

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Gunness Parish Council held on
Thursday 7th October 2010 in the
Coleman Hall Gunness at 7.30pm**

Present : Cllr T.Gosling : Chairman

Cllr's S.Armitage, A.Craddock, E.Gray, D.McIlvaney, C.Morris,
D.Oldfield, A.Singleton, S.Thompson.

Members of the Public Mr B & Mrs I McWeeney : Mrs Schmidt.

Apologies for Absence

Cllr's R.Etchell, T.Glover, B.Porter, D.West, P.West. P.C.Dave Kirkby.

Declarations of Interest Min 86/2010

Cllr Gray : Boundary Fence : Cllr's Morris & Oldfield VHC.

Report from Humberside Police Min 87/2010

Written report via Cllr Oldfield : Shift change reason for non attendance tonight.

Theft of scrap metal & plant site of old Speedway Garage : arrested & charged :

Accident on Neap House Road vicinity of Wharton,s Youth 16 arrested & charged ;

Person ex Doncaster Road resident, charged with keeping dangerous dogs:

Report from member of Public re dog fouling on playing field : ongoing

Like to praise the young members of the whole Parish for excellent behaviour through

the summer, very few reports of nuisance. One incident on L/M fence broken £35

compensation paid to victim by perpetrator. Report noted with thanks.

Questions from Members of Public Min 88/2010

Mrs McWeeney : Whilst it was an improvement for minutes to be on the WWW why

were they not updated to include the previous month, to date the latest displayed are

August, draft minutes could be included. The Chairman replied that Council had

agreed that minutes should not be displayed on the site until approved by full Council.

Boundary Fence : Land belongs to the Parish any solicitors search would prove this.

Has land been given to residents ? Cllr Gosling stated that it had been agreed by

Council not to take any legal action against residents due to incurring further legal

costs ; asked if this had been accepted by said residents or was it just left in the air .

Minutes of Previous Meeting Min 89/2010

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday

2nd September 2010 be approved a correct record.

Questions on the Minutes Min 90/2010

Cllr Oldfield : assurance from YEDL that tree's would just be cut back as last time
they carried out this work a tree was removed.

Cllr McIlvaney : MUGA : Cllr Gosling had indicated through the Clerk that he was not
in agreement with £4000 being promised in next years budget at this moment in time,

she had requested the matter be deferred to October meeting and that the Clerk had
intervened in the voting process by informing Members what effect abstaining from

voting had, neither of these items had been included in the minutes. Cllr Gosling
stated that in the information to the Clerk only indicated not in favour of £4000 in

next years budget. Cllr Armitage requested clarification on Clerk's intervention : Cllr
Gray, who chaired the meeting stated that the information was given before voting

took place not during as claimed by Cllr McIlvaney. Cllr Gosling asked if this
affected the outcome of the vote,(no) and that Members should already have been

aware of consequences of abstaining Cllr McIlvaney, in her opinion Cllr Craddock
was about to abstain : Cllr Craddock : only asked if deferring to next month would

affect funding applications.

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Questions on Minutes cont. Press Article submitted by Cllr Oldfield re withdrawal of planning application for village hall : Cllr McIlvaney : Minute stated all agreed press article was not accurate & a disgrace : she had not agreed, stated that VHC had every right to be upset by Parish Council's decision to act in this way. Again not minuted.

Resolve Rescission Notice Min 91/2010

Cllr Oldfield : Minute 143/2010 July seats & picnic table : At June meeting it had been agreed that programme of work on field be approved which included provision of picnic table & seats which would be supply only from manufacturer, collected & installed by local contractor. Price Seats £450 each Table £595, considerable savings made by fetching & local installation. Position of both items to be in corner away from housing. (not an agenda item only verbal information given by Cllr Oldfield) At July meeting the decision to purchase table & seats had been overturned, in his opinion finance was available seats were not an issue should not have been rejected. The Chairman asked if the rescission notice be accepted by Members, agreed to accept. Cllr Gosling stated the siting of the seats was the issue, at June meeting Cllr Oldfield had stated all to be in far corner of field, at July meeting seats to be on original concrete bases to rear of housing which had resulted in the rejection.

Cllr Morris : other villages have seats sited in various positions on their fields ;

Cllr Gray : not to be sited to the rear of housing on OVS caused noise nuisance and many complaints, this was the reason original seats were removed.

Cllr Gosling proposed that minute 143/2010 be overturned, Full Council to make decision on siting not to be near boundary fence adjacent to housing.

Resolved : Proposal accepted : price to be checked before order placed. Positioning of seats to be agreed by full Council.

Playing Field Boundary Fence Min 92/2010

Cllr Gosling stated that it had been agreed not to take any legal action. it was questioned if residents had been informed. Ongoing.

Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor Min 93/2010

Cllr Waltham : Village Do cracking occasion enjoyed by all who attended, congratulations to the committee for all work involved in putting the event together.

Speeding sign on Doncaster Road was to be recalibrated and repositioned when returned to the site later in the year. Signage at the old CJ's site to be removed.

Problems with Neap House Road pumping station which had failed during the recent storms, STWA were aware and taking steps to remedy problem. Attended coffee morning in aid of funds for Methodist Chapel well attended event. Caged area L/M

Estate : NLC had not yet decided on the future of the cage and were arranging a meeting to discuss relocating to land behind Minster Road centre.

Report on "Village Do" Min 94/2010

Cllr Singleton : Thanks to fellow committee members for hard work over the last six months in organising the event a great team effort, special thanks for the many residents of the village who had come forward with willing hands to help on the day highlighting the community spirit in Gunness, for the many raffle prizes donated and sponsorship from local firms. Feed back after the event had been positive, some things didn't work as planned, not one entry for the adult talent show but the kids did us proud with some outstanding performances. The sun shone on Saturday which was an interactive day for all to join in. stocks ,tug of war ,street dance workshop ; five a side football ; dog display team ; sumo suit/ gladiator bouncy castle for kids many stalls and the W.I with their tea & cakes. The marquee was lined with art from the three schools in the Parish the winner to be displayed at 20/21 Arts Centre. cont..page 87

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It had been agreed when donation from Parish Council granted that any surplus would be returned for the Community Pot. Lot of costs to producing the event income still to be finalised and balanced to bank statements but pleased to give cheque for £1000 as interim payment could be further small amount. Raffle takings shared between the four parties pulled out of hat, Methodist Chapel ; LMRA ; MUGA : & Village Do who would each receive £113. Cllr Gosling congratulated Cllr Singleton for putting the event on under budget.

Accounts for Payment Min 95/2010

Resolved : That the accounts detailed below be approved for payment .
Marshall's Taxis..... Voucher Scheme.....£ 420.00
GCSI..... Donation MUGA.....£ 4000.00 #
K.I Contractors.... Repair footplate round-a-bout.. £ 98.00 #
..... Emergency repair top " " " " ...£ 90.00
Cross Keys Law.. Advice to C/man on disciplinary procedures re Clerk.....£ 58.75 **

From September meeting ** Agreed in principle on November agenda

Receipts : "Village Do" £1000.00

Planning Matters Min 96/2010

2010/0829 : Bates/Gray : 86/88 Station Road Erect rear extensions FPP Granted.

Playing Field Matters Min 97/2010

Land Purchase : Two letters from Perkins George Mawer acting agents for Action for Children, Letter dated 9th September confirming our offer of £4000 had been received ,and following telephone conversation with Clerk what price the Parish Council is willing to offer to include the access way from Station Road and the track running along the East side of the subject land. Further letter dated 15th September acknowledging information that you had requested the Chairman to call a special meeting to discuss this one issue. No meeting had been called. If the purchase of this land goes ahead the upkeep and maintenance would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. Cllr Oldfield stated that the field at the side of the playing field was also up for sale for sale for estimated sum of £60,000 the VHC had considered purchase but not proceeded as the funds were to build a hall not buy land. Cllr Gray expressed concern at the cost of upkeep in future years and this could possibly not be a good idea. Cllr Gosling; alternative vehicle access to parcel of land already price offered which Cllr's Craddock and Morris supported. Cllr Oldfield was of the opinion that by purchasing this land the PROW would be protected, the Clerk informing the meeting that the dyke adjacent to the field did not belong to the Parish Council and the PROW would be included in the other parcel of land for sale. Cllr Gosling proposed that the £4000 would include this area of land and on a vote being taken ;

Resolved ; That the Clerk inform GPMawer of this decision

Sponsorship Guinness SFC : Cllr Oldfield stated that the Parish Council were not receiving any credit for the £300 donation to the club and proposed that a further £200 be given on condition that this was acknowledged by logo on strip. To agenda item November meeting. In the meantime the Clerk to write asking the opinion of the club concerned.

Matters Relating to L/M Estate Min 98/2010 No issues raised.

Matters relating to Hilton Avenue Estate Min 99/2010 No issues raised.

Update on Clerks Proposed New Working Condition Min 100/2010

No further progress : Cllr Oldfield mislaid documents requested copy of Clerks questions. Outcome to be available for December meeting.

Village Hall Matters Min 101/2010

Business plan not available for circulation with agenda brought tonight's meeting by Cllr Oldfield : This included latest set of audited figures from accountants. Cllr Singleton enquired what stage funding applications were from other sources. Cllr Armitage stated that most applications required planning permission to be in place Cllr Oldfield informed the meeting that an application to WREN two years ago failed to attract funding would have been successful if planning permission was in place. Item to be on November agenda for discussion when all Members will have received copy of the document to study.

Cllrs Morris & Oldfield left the room.

Cllr Singleton hoped the document would include written support from residents of Gunness that they want a hall to be built. Cllr Thompson : if we do have hall one of a smaller size would be used by residents and families on a regular basis throughout the year and be more cost effective. Cllr Armitage ; Evening Telegraph ran article with availability for residents to vote when Barton had similar issues, the decision of the Parish Council to withdraw the application had brought shame and would cost the VHC to resubmit the application in their name.

Correspondence Min 102/2010

VHC : Letter from Mr Oldfield expressing extreme disappointment at the actions of the Parish Council in withdrawing the planning application for the building of a village hall which had been submitted in the name of the Parish Council to achieve a 50% reduction in application costs. This action was in his opinion uncalled for very un professional and asked for an explanation as to why this drastic action had been taken. Presentation at July meeting had brought Council fully up to date but it was not known at that date if the application had been submitted. NLC were informed that the Council's main objection was the size of the building but the size has not changed over the period of five years, additional car parking required by NLC. Implications are that VHC will now have to re apply in their name which will attract a fee of £2680 + extra cost in changing all the documentation. Request that Parish Council reconsiders decision taken at August meeting or make good the loss it has made for our charity. No reply had been received re letter written to Council dated 30th July, copy attached. Clerk stated this letter had not been received by herself this was the first sighting. Cllr Armitage : Whilst she was not present at the meeting had this item been on the agenda she would have made herself available. The Clerk stated it was not on the agenda as the only knowledge Council had that an application had been made was that NLC had sent letters out to adjacent property owners asking for their comments, no copy of the planning application had been received from NLC at time of August meeting. Cllr Singleton : Parish Council had made decision at meeting on 1st July to defer decision on application being placed in P.C.name until August meeting, Cllr Oldfield was present when this decision was made. Cllr Armitage it appears to her that the decision was made with no discussion taking place, Cllr Gray : VHC had not met the Council's conditions on producing a business plan which was requested last year possibly before that. Cllr Gosling :It was a Council decision to withdraw the application.

Correspondence VHC cont....

Cllr Armitage : No letter to VHC of explanation why this decision had been made :

Reply : Parish Council not been informed by VHC the application had been submitted. Copy of letter dated 9th June 2009 attached when P.C. agreed to have permission in their name but required copy of application and to be kept fully informed of progress. Cllr Armitage questioned why a recorded vote had not been taken as Standards Board could be involved : no request made. Agreed letter be sent to VHC with comments on decision to withdraw.

G&B W.I. Request for donation for Gunness pensioners Christmas party hosted by the W.I. event held for the last 30 years. Cllr Armitage asked if Burringham P.C. had also been asked for a donation : Decision deferred to November meeting when this information be available.

NLC : LDF Core Strategy Submission to Sec of State : Noted

ERNLLCA : AGM 16th October Elloughton : No Member available.

NLC Dates of Meetings/Forward Plan : Noted.

Cross Keys Law : unpaid account £58.75 for advice on Disciplinary Action Clerk agreed in principle November agenda. All legal issues have been dropped

Councillor's Reports Min 103/2010

Cllr Oldfield : Lights out on playing field : Car park switched off in port-a-cabin by football club now turned on : near play equipment switched out believed by contractor, Clerk to arrange remedy.