

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Gunness Parish Council held on  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in the  
Coleman Hall Gunness at 7.30pm**

Present : Cllr T.Gosling ;Chairman

Cllr's S.Armitage, P.Chesters, A.Craddock, P.Devine, B.Etchell,  
E.Gray,D.McIlvaney, D.Oldfield, B.Porter, S.Thompson, D.West.  
Members of public.

**Apologies for Absence** Cllr's T.Glover, P.West.

**Declarations of Interest Min 77/2013**

Cllr Oldfield VHC.

Cllr Chesters left the room for the next item.

**Discuss Rescission Notice Min 78/2013**

Rescission Notice signed by Cllr's Oldfield, Armitage & Devine relating to the co-option of Member to fill the Casual Vacancy at the May meeting of the Parish Council

Copy had been circulated to all Members with agenda. Both the Chairman & the Clerk had sought advice from ERNLLCA (copy of Clerk's advice given to Members present.) On a vote being taken to either accept or reject the rescission notice two Members voted to accept ; majority reject

Resolved ; That the rescission notice be rejected.

The Chairman made decision to talk through the points raised in the notice and the replies to each part from ERNLLCA for clarification.

1&2. : That Clerk failed to produce letters of application to full Council.

No written applications required candidates can make request at meeting to be considered for the vacancy ; apply by letter ; or verbally to the Clerk..

Cllr Oldfield stated it was traditional to ask for letters to allow Members to make an informed decision ; Cllr Etchell ; advice obtained "can be done as information above".

Cllr Devine : Person co-opted not known ; this was challenged ; majority did know

Cllr Chesters ; Cllr Etchell both persons applying known to majority.

Cllr Armitage : Nothing against Cllr Chesters but L/M estate needed more representation large amount of precept was gathered from the estate, this was supported by Cllr Oldfield. Cllr

Gosling accepted this point but decision made was carried out in a lawful & proper manner. Cllr Porter ; asked why more people from the Estate didn't apply at the last elections ; informed by

Cllr Devine that there were more home owners than tenants in the area.

Cllr Craddock stated she had telephoned resident of L/M Estate asking if interested in applying for the vacancy ; to involved with other activities on estate.

3. Essential debate failed to take place;

Chairman asked for votes on the candidates ; No Member asked for a debate at this time outcome 6 to 5 clear majority decision. Cllr Gosling : Advice from ERNLLCA states that you cannot un-co-opt a co-opted Member following a lawful decision.

4. The first applicant was treated differently to the second applicant this could lead to legal discrimination claim against the Council.

Cllr D.West asked for an explanation on both these matters especially where would the legal claim come from ; Cllr Gosling both were treated fairly full discussion taken place tonight, points raised answered ; The Parish Council has acted lawfully in the decision made at the May meeting. Matter now closed.

Cllr Chesters rejoined the meeting.

**Confirmation of Acceptance of Office Vice Chairman Min 79/2013**

Cllr E.Gray Confirmed he Accepted the roll of Vice Chairman for year 2013/14 as nominated at the May meeting.

**Report from Humberside Police Min 80/2013**

No Officer present : Cllr Oldfield : Incident of arson in Buxton Court damaging hedge, fence & guttering neighbours had assisted ; two youths arrested.

**Questions from Members of Public Min 81/2013**

Mr Boyce : LMRA trying to build community spirit on Estate it was his perception that the Parish Council blocked applications and where not given the opportunity, questioned why. This leaves an imbalance of representation. Cllr Gosling : point made was the desire of the Parish Council to have more representatives from that end of Parish which included L/M & Hilton Ave. Estates.

Question asked if more Members could sit on the Council informed legislation permits 14 Members for this Ward Cllr D.West informed that applications should be made when casual vacancy arose. Cllr Armitage : In past notice be put on L/M but nowhere to place.

Cllr Devine : LMRA & Community Asstn. where now working together;

Cllr Etchell ; Financially there was a fair spend across the Parish

Question asked : If there was an opportunity to train such as shadowing a Member and take part in voting etc. Cllr D.West : Public can attend all meetings which gave an insight into protocol.

Cllr Devine : Cllr's do not need training ; Cllr Armitage : Disappointed at outcome of vote as Mrs McIlvaney had been a regular attender at meetings for a considerable time.

Mr Furnell ; Grass cutting on playing field not done to a very high standard ; raw deal from NLC  
In his opinion the MUGA should be sited the other side of the existing play equipment.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings Min 82/2013**

Resolved : That the minutes of the

Annual Parish Assembly ; AGM Parish Council 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013

Special Meeting Presentation Lincolnshire Lakes 13<sup>th</sup> May

All be approved a correct record.

**Questions on Minutes Min 83/2013**

Cllr Gosling : Min 54/2013 : Change wording from "refused"

" to as this would be unprofessional"

Cllr McIlvaney : 54/2013 : Advice had been sought by the Labour Group from both NLC Electoral Registrar & Will Bell Legal Services re her declaration of interest on voting on the Casual Vacancy issue when information indicated there was no requirement to make a declaration. (ERNLLCA's advice differed).

Cllr Oldfield : In his opinion three quotes should have been obtained for the remedial work to the port-a-cabin and other repairs on the field before decision made.

**Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor Min 84/2013**

AGM of NLC held on 14<sup>th</sup> May when Cllr P.Clark had been appointed Mayor ; T.Foster Deputy Mayor. Planning Application from Costa & Subway had been approved at the last planning meeting despite objections from L/M residents & this Council ; split vote determined by Chairman's casting vote. Both VHC & GCSI (MUGA) had each been awarded grant aid of £30,000 from NLC Community Fund which would be payable on completion of projects.

An area of land on Kensington Road (Hilton Ave Estate) was to have been planted as a wild flower meadow but unfortunately the wrong area had been sprayed with weed killer, alternative site being sought. Taxi voucher scheme had underspent last years budget of £4000 by £740 which meant more residents could have been placed on the scheme.



**Accounts for Payment Min 85/2013**

Resolved : That the accounts detailed below be approved.

C.Marshall...Taxi Voucher Scheme.....	£ 535.00
TSW Printers. Print 2000 Taxi Vouchers.....	£ 117.60
K&I Contractors. Repairs on Guinness Field.....	£ 687.40
R.Gray.....Internal Audit 2012/13.....	£ 360.00
M.Toyne.....Clean Bus Shelter.x5.....	£ 50.00
Ironstone FC...Donation.....	£ 600.00
LMRA.....Donation.....	£ 500.00

**To Receive Internal Auditors report Min 86/2013**

Circulated with agenda : Payments : decrease in donations largely as the "Village Do" did not receive any funding. Taxi Voucher ; 14% decrease ; Repairs etc 9% increase ; Electric charges 40% increase. Noted that Chairman did not take his allowance. Bank reconciliation accurately completed ; Fixed Asset Register updated to include new round-a-bout.

Cllr Gray : Chairman's allowance was necessary , included in budgets and should be paid to cover the duties of Office, proposed the Council pay the last three years outstanding allowance. The Clerk expressed her concern that the allowance was in a private account when there was an account in the name of "Guinness Parish Council's Chairman Account" already in existence which just required change of signatories. HMRC could include any monies in a private account in their calculations which she had on more than one occasion informed the Chairman. Cllr Oldfield ,signatory on old Chairman's account included that of ex Cllr Oxenforth which had caused complications This account will now be closed & new Chairman's Account opened. Present balance in Cllr Gosling's account £131.54.

Resolved : That Cllr Gray's proposal be accepted ; three years back dated allowance be paid.

**To Agree & Sign External Audit Report Min 87/2013**

Resolved : That the External Audit Report be duly accepted  
Signed by Chairman & Clerk .

**Letters Requesting Funding Min 88/2013**

Ironstone FC : Mr Furnell : Last year donation given to football teams for £400 request that this be increased to £600 to be split between the three teams ; Granted

LMRA : Mr Walker : Request that donation of £500 be given to fund activities by the Asstn for residents ; grant last year was spent on litter pick ; mini sports day ; two bus trips. ; Granted.

**GCSI (MUGA) Information Min 89/2013**

Following our successful application of £30,000 from NLC Community Fund this offer came with conditions : A ; That Guinness parish Council had granted permission to the GCSI to construct the MUGA on their Playing Field

B. Confirmation that GCSI can hand over the MUGA to the Parish Council once erected and they agree to include maintenance & insurance for future years.

The grant from NLC must be claimed within this financial year and be paid only when the project is complete. Other funding partners are being sought to allow us to finance this project.

Cllr Armitage asked what the total cost was and informed by Clerk £55 to 60 k. Cllr Gosling stated permission had already been given to place the equipment on the field but insurance/maintenance not brought to our attention previously. Cllr D.West ; allocated piece of land at site meeting held earlier in year, football pitches would be turned , no conflict of interest and could not understand the negativity of some Members, Cllr Etchell supported this agreed that there is room for MUGA & pitches on the field. Cllr Craddock could not understand the statement made by Mr Furnell that children spoken to did not want a MUGA as she had also spoken to children who had been very enthusiastic. cont.. Page 192

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GCSI MUGA cont... Cllr Gosling ; proved very popular in other areas need to decide if the Parish Council agree to take over when completed. Cllr Porter proposed that the GCSI committee should be congratulated on their achievement to date would be a great asset to the village. Cllr Oldfield stated there was an option in the agreement from NLC to grant a lease, noted. On a vote being taken ;

Resolved : That Gunness Parish Council would take full responsibility for the equipment once fully erected.

### Planning Matters Min 90/2013

2013/0549 ; Wigham, 10 Neap House Road ; Erect side & rear extension ; No objections

2013/0365 ; Tesco Stores ; Display non illuminated signs FPP Granted

2013/0446 : Toys R Us : Retain 5 advertising banners : Refused.

### Playing Field Matters Min 91/2013

Letter from Mr Furnell, Ironstone FC requesting agree date to turn pitches before beginning of next season starting in September, would assist to ensure pitches are correct size, goal posts in correct position. Cllr Oldfield stated it had been agreed that the pitches would not be turned until all MUGA funding is in place. It was agreed that this would cause problems if half way through season. Cllr D. West offered to help with the lifting of the posts, Cllr Oldfield problem would be digging the holes. Cllr Gray proposed that the pitch be moved now, which was agreed. Cllr Oldfield asked for quote from NLC to turn & mark out the pitches..

Additional item in Mr Furnell's letter informing Council that Gunness is one of the only fields in Scunthorpe to still have goal posts up & that the pitch secretary,(Cllr Oldfield) is taking private bookings to play in the closed season, request extra grass cuts to allow for white lining. Cllr Oldfield stated he was not satisfied with the grass cuts Neighbourhood Services had been on site possible cause wrong gear used. Request for extra cuts last year had not been approved by Members, spoken to gang cutting perimeter asking if they would cut the pitch, No.

Mr Furnell ; Nets left up for use of children stolen ; damage done to outside of port-a-cabin, inside repairs carried out, flooring replaced but needs floor covering down both to protect the wood and ease of cleaning.

### VHC Lease Min 92/2013

Reply to our letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 ; NLC Legal Department have agreed to act on behalf of the VHC and have delivered the required lease document for approval, your early response would be appreciated to move forward. Changing/shower area would be given priority which could lead to the project being completed in two stages. Confirmation that in the event of the charity failing the property would revert to the land owners, Gunness Parish Council.

It was agreed that the document required circulating before decision made, looking to progress own lease as advised by ERNLLCA . Cllr Armitage stated that the Parish Council had asked the VHC to produce their own lease in the first instance. Asked what the funds were presently held in the VHC account Cllr Oldfield advised £75k plus funding from NLC 30k.

Resolved : That Cllr's Gray & Etchell who had attended the meeting with ERNLLCA peruse the document & report back to the July meeting.

### Matters Relating to L/M Estate Min 93/2013

Cllr Oldfield had obtained quote from AGN Fencing to carry out remedial work to the caged area fencing. Remove from site 1 galvanised RHS post : Take down 133m line wire, thread through existing chain link, re-tension, replace missing ties ; re-tension ; take down existing 12.8x3m high super 70 chain link including posts & fittings refix in new position. £1273.00 +VAT. Clerk asked if two other quotes should be obtained ;

Resolved ; This quote be accepted ; Clerk to action.



**Matters Relating to L/M Estate cont...** The repositioning of the fence was to try to stop people walking across the caged area which was damaging the surface.

Cllr Devine had obtained quote from Monster Play for seat to be installed on play area Castleton Road. Price of seat £495.00 ;with delivery & installation added total cost £1554.00. Cllr Oldfield obtained quote from "Widdy's" to fetch & install seat bringing total cost down to £874.00. Cllr Gray asked if seat was to be installed near residential properties as this could cause nuisance problems, had residents views been sought ; informed by Cllr Devine, adjacent to new round-a-bout, North Lincolnshire Homes had no objections. Clerk asked if other companies had been asked to quote, ; only quote obtained.

**Resolved** : That the seat be ordered, Monster Play to be informed that arrangements have been made to collect & install.

**Matters Relating to Hilton Avenue Estate Min 94/2013**

Cllr Gosling ; Request for "Ball Wall" to be installed on the grassed area on Kensington Road, there was no designated play area for children on the Estate. The Clerk informed Members that many years ago the Parish Council spent around £14k on play equipment & safety surfacing on that piece of land, there were so many complaints from residents of adjacent properties that three years later the whole lot was removed. On July agenda for further discussion.

**Correspondence Min 95/2013**

Letter from Cllr Devine expressing disappointment that candidate from L/M had not been chosen to fill casual vacancy ; points raised : Mrs McIlvaney attended meetings for last two years ; not fair to snub both L/M & Mrs McIlvaney ; bulk of precept from L/M to fund Parish activities. ; can meetings be held at Eastern end of Parish ; can anyone not voting for Pam explain the snub preferably someone involved in recruiting the successful candidate. Noted.

Letter from Mrs McIlvaney ; neither application letter or candidate present on night of meeting ; had shown interest over last two years ; aware that candidates have not come forward from areas of the Parish and of the opinion that some Members only want village people to be accepted & other representation are not desired. No documents available ; no discussions ; decision made was unconstitutional & protocol not adhered to in respect of both parties. Request nomination of candidates be reconsidered in fairness to the community & the Parish ; Noted

**ERNLLCA** : Complaints received from East Riding area that they are only interested in larger Council's which they dispute, majority of membership are small Council's with 64% of desktop enquiries coming from that section of Local Government. Record number of enquiries this year and well attended training sessions. Noted.

**Lucent Group** : Lincolnshire Lakes ; 150 people attended the public consultation sessions feedback from these events was being analysed . All the plans for this development are on our website along with updates & further information. Cllr D. West ; new round-a-bout between Doncaster Road & M180 would lead off to Scotter Road at junction with West Common Lane & Nuddocks towards Burringham. Cllr Oldfield : Nuddocks would be left as a cycle path/bridleway with a new road constructed from the new round-a-bout off at an angle to the North.

**CPRE** : Spring newsletter ; Membership Card (available for any Member to use).

**Councillor's Reports Min 96/2013**

Cllr Armitage : Who had been contacted at NLC re "Deer" signs : Highways.

Cllr Devine : open invitation for Members to walk round L/M Estate as many have no knowledge of lay out of area : This offer would be taken up ; to be arranged.

Cllr Craddock : Request for item on July agenda to discuss new equipment for older children

Cllr Porter : Welcome extended to our new Cllr Mr Philip Chesters.

Cllr Oldfield : Floor in port-a-cabin toilet not done by contractor whilst on site.