

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Gunness Parish Council held on  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in the  
Coleman Hall Gunness at 7.30pm**

Present : Cllr E. Gray ; Chairman

Cllr's A.Craddock, P.Devine, R.Etchell, T.Glover, D.Oldfield,  
B.Porter, G.Wagstaffe, P.West

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr's S.Armitage, T.Gosling, D.McIlvaney, S.Thompson, D.West.

**Declarations on Interest Min 139/2012**

Cllr D.Oldfield : VHC.

**Report from Humberside Police Min 140/2012**

No Officer present : Cllr Oldfield reported that he had walked round the village with P.C.Kirkby earlier in the week speaking to several residents. Mr Jackson OVS had questioned the action of person putting warning notices on vehicles parked on the grass verges in the vicinity of 24-32 OVS stating that this area was part of residents property. Both Cllr Craddock and Cllr Gray informed the meeting that the land had been gifted in the early 70's to local authority by residents to allow for a footpath to be made up for the benefit of the village, NLC cut and maintained the grass. Cllr Gray a further visit had been made last night vehicles being photographed & warning notices left. Cllr Oldfield stated that P.C.Kirkby took the stand that as long as there was room for pushchair's & persons to pass this was a safe option due to the very narrow width of the road. The Parish Council had not been informed of this action and no-one was aware of why this action had been taken, Cllr Craddock suggested it could be the NLC team mowing the grass as if vehicles parked not possible to cut this could cause complaints that the work had not been done.

**Questions from Members of Public Min 141/2012** No questions.

**To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting Min 142/2012**

Resolved : That the minutes of the meeting held on  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 be approved a correct record

**Questions & Updates on the Minutes Min 143/2012**

Cllr Gray : Any reply from NLC Cllr Waltham re school governors : No

Cllr Oldfield : Aluminium Dog Sign delivered but not yet erected.

**Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor Min 144/2012**

Cllr Oldfield ; NLC had put aside £200,000 for housing benefit & Council tax support following cut of 10% from Central Government to £1.3m this equates to 23% less for persons claiming support, should any individuals wish to add any comment there is a proforma on the NLC website. 24 new apprentices had been given job opportunities with NLC this was part of Government incentives for youth to learn new trades to help with future employment. Ex offenders were being encouraged to do volunteer work to gain experience & assist them to climb the jobs ladder. Success in GCSE results with 56% of students gaining 5plus A\* to C grades 4% higher than last years results. Many schools have or were now looking to Academy status including G&B school which he personally was not in favour of, did work if good Head Teacher on board but any problems the LEA could not have any input.

There had been a serious accident on Neap House Road with a motorcyclist receiving many injuries, he had requested NLC Highways to inspect the road surface in the area which proved only slight loose stone chippings. L/M Estate concern re deep dyke to rear of Glanford Park Stadium which is in private ownership, Danger to residents especially children request made to NLC Environment Team, needs piping. cont..

Accounts for Payment Min 145/2012

Resolved : That the accounts detailed below be approved ;

C.Marshall....Taxi Voucher Scheme.....	£ 335.00
TVES.....Timer Switch Gunness Field.....	£ 102.00
Digitech.....Photo Copies.....	£ 42.26
Audit Commission...2011/12 Audit fee.....	£ 342.00
M.Toyne.....Clean Bus Shelter X 5.....	£ 50.00
Fenton Insurance..extra premium L/M round-a-bout.	£ 67.13

Receipt : Ironstone FC £30

Receive Summary Receipts/Payments Min 146/2012

Clerk had circulated to all Members with agenda : Noted.

To Receive Balance Sheet "Village Do" Committee Min 147/2012

To celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee ; self funding ; profit of £29.78 : Noted

To Receive Members Code of Conduct Forms 2011 Localism Act Min 148/2012

Clerk reported that five Members had still not returned their signed Code of Conduct forms which is a legal obligation which could result in losing their seats.

Planning Matters Min 149/2012

2012/0079 ; GCSI erect MUGA ; withdrawn Clerk reported had been resubmitted  
2012/0613 ; Tesco : Gallagher Retail park ; Replace extant permission 2008/1709  
to erect side extension etc FPP granted

Playing Field Matters Min 150/2012

Lease VHC : Cllr Oldfield Secretary VHC reported that NLC legal team had been engaged to write up a lease on their behalf but not available to date. Ongoing.

Grass Cutting Pitches : Letter from Mr Furnell Ironstone FC complaining re length of grass on pitches impossible to mark out could result in referee declaring the pitch unfit to play, request that Parish Council consider cutting every week during the coming season. Cllr Oldfield reported he had spoken to NLC Neighbourhood Services for price for weekly cut which would be £50.49 per cut as our present SLA Agreement. There had been problems with tractor unit last cut been done by rotary mower which left clumps of grass on the pitches. Cllr West asked if the loose grass was removed to allow white lining and was informed only in places it was on the area to be marked. Cllr Craddock : the SLA Agreement allows for 16 cuts a year is this adequate. It was agreed that this year had been exceptional weather wise with grass growing above the normal rate. Cllr Oldfield proposed that the pitch be cut on a weekly basis for the next three weeks. Cllr Porter asked Cllr West if the grass was still growing at such a fast pace as Autumn approached, and was informed growth was slowing but growing quicker than the norm for this time of year. On a vote being taken Resolved : That three extra cuts be approved Clerk to action.

Fencing : Letter from Mr Rivett Ironstone FC requesting that the Parish Council erect extra high fence to rear of houses on OVS to prevent more complaints of footballs going into residents gardens. Cllr Gray stated that the Ironstone team were desperate to get the junior pitch turned round but to date no action had been taken by them to erect the posts and mark the pitch, Mr Furnell had agreed to install the goal posts & remark the pitch. Cllr Etchell questioned size of goals for junior pitches and was informed by Cllr Oldfield that the Junior pitch was now near the port-a-cabin allowing for two full size pitches along the bottom of the field creating backup pitch should the present senior pitch become water logged or unfit to play on. On the original subject under discussion the erection of a high fence a Resolution : No.

**Progress on Brick Changing Facilities Min 151/2012**

To be discussed further when lease for proposed village hall agreed.

**Matters Relating to Lodge Moors Estate Min 152/2012**

Cllr Devine reported that she had spoken to Officer NLC to discuss the lease of the caged area but to date no paperwork on conditions etc had been delivered to the Residents Asstn. The grass in the cage had been cut to satisfaction but no work carried out to the potholes in the goal areas. Quote from Notts Sport for synthetic turf in goal areas only, cost £5727.32 with additional cost of £1632.44 if a VHAF underlay was required. Cllr Devine stated this was too expensive to consider just for the goal areas, Cllr Oldfield proposed the quote should be sent to LMRA for their input as grant funding could be available for its installation. Cllr Devine Chair of LMRA to action. Clerk had obtained quote to include the new round-a-bout in the Council's insurance, increased premium of £67.13 to add to existing policy.

Resolved : Quote be accepted Clerk to action.

**Matters Relating to Hilton Avenue Estate Min 153/2012**      None.

**Emergency Plan Progress Min 154/2012**

Cllr Etchell : Much of plan now completed but consent needed to be sought from some of the persons proposed for their inclusion in the plan. Clerk stated telephone call from NLC re progress of plan and that there was now a shorter version available.

**Correspondence Min 155/2012**

ERNLLCA : August Newsletter : Notice of AGM at Hornsea ; Autumn Training Programme ; Day Conference Barton ; New advisory note on Electronic Banking appropriate controls required to be in place

All above circulated to all : Noted.

Audit Commission : Appointment of External auditors for the next five years Littlejohn LLP ; Scale of their charges attached : Noted

NLC : Dates of Meetings & Forward Plan September : Noted.

LMRA : Thank you card for donation £500 which has been used to take 47 persons on a day trip to Skegness : to fund a mini Olympic sports day on the estate planned trip to Blackpool Illuminations.

**Councillor's Reports Min 156/2012**

Cllr Glover : Propose that "Deer Signs" be erected on Neap House Road following vehicle impact with deer by local resident earlier in the year. Clerk stated that over the years three requests had been made to NLC following request at Council meetings from Cllr Armitage, Replies sent to Highways had indicated that they had been passed to another department within the Authority but no action had ever been taken. Cllr Oldfield agreed to bring this to NLC attention.

Cllr Oldfield ; Earlier attendance at Burringham P.C. meeting when untidy state of Church Burial grounds had been discussed. Guinness Council in the past had donated to the PCC £200 towards the upkeep of the burial grounds & £150 for the Christmas Tree lights, for the last few years a general donation of £350, in line with same donation to other organisations in parish, had not been restricted towards any particular purpose. Burringham PC had indicated that if the PCC then gave their Council the £200 they would take over the responsibility of the grounds upkeep. On speaking to Mrs Barker Burringham PC had never made any financial help towards the upkeep of the burial grounds. Cllr Gray asked if Burringham PC had approached Mrs Barker with this proposal and was informed letter to be written. Cllr Gray stated this should be noted when next years budgets set.