

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Gunness Parish Council held on
Thursday 1st December 2016 in the
Coleman Hall Gunness at 7.30pm**

Present ; Cllr T.Gosling ; Chairman

Cllr's S.Armitage, P.Devine, E.Gray, P.McIlvaney, D.Oldfield, B.Porter, S.Shaw, S.Thompson,
L.Walker, D.West. 1 Member of Public.

Apologies for Absence Cllr's B.Etchell, D.McIlvaney, P.West.

Declarations of Interest Min 175/2016

Cllr D.Oldfield ; VHC,

Report from Humberside Police Min 176/2016 No Officer present ; No report.

Questions from Members of Public Min 177/2016

Mr Furnell reported MUGA lights were being left on in the evening by dog walkers.

To Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting Min 178/2016

Resolved ; That with amendment to Min 173/2016 (VHC) delete

"Had been paid" Insert "had sent two invoices" the Minutes of the

Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2016 be approved a correct record.

Questions & Updates on the Minutes Min 179/2016 None.

Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor Min 180/2016

Cllr Oldfield ; Attended meeting of the Homeless Forum at The House, main topic of discussion rough sleepers in Scunthorpe. Police had arrested a number of persons begging in the High Street, Magistrates had granted Conditional Discharge. Held Site meeting along with Cllr's Devine & P.McIlvaney with Rob Beales, NLC Officer, re the state of the garages on Hilton Avenue, Fly Tipping, a TRO on Bolsover Road Corner,(Yellow lines), in Gunness ; Damaged fences, Kerbs & Lights, looking for action from NLC on all these issues. Advised that the snicket between Warping Way & the Gas Strip would be closed for possibly two weeks when the path is tarmaced which is imminent, notice will be given. Held meeting with representative from Network Rail, discussed fencing adjacent Keadby Bridge (damaged two years ago by tractor) & the state of the bridge en route to the school. Althorpe side over the A18 had been painted etc but no work done this side. Clerk advised this was Bridge Strengthening work the road being part closed for several weeks. Had approached Safer Neighbourhoods to monitor HGV's passing along Station Road/ Neap House Road, weight restriction. Bungalow on Neap House Road broken into by four youths driving an Audi, Police aware. At a recent meeting of Burringham Parish Council an Officer from NLC had given a presentation on the Lincolnshire Lakes, asked if this was something he could arrange for Gunness, Agreed. Cllr Shaw was of the opinion that more concern should be held for persons sleeping rough which could be through no fault of their own. Cllr Armitage, at a recent meeting held in Westcliffe an item on the agenda on the number of homeless of local persons from Scunthorpe was not that high, it had been proved that persons were travelling from Hull to beg, had their own transport & homes there, but knew there was lucrative pickings on the High Street as it was not Policed. Cllr Gosling stated it was difficult to prove who were genuine homeless or not.

Accounts for Payment Min 181/2016

Resolved ; That the accounts detailed below be approved ;=

C.MarshallTaxi Voucher Scheme..... £ 160.00

Royal British Legion....Poppy Wreath..... £ 25.00

Digitech.....Photocopies..... £ 10.88

SreetScape.....Fitness Equipment Gunness Field... £ 12,000.00

Receipts GCSI £ 3780.00 Their funds for new equipment ; British Gas, Solar Panels £ 268.84

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Planning Matters Min 182/2016

2016/1512 ; Tesco ; Gallagher Retail Park ; New Click & Collect Bay. FPP Granted.

Playing Field Matters Min 183/2016

Moles on field ; Mr Harvey, pest control had visited trapping one ; further visit later.

Matters Relating to Lodge Moors Estate Min 184/2016

Cllr Devine asked if there was any progress with replacing the stolen "Springy" advised by Clerk that Mr Warburton, (NLC) had intimated that the work would be carried out early January due to difficulties sourcing replacement.

Matters Relating to Hilton Avenue Estate Min 185/2016

Cllr Shaw ; Still problems with the garages on Hilton Avenue, as referred to in NLC's Report, while we are aware they are in private ownership a danger exists that requires attention. Rubbish dumped inside some of the more derelict garages are encouraging vermin. Cllr Oldfield would speak to Rob Beales again ; Cllr Gosling proposed a letter be sent to Peter Williams Head of the Department NLC.

Goal post for Kensington Road Play Area ; Clerk had looked at several companies for prices, ranged between £ 350 - £ 500 for pair dependent on nets & fixings being required, none quoted for a single post.

Correspondence Min 186/2016

Letter from Beresford re fence to be discussed at end of meeting.

NLC ; Lincolnshire Lakes Design Guide adopted by NLC these can be viewed on their web site.

NLC ; Licensing Policy review ; Comments required by 16th December ; can be viewed on NLC web site.

Gunness P.C.C. Letter advising rent rise for Coleman Hall to £10 per hour from 1st January 2017 due to rising costs of Gas & Electricity. Noted,

RentAcabin ; Email sent to Cllr Gosling re purchasing surplus modular buildings ; possible buyer for current port-a-cabin when no longer required. Keep on file.

Information from Village Hall Committee Min 187/2016

Cllr Gosling ; No requirement to suspend the meeting as no decisions would be made tonight, this would allow Cllr Oldfield in his capacity of Chairman/Secretary of Village Hall Fund to give verbal report & answer any questions.

Cllr Oldfield : Original quote £ 173,000 additional work carried out £ 67,000 which equals the £ 240,000 plus the £ 40,000 for car park = £ 280,000, already paid £ 260,000 which with other small oddments leaves the £ 22,000 shortfall. Received letter from Project Manager that unless paid within seven days will take Court Proceedings. It was believed he had been informed of the £ 10,000 funding from NLC. Letter sent from VHC could offer £ 10,000 as the final account or fight it out in Court, could bankrupt the VHC.

Cllr D. West need an extra ordinary meeting with Council, VHC Members & Mr Slater to try & reach an agreement, offering £ 10,000 when owed £ 22,000 is not going to happen. Cllr Oldfield ; VHC Querying inflated bills, additional work carried out & not being happy with the extra fee of 8% (not 7% as reported last month) of overall build cost. Would be putting in counter claim for loss of use since May, won't need cash to finish project off. Cllr Walker : Stated at November meeting that there was no signed contract only quote, if this is taken to Court will be thrown out. Cllr Oldfield ; Letter of instruction given to Woodside Vale, there was no signed document for the 8% fee for the overall project cost, had requested copy from Mr Slater. Cllr Walker ; On additional costs ; Disabled car park, £ 6000 extra for the three ramps no rails had been installed which is a requirement of the DDA Act ; Cllr Oldfield : Didn't ask for ramps ; Cllr Walker ; no choice (DDA Act), ; £ 3000 for roof strengthening to support Solar Panels, this was not applied to private dwellings. Cllr D. West should this be taken as far as Court Proceedings would you personally as Chairman of VHC take on through the Courts. Cllr Oldfield ; Yes.

Preliminary Discussions on Budget & Precept 2017/18 Min 188/2016

Budget : Clerk had circulated to all Members with agenda ; Receipts & Payments to end November ; Copy of last year's budget including actual amounts paid to year end for information.

Clerk in her capacity of RFO advised the Administration Budget last year had been overstated from the actual costs by £ 3500, figures for this year should not increase by more than 10% ; General Expenses should be stable. Discussion took place on other figures from last year. It was noted that £10,000 had been allocated to the new play equipment from the Community Fund to supplement funding obtained from other sources by GCSI.

Cllr Gosling proposed a change to the amount donated to both G&B & Berkeley Pre school's from the present £ 750 to £ 1000 each, no other proposals made.

Resolved ; That the budgets be set as previous year with the exception of the £ 250 increase to both Pre School's.

Precept ; Based on the budget Cllr Oldfield proposed that the precept be set as at the previous five years at £ 34,000. On a vote being taken.

Resolved ; Unanimously ; That North Lincolnshire Council be advised that Precept requirements for Gunness Parish Council for financial year 2017/18 be £ 34,000.

Councillor's Reports Min 189/2016

Cllr Armitage ; Incidents of deer being shot on Wharton's Copse ; Police were aware was thought they had confiscated a gun. If any suspicious vehicles or activities please report to police.

Fence Issue rear 38 OVS Min 190/2016

Further letter from Mrs Beresford, since original letter sent in May no action seems to have been taken, although aware it has been discussed at the last six months no information has been relayed to myself. At the site meeting physical evidence of my boundary in the form of a wooden gate in situ since the house was built was pointed out, request for written reply to allow solicitor to take any action thought necessary.

Cllr Gosling : Members not happy with the threatening tone of the letter, you were verbally made aware discussions were ongoing ; the issue is not being ignored. Cllr Walker ; Mrs Beresford is employed by the Council, Mrs Beresford I am first & foremost a resident of Gunness. Cllr Walker ; at site meeting it was agreed that fence had to be left there; Cllr Gosling stopped discussion as Mrs Beresford was present at this point.

Mrs Beresford & the one member of the public asked to leave the room. No information available.