

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

Present : Cllr T.Gosling : Chairman

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

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

Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr's S.Armitage, R.Etchell, T.Glover, D.West, P.West.

NLC R.Waltham, P.C.Kirkby.

Letter of Resignation Min 104/2010

The Chairman reported letter of resignation from Cllr Singleton as he no longer lives in Gunness which he accepted with much regret. Andrew had always been keen to be involved in debate on many issues affecting the whole of the Parish especially getting value for money when spending the precept, his contribution at meetings would be greatly missed.

Declarations of Interest Min 105/2010

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

Report from Humberside Police Min 106/2010 No Officer Present.

Questions from Members of Public Min 107/2010 No Questions

Minutes of Previous Meeting Min 108/2010

Cllr Oldfield item 101/2010 re business plan for village hall ,why had it been circulated for discussion ; Clerk agreed at October meeting. Cllr Gosling stated he understood that once a plan had been produced no matter what its content it satisfied the condition that recovery of the £8000 by the Parish Council had been met.

Resolved : That the minutes of the meeting held on

Thursday 7th October 2010 be approved a correct record.

Questions on the Minutes Min 109/2010

Cllr Oldfield asked if any information on trimming trees on playing field : Clerk informed trees had been trimmed near electric cables by YEDL.

Had order form been returned to Monster Play for picnic tables & seats. Clerk confirmed : Cllr Gosling reminded Cllr Oldfield that the decision on siting the seats on the field was required by Full Council prior to installation.

The request that Parish Council make good loss incurred by VHC following their withdrawal of village hall planning application had not been resolved > No comments. Chairman ; item further down agenda. Cllr McIlvaney stated that Cllr Oldfield had attempted to raise this earlier in the discussion and as he had declared an interest would not be in the room for this item.

Playing Field Boundary Fence Min 110/2010

No progress : it was still not known if residents had been written to re withdrawal of legal action. ongoing.

Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor Min 111/2010

Written report through Clerk : Chasing progress on the main road sign vicinity of CJ's apparently still on order. Significant patching of both Station & Neap House Road work now completed, problem with water retention outside Post Office additional work NLC to resolve. ; Further meeting Officers NLC re proposed sale of caged area L/M Estate, plans to relocate to area rear of Community Centre local groups conclude this is not a viable option, ongoing. : Pensioner bus Hilton Avenue still running & well supported.

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Ward Councillor Report cont. In conjunction with MP trying to obtain more funding for further work on pumping station Neap House Road causing problems during periods of heavy rain, Network Rail have agreed to an engineering inspection of bridge near school and consider request to paint.

Will be present at Remembrance Service.

"Village Do" Final Balance Sheet Min 112/2010

Circulated to all Members : Noted.

Account for Payment Min 113/2010

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

Marshall's Taxis.... Voucher Scheme.....	£ 150.00
NLC..... Maintenance Field 2010/11.....	£3780.48
Wicksteed Leisure..2 nd Footplate Round-a-bout...	£ 233.31
Digitech... Photocopies.....	£ 9.62
W.I. Guinness OAP Party.....	£ 300.00
Cross Keys Law... Advice on Disp Chairman.....	£ 58.75 #
Chairman's Allowance ... 2010/11.....	£ 425.00
G & B PCC.... Room Hire meetings 2009/10.....	£ 384.00 **
W Toyne..... Clean Bus shelter X 6.....	£ 60.00 **

from October meeting : ** agreed in principle on December agenda.

Further Donation Guinness SFC Min 114/2010

Min 97/2010 refers : Letter sent informing further £200 if Parish Council logo on strip Cllr Oldfield stated that he had spoken to Mr Newton tonight who confirmed that this condition would be met. Before start of meeting Clerk had circulated copy of late mail to all Members present ; letter from Mr Newton clearly stated that due to ongoing sponsorship they could not see a way forward in including Parish Council name on strip but would appreciate the extra funding to the club which would be put to good use. Cllr Gosling proposed that until position verified no decision be made. On a vote being taken Resolved : That Clerk write to Mr Newton requesting clarification before decision made.

Donation to Guinness Pensioners Christmas Party Min 115/2010

Letter from Mrs Ward confirming that only pensioners from Guinness Village attended

OAP Parish Outing June 2011 Min 116/2010

Cllr Oldfield brought quote to meeting from "Radleys" for OAP summer trip to Bridlington price £800 he informed members that both Hornsby's & Holloways had been approached by him for a quote no reply as yet.

Resolved : On December agenda to consider funding when alternative quotes are available for comparison.

Planning Matters Min 117/2010 None to hand

Playing Field Matters Min 118/2010

Land Purchase :: Letter from Perkins George Mawer acting for Action for Children accepting the Parish Council's offer of £4000 to include the access known as Edwards Road and the ten foot to rear of housing on Station Road from No 54 to line of boundary fence of field adjacent to new PROW with the condition that the Council pay all legal costs which they estimated at £1000. There is also a clawback provision on the land for a forty year period. Cllr Oldfield asked what the clawback involved and was informed by the Clerk that should the land be sold for any reason including development any profit made would be subject to 50% being paid back to Action for Children, normal practice in land sales.

Land Purchase cont.. Cllr Gray proposed that we agree to pay 50% of the legal costs which was not seconded. Following further discussion on a vote being taken :-

Resolved : That we agree to paying the full legal costs
& request Symes Baines to act on our behalf.

Playing field items requested by Cllr Oldfield

- A. Consider quote for boundary maintenance options : No quote supplied.
- B. Secure Round-a-bout Isolation Brackets : This equipment had been vandalised yet again, further footplate broken and top slats. Clerk reported that two attempts to secure this piece of equipment by using the isolation chain attached, by a further chain & lock : once by Cllr Glover & herself which lasted 1 day and again by K.I.Contractors which again lasted a day. Footplate ordered from Wicksteeds. price to be obtained on solution to fix brackets.
- C. Re-site Litter Bin : to prevent easy access to teen shelter roof . No, bin is well used will find other ways to climb up
- D. Replacement door on Port-a-cabin. ; Cllr Etchell had agreed to repair door at August meeting No action taken. Considered a safety hazard, price to be obtained
- E. Consider contingency budget for urgent repairs : Clerk already has authority to act if safety involved.

Also reported at meeting : plant three more trees on boundary, of two recently planted in far corner at a cost of £90 each which included planting, one of these had already been broken off question asked were these really necessary during financial constraints; agreed to obtains price, on December agenda. Mole activity near perimeter of Junior football pitch request price for extermination.

Matters Relating to Lodge Moors Estate Min 119/2010

Caged Area Cllr Gosling reported that he had spoken to John Kidner NLC Estates ; informed that no decision would be made until the outcome of the petition was dealt with, we had previously requested that it be leased to LMRA. Letter to be sent requesting further information.

Matters Relating to Hilton Avenue Estate Min 120/2010 No Matters

Village Hall Matters Discuss Business Plan Min 121/2010

Business plan circulated to all Members with agenda. Cllr's Morris & Oldfield left room. Cllr Gray questioned how the income figures had been arrived at Cllr Gosling agreed to adjourn the meeting to allow Mrs McWeeney to speak. Mrs McWeeney : thought all figures had been calculated by observing income & outgoings for other village halls and applying to this plan, she found it distressing that the Parish Council were distancing themselves from the entire enterprise. Cllr Gray stated that in his opinion the figures were unrealistic, Cllr Gosling : we had asked for plan which had now been produced. Cllr Craddock asked when the survey of the village had been carried out Cllr McIlvaney informing her that whilst it was a weekend did it matter when.

Cllr Gosling re-adjourned the meeting.

Cllr Gray expressed concern that if a hall of this size was built he could see residents of the village being saddled with ongoing costs. Cllr Gosling stated that the P C had agreed that the VHC should stand alone therefore separating any further involvement by the P.C. On more than one occasion he and other Councillor's had suggested that money in the village hall funds be used to build brick changing rooms as a starting point as something to work against to achieve a hall, this had never been taken on board by the VHC. The £8000 had been approved on condition that a plan was produced this had been met.

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Cllr Craddock : If we disassociated ourselves from the project would the PC still have input into the size of the building. Cllr Gosling replied that this was a grandiose scheme which was unlikely to be achieved any person can respond to an application but it would not be the responsibility of the P.C. Cllr Craddock was in agreement with the earlier comment by Cllr Gray which could mean that any shortfall in income would result in residents having to pay through the Council Tax. Cllr Gray : what happens if it all goes wrong to which Cllr McIlvaney replied it would not be the P.C's problem. Cllr Gray it would be stood on our property and could come back to bite us. Cllr Gosling repeated that any individual could object to planning applications and no future agendas to include village hall matters, dealt with only under correspondence. suggestion made that a separate meeting be called with the VHC to decide future. Cllr Porter stated that we should clarify what happens if hall was built and it all goes wrong.

Update on Clerks Proposed new Working Conditions Min 122/2010

No further progress : Clerk not supplied further copy of queries lost by Cllr Oldfield.

Preliminary Discussion Precept 2011/12 Min 123/2010

Clerk had circulated latest figures available on income & expenditure ; projected figures to year end which included a column for Members to assess items to be included in the budget. The Chairman stated that he was looking for a standstill budget, it was the Council's task to allocate funding to specific areas. Cllr Oldfield was concerned that the contingency allocation last year of £16,000 was half the precept. The Clerk informed the meeting that most of this had been spent during the last year, £3300 to "Village Do" : £4000 to MUGA : & the £5000 for land purchase. NLC required figures for the precept by early January preferably earlier. To December meeting for further discussion.

Correspondence Min 124/2010

NLC : Code of Conduct register of interest consultation on information being published on the web. All members present had no objection to their details being included. Cllr McIlvaney was concerned that whilst there was total consent of Members present should those not at the meeting be consulted before replying. Cllr Gosling stated that it was an agenda item all Members aware, decision has been made tonight which would include all.

NLC ; LDF Core Strategy Submission Update : DVD on details of representations received several errors had been made previous version should be disregarded. Noted

NLC : Community Emergency Plan Training DVD received Noted.

NLC : 2011 Census 27th March 2011 ; Information used for allocation if funds from Central Government Display poster to promote census which includes information on job opportunities. Noted.

Brochures ERNLLCA Newsletter ; Umbrella : The Playing Field :
NLC Forward Plan & Dates for November meetings

Late Mail not Circulated

Paul Newton Guinness SFC : see minute 104/2010

Mr. B.McWeeney : Acknowledging receipt of letter of 12th October re Village Hall planning application, informing the Council that he is not & never has been secretary to the VHC, although a member of the committee. He expressed concern that the letter did not reflect what was said at the meeting that size & position could not be cited as reasons for P.C. withdrawal of the application and felt that the Council's reaction in going back on its decision both harsh & disappointing. Noted