 10th February. The reason for the request from LMRA was to access funding a lease was required. Cllr Oldfield again expressed disappointment at not being consulted by LMRA as occupiers of the land the fencing which had recently been renewed belonged to the P.C. Cllr Gray : If included absolute responsibility of the whole area including all maintenance etc he proposed that we should agree to the lease. Vote taken Majority in agreement NLC to be informed.

Proposal for supplying netball hoops & new surfacing Cllr Oldfield

Following above decision no support for this.

Cllr Oldfield reported straining wire had been damaged adjacent to the Bolsover Road entrance and was a hazard ; Proposed we request AGN fencing to repair. The Clerk suggested that due to the small amount of work it would be cost effective to employ a local person than ask a company to travel all the way from Bawtry, this was agreed.

Resolved That due to the urgency the Clerk be granted plenary powers to accept quote to the value of £50 on behalf of the P.C.

Matters Relating to Hilton Avenue Estate Min 36/2010 No matters reported.

OAP Outing Bridlington Coach Booking Min 37/2010

Cllr Oldfield brought quote from Radley's Coaches for two coaches for 23rd June 2010 at a cost of £780.00 inclusive. chosen date is available.

Resolved : Accept the quote Clerk to action.

Update on Clerks Disciplinary/Grievance Min 38/2010

Cllr Gosling not present.

Emergency Plan Update Min 39/2010

Cllr Etchell not present.

Correspondence Min 40/2010

Not Circulated : available from Clerk

ERNLLCA : January Newsletter

NLC : Forward Plan : Dates for Meetings February.

Councillor's Reports Min 41/2010

No reports.