

GUNNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Gunness Parish Council, held on Thursday 19th October 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 P Mcilvaney, Cllr P Devine & Cllr D Hart.

1 member of the public arrived 19:17 hours.

01.10.2023 - Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D West, Cllr B Etchell, Cllr D Medley, Cllr S Armitage, Cllr M Armitage, Cllr L Walker & NLC Ward Cllr J Walshe.

02.10.2023 - Declarations of Interests.

None.

03.10.2023a. - Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September, 2023.

The Parish Council considered the minutes dated 14.09.2023.

Resolution - The Parish Council confirmed the minutes dated 14.09.2023 were a true and accurate record.

03.10.2023b - Questions & Updates from the minutes.

None.

04.10.2023 - Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor.

Report submitted and read out by Clerk.

Actions for Ward Councillor

- Mound at Hilton Avenue to B&Q needs dealing.
- Update on the garages at Hilton Avenue.

05.10.2023 - Members of the Public to raise any topic for discussion.

Sylvia from 'Quilty Pleasures' attended and showed the Parish Council the type of blankets they make. She asked for any referrals for blankets to be sent directly to the group.

06.10.2023 - **Accounts for payment and any other late invoices received.**

The following payments were considered for payment -

British Gas DD - £496.09
Crosby Cabz - £50.00
Ricks Grass & Tree Care - £1,632.00
Hornsby's - £1,000.00
D Wattam - £42.00
British Legion - £28.98
S Goodson - £1,500.00
G & B FC - £259.90
John Espin Signs - £50.76
Quibell Fabrications - £318.00
ICO - £40.00
Raptor Services - £135.00

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

07.10.2023 - **Planning Matters**

None.

08.10.2023 - **Any update on the SSE grant application for one of the paths on Lodge Moor estate.**

Clerk advised the grant is currently under consideration after further questions were raised by SSE.

Cllr P McIlvaney & Cllr P Devine both expressed their disappointment with Ongo not willing to contribute towards the project.

09.10.2023 - **Matters relating to Lodge Moor Estate.**

Cllr D Whiteley expressed concerns that the security camera on Lodge Moor has been removed. He will take this to NATS to ask if it can be reinstated.

10.10.2023 - **Matters relating to Hilton Avenue Estate.**

Cllr L Gosling advised the weeds in the gutters still need clearing, the mound needs dealing with and an update on the garages is due.

11.10.2023 - **Any update on the telephone box.**

Cllr E Gray advised the Contractor has almost completed the telephone box work and will shortly be removing the ivy from the site.

12.10.2023 - Playing Field Matters.

Clerk advised Silica quote at £124 to supply and plant a 5ft rooted Christmas tree.

Resolution - The Parish Council accepted the quotation. Clerk to contact Mr Oldfield to advise this has been ordered and to agree location.

Cllr E Gray confirmed the 2 contractors have carried the play inspection repairs satisfactory.

13.10.2023 - Correspondence

- Emails re parking at Gunness Village Hall - 4 cars are unattended; the police have removed 2 - Noted - **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to write to Mr Oldfield to advise the Parish Council has no plans to add additional parking to the playing field and they are trying to manage the car park situation. Clerk to make further enquiries with Ernlca for advice over the remaining 2 cars.**

- Consultation on Scunthorpe Hospital Services - Noted - **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed the services need to be kept local at Scunthorpe Hospital. Clerk to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.**

- Email from Gunness & Burringham School re contribution towards defibrillator unit - **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed to donate £50 which Cllr E Gray will deliver.**

14.10.2023 - NATS Issues/Updates

Cllr D Whiteley to raise at the NATS meeting the issue with the Lodge Moor CCTV camera removal, Motorway Railway Bridge disability access issue and the 2 remaining vehicles at Gunness car park.

15.10.2023 - Any update on the Parish Council Website & GDPR

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

16.10.2023 - Councillors Reports.

Cllr G Berridge-Burley asked if there was any capacity for any further users on the taxi voucher scheme. Clerk advised for any potential new users to contact her and up to 6 vouchers can be issued for the remainder of this financial year if they qualify.

17.10.2023 - To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 22nd November 2023.

This was agreed.

Meeting closed at 19:28 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.

18.10.2023 - **Payroll Information - To approve payment of salaries, expenses & HMRC as per salary schedule circulated.**

Resolution - That all payments be paid as detailed.

19.10.2023 - **Any update on the flooding issue.**

Resolution - The Parish Council requested the Clerk write to the resident to ask if the remedial work to the guttering has been carried out.

20.10.2023 - **Review of the Electricity Contract.**

The Parish Council considered options for the new financial year due to the increasing costs of the Electricity Bill so the budget can be set appropriately at the next meeting.

Resolution - The Parish Council agreed for several Councillors meet up with Mr Oldfield and members of the Village Hall Committee prior to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the current arrangement and proposals for the new financial years contract.

Meeting closed at 19:40 hours.