

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of Gunness

Held on Thursday 4th May 2017 in the

Coleman Hall Gunness at 7.30pm

Present : Chairman Cllr T.Gosling ; Clerk to the Council N.Beresford

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

4 Members of Organisations in the Village ; Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence Cllr B.Etchell ; M.Ward Methodist Chapel ; S.Ward, W.I.

Confirm Minutes of 2016 Parish Assembly Confirmed as a true record.

Report from Humberside Police No Officer present ; No report sent.

Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor

Cllr Oldfield ; Imminent start of first phase of the Lucent development which will see the building of 3500 houses, M181 to be de-trunked which should ease the traffic congestion at Berkeley Circle. SUFC match day parking on both estates is getting worse and spreading to other areas in the vicinity of Glanford Park. Trying to get TRO on match days for the Lodge Moors Estate but in the long term should improve when the new stadium is built on the Lucent site. The new footpath to the rear of Hilton Avenue Estate giving easy access to the shopping facilities is very well used, residents are now asking for lighting to be provided. Planning Application from Groveport to store hazardous substance has been called in to Committee, assured that at the present time there is no waste of this type on site.

Reports from Local Organisations

Gunness Pre-School Megan Riley Chair woman ; Invitation received to report on our activities. As you are aware we are a charitable organisation and are very grateful for the donation made by the Council which helps with purchasing materials for the group. At present we operate on three full days a week but are hoping to extend this to five days in the near future as demand increases. Asked if there were any questions on the groups activities. No questions.

St Barnabas Church : Kath Wall. Thanks to the Parish Council for the grant towards the upkeep of Burringham Church yard which is passed to Burringham Parish Council who's handyman carries out work, the Churchyard is shared between the two Parishes. Have tried to have the Old Church in Burringham closed, not successful, thanks to volunteers from Burringham for helping to keep tidy. Thanks for financing the new Notice Board in the Church Grounds which is shared with the Parish Council, special thanks to Mr P, Gray for making/ erecting. The AGM of the PCC was not well attended, weekly attendance at Church Services very few attend this is increased when joint services with the Chapel are held, there are no services held to attract children to Church. The School come to Church on Special Occasions and are well supported by parents grand parents. This year has seen the Head Teacher Mrs Ellis retire her successor Mrs Gallagher has been appointed. Last year we had 2 wedding's ; five Baptisms & one funeral, it has been a difficult year as Rev Thacker no longer takes services we are more than grateful to our retired Vicar David Beverley who steps in when required. Coleman hall is being used by local groups, fund raising by the PCC includes bingo sessions & coffee mornings ; no Festival of Trees was held this year due to the poor support for this event last year, thanks to Mrs May for calling the General Election when the Coleman Hall will be used as a Polling Station bringing in extra much needed revenue. It appears the "community spirit" of past years has vanished and Gunness is now turning into a commuter village. The Diocese quota which was £12,000 was challenged & reduced to £3,000. Thanks for volunteers for keeping the Church Grounds & the Allotments tidy, Mr Burnell & Mr Werrett & Jason (TVES) for electrical repairs to both the Church & Coleman Hall.

Ironstone F.F. Mr Furnell 2016/17 season has been eventful seeing both senior teams folding which just leaves five Junior teams in the Caparo League and an under six team training. All teams have had a good season learning new skills and team work. A new team manager has been recruited as well as four new coaches, all have been CRB checked as LFA Rules. 2017/18 season will see four teams in the Caparo League and two in the Jack Kalson Leagues. ONGO have granted funding which will go to purchasing equipment for all teams. Appreciate funding from Parish Council in past years and hope for your continued support.

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Gunness Community Sports Initiative : J. Kitchen Our small group were responsible for obtaining funding for the Multi Use Games Area. This year after two years of applying to various bodies for funding we were granted £30,000 from North Lincolnshire Council along with a generous donation from the Parish Council. This project was completed in October with the installation of the Zip Wire ; Basket Swing ; Climbing Frame ; & Seesaw which added to the play equipment already on the field. Along with this £10,000 of fitness equipment was purchased which was a condition of the NLC funding. When we initially started this project a full consultation with a questionnaire delivered to every household in the village & the school and have tried to benefit all residents of the village. Now the weather is improving we hope all will make good use of the new facilities. Our next project is to obtain funding for a new round-a-bout with wheelchair access.

Two written Reports Methodist Chapel Mrs M. Ward ; Chapel report much same as last year . We continue to share some services with St Barnabas & Althorpe Chapel. The Sisiterhood meets monthly on the first Wednesday & has a good speakers. We thank the Parish Council for the financial help we receive which is greatly appreciated, & Jason TVES for help with electrical services.

G&B W.I. Sue Ward ; The W.I. continues to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.pm in the Coleman Hall, anyone is welcome to attend. We have had a varied programme of speakers with demonstrations & hands on as well as social evenings. A successful annual pensioner's party which is hosted by the W.I. with help from friends, was held in December. Thanks to the Parish Council for their donation to the W.I.Funds which helps with expenses incurred.

To Receive Accounts from Local Charities None produced.

Questions from the Floor

Mrs Craddock : Parking in OVS when football matches being played exceptionally bad tonight, resident had been sworn at when asked person to move, blocking her drive. Cars parked in the middle of car park blocking access for emergency vehicles if required. Why were the gates not opened to allow parking on the Village Hall car park. Resident of OVS has been warned that action would be taken for parking partly on the footpath No spaces in the car park. If gates are open needs a body to direct traffic. Mr Furnell stated he had unlocked the gates & then gone to watch a match rear of field.

Cllr Gosling ; this would be reviewed in future. Mrs Craddock ; Asked by resident if the Council were aware of the Lincs Lotto launch. Clerk ; Information received on the launch meeting only.

Mrs Craddock ; Can we have an update on the Village Hall ; Cllr Gosling this is not a question for the Parish Council, nothing to do with us, question for their committee, Cllr Oldfield is their Chairman. M. Riley, how do we get to know when the VHC meets there are never any notices etc posted in the village, Cllr Gosling again referred her to Cllr Oldfield. Kath Wall ; there have been several burglaries in the village recently never a Police presence seen on a regular basis. M.Riley ; have visited the school to talk to pupils ;Mrs Craddock were in the shop two weeks ago. Cllr Gosling ; did attend NAT meetings of which our Ward Member is Chairman, & some members of the Council attend.

Report from Chairman of Gunness Parish Council ; Cllr Gosling

Thanks are extended to our Vice Chairman Cllr E.Gray, the Clerk & all Members for their support for the last year. Hope to move things forward this coming year. Many local organisations & local schools have been supported financially which will continue this year. On the Village Hall there are several parties involved in the disputes, the Parish Council separated itself from this Committee, items moved off the agenda. As far as he was aware there were 5/6 members on the Hall committee, financial help had been given from the Parish Council. The building is there, whilst the project is shrouded in mystery there is no action the Parish Council can take to resolve these issues. All down to the Village Hall Committee and their advisors to resolve.