

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Gunness Parish Council held on  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 in the  
Coleman Hall Gunness at 7.30pm**

Present : Cllr T.Gosling : Chairman

Cllr's A.Craddock, T.Glover, D.Oldfield, A.Singleton, D.West, P.West  
Mrs Schmidt Member of the Public.

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr's S.Armitage, R.Etchell, E.Gray, D.McIlvaney, B.Porter, S.Thompson  
NLC R Waltham : P.C.D.Kirkby.

**Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Oldfield : VHC.

**Report from Humberside Police Min 132/2010**

No Officer present : Cllr Oldfield reported that he had spoken to P.C.Kirkby :  
monitoring HGV's driving through the village in a restricted weight limit zone.  
Present at school start time to monitor speed in the 20mph zone.

**Questions from Members of the Public Min 133/2010** No Questions.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting Min 134/2010**

Resolved : That the minutes of the meeting held on  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 be approved a correct record.

**Questions on the Minutes Min 135/2010**

Cllr Oldfield reported that he had read the electric meter on the playing field : when  
contacted NPower with the reading he had been informed that the account for £106.62  
had been paid.

**Information from Clerk Min 136/2010**

The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had requested information on the  
£8000 donation to the VHC, reason for the donation, use it was to be put to etc. Copy  
of all minutes relating to the £8000 and any other documents/letters from the VHC.  
During the conversation the Commission were informed that it was a package linked  
to the ongoing boundary fence legal issues. The Chairman stated that this was a lump  
sum donation to the VHC in an attempt to clear all outstanding matters to get the  
Council back on track. : An extract from the "Good Councillor's Guide" re agenda  
requirements on financial decisions had been circulated by the Clerk. All Members  
had previously been given a copy of this guide which gave information on all aspects  
of Council procedures, in the light of recent bad press suggested that Members should  
familiarise themselves with the lawful way of conducting Council business. Cllr  
D.West requested further copy.

**Playing Field Boundary Fence Min 137/2010**

Letter to Chairman from Symes Bains Solicitors : Prior to receiving instructions from  
the Parish Council that it was not cost effective to pursue the issue against adjoining  
owners a form of licence had been offered. In the absence of agreement to such a  
proposal the title plans will show the boundary in the position that the Parish Council  
have always stated it to be, this will not show a boundary dispute as such, merely that  
a particular resident may have moved their fence/wall/hedge beyond the boundary  
line shown on the plan. We indicated how this could be addressed and were instructed  
to approach individual residents but were then told to cease instructions in view of the  
cost involved. The Clerk asked Cllr Oldfield when and who had made the decision not  
to pursue this issue and why had Members not been informed and what were the costs  
involved. Question ignored.

**Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor Min 138/2010**

Written Report from Cllr Waltham : Walks round the Parish with P.C>Kirkby continuing ; Number of issues relating to school including the new build progressing, NLC Officers seem confident that funding is in place tenders for the build have been received, railings outside school not erected this is due to the build. Working with local land owner to secure extra parking provision at the school. ; NLC have been asked for a progress report on the potential sale of the caged area L/M Estate and understand they are in discussion with the Community Asstn. re making a facility on the centre site. Speeding is being monitored throughout the Parish problems with roads & footpaths pressing for action. The Hilton Avenue bus is still well supported having 20/30 passengers per week. Working with the new M.P. on a number of issues for Gunness residents which allows support both at national & local level..

**Update on Arrangements for "Village Do" Min 139/2010**

Cllr Singleton : Meetings held every two weeks, at the last meeting plans for organizing the daytime events : provision of food was to be outsourced : Licenses applied for to run the event and lottery, more sponsorship received. Information on Gunness website, all households in Parish & surrounding villages to receive advance information of the event ; tickets to go on sale during the next two weeks.

**GCSI MUGA Min 140/2010**

Cllr Singleton : Still liaising with funding sources ; committee held a fun day on the playing field last Sunday which was well supported, other events planned.

**Accounts for Payment Min 141/2010**

Resolved : That the accounts detailed below be approved for payment :-

C.Marshall.....	Taxi Voucher Scheme.....	£ 280.00
Radley's Coaches...	Final payment OAP Outing.....	£ 500.00
NPower.....	Supply to Field.....	£106.62*
T.Wheldon.....	Remedial work on field.....	£ 550.00#

\*this amount approved June meeting and paid : Meter read 16.06.10 1 month after date on account 1280 extra units used.

#see playing field matters further down agenda.

**Planning Matters Min 142/2010**

2010/0622 : Page : 23 Tideswell Court erect conservatory to rear : No objections.

**Playing Field Matters Min 143/2010**

The Clerk stated the reason for this item being on the agenda even though the work was agreed in principle at the June meeting was that all expenditure had by law to appear as an item for discussion on the agenda only verbal information by Cllr Oldfield was given at the meeting (Min 123/2010 refers), this was the reason for circulating extract from "Good Councillor's Guide". Remedial work & supplying & planting two new trees had already been carried out by "Widdy's" on the verbal instruction of Cllr Oldfield . The Chairman asked what the Council could do to rectify this, the Clerk replying it was not in her remit you as Councillor's make the decisions. After further discussion it was agreed that as the work had been carried out we were under obligation to pay the account of £550 Cllr Craddock adding that this is not the correct way of conducting Council business we needed to learn lessons fast.

Seats & Picnic table : The quote from Monster Play (given verbally at June meeting) for supplying these items had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr Oldfield reiterated his statement that considerable savings could be made by collecting and installing the equipment by a local contractor.

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Cllr Singleton asked for confirmation of where the items were to be sited. Cllr Oldfield : picnic table in the far corner two seats on concrete bases to replace those vandalised and removed to the rear of housing on Old Village Street. Cllr Craddock was against having them placed directly behind housing which would cause a noise nuisance and complaints from residents affected, this was agreed by the majority of members present. Further discussion took place on this ; Cllr D. West no more seats on the field : Cllr Glover , the previous seats had been removed partly because of the problems they were causing, Cllr Singleton : Have we had a request for seats both in Guinness and both estates : Cllr Gosling : site plan asked for at last meeting.

Resolved : That at the present time the entire quote be rejected no order to be placed.

Cllr Oldfield requested recorded vote :

For : Cllr's Craddock, Glover, Gosling, Singleton D. West

Against : Cllr Oldfield ; Abstension : Cllr P. West.

Painting of Round-a-bout : Price £260 : Cllr Gosling stated this was not an ideal time of year to paint, work should have been done in Spring when less used.

Resolved : Work be approved Clerk to action.

Advertising Pitches : Not discussed.

### Matters Relating to Lodge Moors Estate Min 143/2010

Cllr Oldfield had obtained quotes from Wicksteed Leisure, (circulated with agenda) for round-a-bout & flat bed swing seat : including safety surfacing : installation etc

spiro whirl round-a-bout £ 7945.00+VAT Swing seat £38

Speedway " " " " " £ 6885.00+VAT These prices could be cut if installation not included suggesting that NLC would carry out this work free of charge as they had in the past, this was challenged by the Clerk as NLC to her knowledge had always charged for any work done. Cllr Gosling informed Members that all budgets on NLC had been cut and charges would be raised for any contracted work. Cllr Singleton stated that a new play area with modern equipment had been built by NLC under the "Playbuilder" Scheme on the site of the old Community Building, whilst it was just over the Parish boundary was widely used by children from the estate and questioned if there was a demand for more equipment. Residents should be consulted via the LMRA , both Cllr's D. West & Gosling agreed that residents views should be sought. Cllr Gosling was of the opinion that NLC should be asked if the future of the caged area had yet been decided, this should be leased to LMRA, if this was to happen finance would be needed to upgrade the surface and supply of sports equipment. The Clerk had circulated 201/11 budget as a reminder £4200 had been allocated to L/M Estate for this financial year.

Resolved : That this item be put on hold until NLC make decision on future of caged area. Clerk to contact NLC for update and residents consulted on siting etc.

Cllr Oldfield requested recorded vote

For : Cllr's Craddock, Glover, Singleton D. West, P. West : Against : Cllr Oldfield

Abstention : Cllr Gosling.

Cllr Oldfield produced photograph of recent work to the straining wire on the cage which in his opinion had been left in a dangerous state and needed attention.

Contractor of original work be asked to rectify.

### Matters Relating to Hilton Avenue Estate Min 144/2010

Provision of seats : Withdrawn for consultation with resident