

## GUNNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Gunness Parish Council, held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 7pm, at Gunness Village Hall, Gunness, Scunthorpe.

Present - Cllr T Gosling (Chairman), Cllr E Gray (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L Gosling, Cllr D Whiteley, Cllr G Berridge-Burley, Cllr L Walker, Cllr P Devine, Cllr D Hart, Cllr D Medley, Cllr D West, Cllr B Etchell, Cllr S Armitage, Cllr M Armitage & 1 member of the public.

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### 01.11.2023 - Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P McIlvaney.

### 02.11.2023 - Declarations of Interests.

None.

### 03.11.2023a. - Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

The Parish Council considered the minutes dated 19.10.2023.

**Resolution - The Parish Council confirmed the minutes dated 19.10.2023 were a true and accurate record.**

### 03.11.2023b. - Questions & Updates from the minutes.

None.

### 04.11.2023 - Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor.

Cllr J Walshe reported -

- Gunness & Burringham School expressed thanks for the PC £50 contribution towards the defibrillator housing box.

- Hilton Avenue Garages - he is due an update soon on the compulsory purchases.

- Hilton Avenue weeds and gullies - This has been reported again and should be attended to soon.

- Lodge Moor camera has been removed by Safer Neighbourhoods and redeployed to another area which has reported crimes. Cllr D Whiteley expressed concerns that anti social behaviour has begun since it's removal. Cllr J Walshe advised these incidents need to be reported to the Police and he will raise at NATS. Cllr T Gosling offered to keep an eye on the situation.

- NLC is to provide funding for electric vehicle charging points within villages.

- Questioned why the lighting had been turned off at the muga and on the play equipment on Gunness Playing field. Cllr T Gosling advised this will be reported on under item 12.11.2023.

Cllr S Armitage asked when the M180 roundabout will be linked up. Cllr J Walshe advised when the houses are built it will be linked up in the future.

Cllr G Berridge-Burley reported the street lights at Beech Avenue are extremely dim. Cllr J Walshe agreed to investigate.

Cllr G Berridge-Burley asked why residents have not received a card advising of bin collection dates. Cllr J Walshe advised these can be collected from the library.

05.11.2023 - **Members of the Public to raise any topic for discussion.**

Mr A Donskoy thanked the Parish Council on behalf of Gunness & Burringham Football Club for the 2 bags of balls donated.

06.11.2023a. - **Accounts for payment and any other late invoices received -**

The following payments were considered for payment -

British Gas DD - £496.09

TVES - £72

B Gosling - £50

Cllr T Gosling & Cllr L Gosling both left the meeting room whilst the payment to Mr B Gosling was considered.

**Resolution - The Parish Council agreed the invoices to be paid.**

06.11.2023b. - **To set the precept & budget for 2024/2025**

This item was deferred to the private section of the meeting, for the electricity contract to be reviewed first.

07.11.2023 - **Planning Matters**

Full Planning Permission granted - PA/2023/1127 - Adrian Smith - Grass Care Services, Rear of Rectory Lodge, Station Road, Gunness - Noted.

08.11.2023 - **Any update on the SSE grant application for one of the paths on Lodge Moor estate.**

Clerk advised funding has been awarded for all 3 paths; the deposit to be used from the remainder of this year's Lodge Moor estate community pot and next year's community pot.

Cllr T Gosling & Clerk duly signed the acceptance forms.

09.11.2023 - **Matters relating to Lodge Moor Estate.**

Cllr P Devine reported it is tidy now near M&S with no litter.

10.11.2023 - **Matters relating to Hilton Avenue Estate.**

Cllr T Gosling advised litter had been dumped in Kensington Road Park and anti-vandal paint was painted onto the play equipment. This incident has been reported to the Police and the situation is being monitored and investigated.

11.11.2023 - **Any update on the telephone box.**

The Contractor advised this will be completed soon; he has been delayed to the recent weather.

12.11.2023 - **Playing Field Matters.**

Cllr E Gray advised the lights have been turned off over the muga and the play equipment for financial reasons. The area is not used during the night and other local parks do not have lights over their areas. Cllr T Gosling advised the Parish Council had received a warning over the high electricity usage.

Clerk advised the mole contractor has been requested as they are back on the playing field.

13.11.2023 - **Correspondence**

Clerk advised the PROW & Grass Verges contractor has been unable to perform the last cut of the season due to the weather conditions. He should be able to start earlier next season.

14.11.2023 - **NATS Issues/Updates**

Cllr J Walshe advised PC Ian Hayes is no longer frontline and a replacement is being recruited.

Cllr J Walshe reported Operation Yellow Fin has had a recent successful operation.

15.11.2023 - **Any update on the Parish Council Website & GDPR**

The new website is working well. The Parish Council Clerk keeps monitoring for updates.

16.11.2023 - **Councillors Reports.**

Cllr E Gray advised there is now 1 car left in the car park (White Vauxhall).

Cllr S Armitage expressed concerns as to why Burringham has a 20mph speed limit and Gunness do not have a lower speed limit through the village on the bend near the Jolly Sailor due to the high level of incidents. Cllr J Walshe explained speed enforcement is ranked accordingly to data. Burringham & Barton are both pilot schemes and once data has been obtained this could be rolled out to other suitable villages.

Cllr S Armitage advised a deer had been killed and reported to NLC for removal.

Cllr P Devine received complaints re the bus service at Scotter Road; one driver does not go a certain route on match days due to traffic/parked cars. Cllr J Walshe is dealing.

Cllr D West advised his family have been given a defibrillator. He is going to enquire where this could possibly be sited for public use.

Cllr B Etchell requested a volunteer to take on the Emergency Plan. To include on the next agenda.

**17.11.2023 - To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm at Gunness Village Hall.**

This was agreed.

**Meeting closed at 19:46 hours**

**Private Session PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

The Chairman will move that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in that it is of a personal matter.

**18.11.2023 - Payroll Information - To approve payment of salaries, expenses & HMRC as per salary schedule circulated.**

**Resolution - That all payments be paid as detailed. The Parish Council agreed the revised NJC salary rates.**

**19.11.2023 - Any update on the flooding issue.**

None.

**20.11.2023 - To review the Electricity Contract.**

The Parish Council considered the information from Ernllca and the Auditor regarding the electricity contract for the new financial year. The Clerk advised of the current offer from the VHC following the meeting with Cllr T Gosling.

**Resolution - The Parish Council held a vote to consider the offer; this was rejected. Cllr B Etchell abstained, but all other Councillors present agreed for the Clerk to write to the VHC to request they take on the Electricity Contract and to withhold the Feed In Tariff payments until an amicable solution is agreed by both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee.**

06.11.2023b. - To set the precept & budget for 2024/2025

The Parish Council considered the precept and budget information.

**Resolution - The Parish Council agreed to remove the electricity costs from the budget. The Parish Council agreed to set the precept and budget at £48,000 inclusive of any NLC grants.**

**Meeting closed at 20:16 hours.**