

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Gunness Parish Council held on
Thursday 3rd March 2016 in the
Coleman Hall Gunness at 7.30pm**

Present : Cllr T. Gosling ; Chairman.

Cllr's S.Armitage, P.Devine, E.Gray, D.McIlvaney, P.McIlvaney, D.Oldfield,
B.Porter, S.Shaw, L.Walker, D.West. 4 Members of Public.

Apologies for Absence

Cllr's R.Etchell, P.West.

Declarations of Interest Min 35/2016

Cllr D.Oldfield ; VHC.

Report from Humberside Police Min 36/2016

No Officer present ; No report.

Questions from Members of Public Min 37/2016

Mr Astbury : Gunness Copse ; Only being cut twice a year grass is now over 5 inches high ; Suspicious vehicular activity ; deer being killed ; 44 Neap House Road (last House) had been told not to cut grass on boundary ; Whilst he was aware this was also a bridleway horses are making the paths very muddy suggest riders keep to edges to prevent further erosion for walkers. request that a dog waste bin be installed on the entrance/egress from Neap House Road. Cllr Gosling ; this is private land, would discuss later in the meeting. Cllr Armitage ; Could close entrance to vehicles. Mr Furnell : Ironstone F.C. were to play in the County Cup Final in Lincoln. Meeting had been arranged to discuss what teams will be using the pitches next season.

To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting Min 38/2016

Resolved : That the minutes of the meeting held on

Thursday 4th February 2016 be approved a correct record.

Questions & Updates on the Minutes Min 39/2016

Cllr Devine questioned the accuracy of Min 27/2016, Councillor's had voted to fund the felling of trees, £600. This was disputed by Cllr Gosling ; the vote was to award £600 for unrestricted use by HALMA, this was supported by Cllr Gray.

Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor Min 40/2016

Cllr Oldfield ; PCSO looking into the reports of deer being killed on copse & other areas, he had heard that the gun had been confiscated this had not been confirmed by Police. Property reported by residents of L/M Estate as possible source of stolen play equipment had been searched, nothing found. NLC Ruling Group had approved a 2% increase in Council Tax for the coming year all to be allocated to the adult social services budget. This could lead to cuts in other services & further staff loss ; Burringham By pass put on hold until 2018/19, with 30,000 vehicles passing through the village a week this would cause further disruption to residents. Police shift rotas and areas had been changed again PCSO Dave Bamford being allocated to deal with all Gunness & Burringham issues. Still mole problem on Hilton Avenue estate, NLC Pest Control person had attended none caught, requested further visit. Quotes required for the proposed footpath along the gas strip. Cllr D.West ; Suspicious vehicle activity down the PROW to the Trent Bank ; Vehicles had been heard passing down the lane at 4.50am returning at 5.10am, vehicle believed to be a blue BMW estate possibly ten years old, had exited along Campbell's Farm Avenue. Cllr Armitage stated that cars driven by youths had been sited driving round the village, neither had reported this to Police.

Accounts for Payment Min 41/2016

Resolved : That the accounts detailed below be approved –

C.Marshall.....Taxi Voucher Scheme..... £ 175.00

Widdy's.....Erecting Benches L/M/Estate..... £ 170.00

P.Gray.....Replace Electric Cupboard Door.. £ 80.00 *

* Empson's donated the materials FOC. letter of thanks sent.

Planning Matters Min 42/2016

2016/0027 ; Costa : N.L.Shopping Park ; Install advertising height restrictor sign ; FPP Granted.

Playing Field Matters Min 43/2016

Cllr Oldfield ; need to make decision on what action to be taken by Parish Council re the present changing unit as it is causing problems for new building to access water supply. Cllr Gray : Needs cleaning after being used by contractors working on phase 1 project then discussing further.

Information from Village Hall Committee Min 44/2016

Report circulated at meeting ; Thanks to Parish Council in agreeing to pay utility bills for 1 year ; Apologies for mud on car park & road, arranged to have swept will be done as & when required. Work on external drains continues, waiting to connect to main sewers ; also ready to connect to mains water, solar panels generating electricity. Work on car park & access road progressing. Clerk stated that no lease had yet been agreed or signed to use this area of land, January meeting Min 12/2016 refers. Other requests in report that needed to be an agenda item, advised by Cllr Gosling to put in writing as previously informed to allow circulating with Members agenda.

Matters Relating to Lodge Moors Estate Min 45/2016

Cllr Devine informed meeting that the areas of footpath along the green belt that had no hard surface had been done by NLC PROW Officer free of charge connecting all sections together.

Matters Relating to Hilton Avenue Estate Min 46/2016

Cllr Shaw ; Fence not yet erected on Kensington Road play area ; advised by Cllr Gosling that the line of the fence had been modified, contractor had in hand. Cllr Shaw was also concerned of deer being shot on land used by persons for recreational purposes. ; Suggested Parish Council look at obtaining quotes for footpath along the gas strip. Cllr Gosling advised this land is owned by NLC & owners of shopping park. Cllr Gray ; Not Parish Council land or official PROW, is it our responsibility to finance which would ultimately mean we could be responsible for future upkeep.

Correspondence Min 47/2016

NLC Traffic Team : Speed Limit Amendment ; Neap House Road from last houses to Groveport entrance 40mph then changed to 50mph to include Orbital Road to Ferry Road Junction. These limits form part of the Traffic Signal Scheme at Ferry Road West A1077 ; Noted.
NLC Library Service : Changes to schedule ; Day changed from 9th May from Tuesday to Monday
NLC ; Dates for March Meetings.

S.Khan Pharma : Proposed Pharmacy Keadby : Clerk had met with Practice Manager at Keadby Surgery at their request producing a report of this meeting circulated to all Members with agenda. Also contacted Clerk to Keadby Parish Council for their views ; to be discussed at their March meeting. Noted ; No comments made.

Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society : Request for donation of £150 towards their Talking Book Service ; Cllr Devine stated that this Society charged persons for using this service. Cllr Walker ; Burringham Parish Council had also received this request had rejected. Proposal Cllr Gosling that we enquire how many residents of the Parish use this service before decision made. Cllr Gray ; If we donate would set precedence for other charities to make requests, should reject. Vote taken ;-

Resolved : That we request numbers using the service ; then decide.

Late Mail circulated at meeting

Mr Furnell ; Ironstone F.C Request for Funding Mini Bus ; Team through to finals at Lincoln request Parish Council pay for mini bus for the team Cost £220. This had been a verbal request at February meeting , Min 21/2016 refers. Still to late to be included in agenda ; Cllr Gosling proposed that the Council fund the bus donating £220. On a vote being taken

Resolved : By a majority vote £220 be donated : 8 for ; 3 abstentions.

Tower Mint : Commemorative Medal H.M. Queen Elizabeth 90th Birthday ; Free sample sent Cost £199 each with minimum order of 50 + ; Noted.

Correspondence cont....

Late Mail ;

NLC : Community Asset Nomination : Application pack received to include the "Jolly Sailor" on the Community Asset Register which allows any community groups to purchase the building if it comes on the open market. This had been proposed by Cllr Oldfield at the February meeting Min 24/2016 refers. The ten page application includes questions on ; Why we think this building is of Community Value ; What would it be used for ; Could it further the social well being or social interests in the community, if so how ; Where would finance for the purchase of the building come from ; How could it be run for the benefit of the community. Cllr Oldfield was asked to complete the application as it was his idea, he declined stating this was for the Clerk to complete. Clerk stated that with no guidance or input from Members it would only be her personal view on this which would be to "throw it in the bin".

Councillor's Reports Min 48/2016

Cllr Oldfield ; This year was the 100th Anniversary of Keadby Bridge ; Millennium Committee had secured £250 from NLC Fund to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday for holding an event in the new changing rooms, Min 33/2016 refers. asking if Parish Council would be involved.

Cllr D. West ; Gunness Methodist Chapel was in crisis and could close in the near future which would be a tragedy for the community as there had been a Chapel in the village for over a hundred years, asking if any Member had any ideas to keep this alive for the village. Cllr Armitage asked if it was lack of use or disrepair of the building and who the building belonged to. Cllr West ; Lack of use, depleted funds just ticking along financially. Cllr Gosling ; Could a local group be formed to gather ideas and offer practical assistance, the Parish Council did make an annual donation of £500 as it did with other local groups.

Cllr Porter ; Received many complaints from residents re Parking in Mill Lane & rear of houses along Station Road preventing access to their garages. Concerned that access not available for emergency service vehicles. While he agreed that not all vehicles belonged to customers visiting the garage a fair proportion were using their services. Mill Lane is a private road being in the ownership of Mr Dent, owners of adjacent houses have a right of access to the rear. Cllr Oldfield stated he had obtained a quote for bringing the road to standard required for adoption by NLC it was in excess of £24,000 which would have to be paid for by property owners, not enough interest. Agreed to send further letter to both the garage owner & Mr Dent, no suggestions made on actions.

Cllr Shaw ; Any reply from request to NLC to stop work at midnight when resurfacing of A18 Cllr Gosling advised letter sent raising concerns but couldn't see proposed schedules changing.

Cllr Armitage : Confirmed concerns raised by Mr Astbury re Gunness Copse earlier in meeting, Min 37/2016 refers, fly tipping was a problem with old fridges and bin bags etc being prevalent in the area. When permission sought Mr Wharton had stated he would fully maintain now only cut twice a year. Farm Manager had approached herself & adjacent neighbours asking them to stop using the copse for their social gatherings. Police had been informed of suspicious vehicles/anti social behaviour, deer shooting etc no action taken. Erecting fencing to prevent vehicular access from Neap House Road could reduce fly tipping. Cllr Gosling advised if drug user needles were found NLC would remove FOC, asked if there was a dog waste bin on site, informed Parish Council had purchased & paid for servicing 1 bin along the PROW, need to obtain permission to erect further bin. letter to be sent to Mr Wharton re all these items. ; Cllr Armitage Proposed that Electronic Mail facility should be used by the Parish Council. Clerk stated that no equipment was provided by the Parish Council and was not willing to use her own facilities & equipment for Council business above those currently provided, would also need to fund extra training.

Annual Parish Assembly Agreed to hold at L/M Community Centre prior to April meeting on Monday 4th April at 7.30pm