

## GUNNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Gunness Parish Council, held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm, at Gunness Village Hall, Gunness, Scunthorpe.

Present - Cllr T Gosling (Chairman), Cllr E Gray (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L Gosling, Cllr G Berridge-Burley, Cllr D Medley, Cllr B Etchell, Cllr M Armitage & 4 members of the public. Cllr D Whiteley and Cllr P Devine attended at 7:05pm.

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### 01.01.2024 - Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P McIlvaney, Cllr D Hart, Cllr S Armitage, Cllr L Walker & Cllr D West.

Cllr L Walker has applied for dispensation for up to 12 months which was considered by the Parish Council. **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed to apply dispensation to Cllr L Walker to December 2024.**

Cllr T Gosling sadly informed Cllr P McIlvaney's husband had passed, flowers and condolences have been sent from the Parish Council and a period of reflection was held.

### 02.01.2024 - Declarations of Interests.

None.

### 03.01.2024a. - Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023.

The Parish Council considered the minutes dated 22.11.2023.

**Resolution - The Parish Council confirmed the minutes dated 22.11.2023 were a true and accurate record.**

### 03.01.2024b. - Questions & Updates from the minutes.

None.

### 04.01.2024 - Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor.

Apologies received from Cllr J Walshe and a brief report submitted.

### 05.01.2024 - Members of the Public to raise any topic for discussion.

2 residents attended to express their concerns regarding the amended planning application on Doncaster Road; particularly over the lack of dimensions and the proposed dwelling appears to be a tight fit into the area.

Cllr B Etchell has agreed to study the planning application and take their concerns into account and advise the Clerk of the Parish Councils comments for submission.

Cllr T Gosling advised the 2 residents to contact their Ward Councillor J Walshe to request the application is called in.

Mr & Mrs Donskoy from Gunness & Burringham FC attended to advise they will be stepping down from the football club at the end of the season. There will be vacancies for a new Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer as Ms Britcliffe will be stepping down too. Mr Donskoy explained he has taken the club as far as he can and they are looking for someone to take this on. He supplied a letter from a company 'Footballerz' for the Parish Council to read as they have expressed an interest.

Cllr T Gosling thanked Mr & Mrs Donskoy for their fantastic work they have done and the Parish Council have enjoyed working with them and wished them well for the future.

**All 4 residents left the meeting after this section.**

06.01.2024 - **Accounts for payment and any other late invoices received** -

The following payments were considered for payment -

British Gas Direct Debit Payment - £339.77

Crosby Cabz - £170

D Wattam - £83.00

Kompan - £2,007.90

Gunness Village Hall Fund (FIT) - £674.00

Silica Lodge (Xmas Tree) - £124.00

British Gas Direct Debit Payment - £243 (final payment)

D Wattam - £31.50

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

07.01.2024 - **Planning Matters (Applications can be viewed on the NLC website).**

PA/694/2023 - Doncaster Road bungalow - discussed under 05.01.2024 - Cllr R Etchell to supply comments to Clerk to submit.

08.01.2024 - **Any update on the SSE grant project to link the paths.**

Clerk advised NLC & Ongo have approved the name of 'Windfarm Way' for the new paths once installed as per the terms of the grant offer from SSE. The Contractor aims to have the paths linked up by the end of Summer 2024.

09.01.2024 - **Matters relating to Lodge Moor Estate.**

Cllr D Whiteley advised drug dealing is still taking place in the park which has been reported to the Police and NATS. Cllr T Gosling advised the area is unlit and requested the Clerk write to NLC highways for lighting to be installed as this could deter the anti-social behaviour.

10.01.2024 - **Matters relating to Hilton Avenue Estate.**

Cllr T Gosling advised shrubs appear to have been chopped down at Warping Way and dumped on the gas strip behind. Requested Clerk to report to Cllr J Walshe to arrange clearance.

Cllr D Medley advised there is a fox along Hilton Avenue.

A gentleman has been interviewed by police reference crime and antisocial behaviour at Kensington Road Park. Low level intimidation has been experienced.

11.01.2024 - **Any update on the telephone box & email request from resident.**

Cllr E Gray advised the phone box is not yet finished.

Clerk advised of request from resident for safety glass to be considered. **Resolution - The Parish Council request the Contractor to supply an alternative quote for safety glass for consideration.**

12.01.2024 - **Playing Field Matters.**

Cllr E Gray advised the handyman has dealt with the tree on the playing field.

Cllr E Gray expressed concerns the dyke on the edge of the playing field is full and overgrown and needs clearing out. **Resolution - The Parish Council request the Clerk contact Colin Wilkinson at NLC to request he contacts the landowner to deal.**

13.01.2024 - **Correspondence**

D-Day grant NLC - Clerk to supply details to GVH for them to consider applying.

In Bloom Grant NLC - Clerk to submit claim for up to £400 for hardy perennials to be planted at an agreed location on Lodge Moor or Hilton Avenue.

Email from resident re flooding issue - Clerk to respond to request availability for site visit with resident and the Chairman and Vice Chairman to resolve.

14.01.2024 - **NATS Issues/Updates**

Cllr P Devine expressed concerns of the ongoing antisocial behaviour on Lodge Moor which she will again raise at NATS.

Cllr L Gosling expressed concerns regarding the 2pm start time of the NATS meetings; as more residents may attend if the start time was after 6pm.

15.01.2024 - **Any update on the Parish Council Website & GDPR**

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

16.01.2024 - **Councillors Reports.**

- To consider a Councillor to take responsibility for reviewing the current Emergency Plan (Requested by Cllr R Etchell) - Cllr D Hart has emailed the Clerk to advise he is looking to take this on once he has met with Cllr B Etchell to fully understand the requirements.

- Cllr G Berridge-Burley advised speeding and potholes are still an issue in the village. He has reported directly to the Ward Councillor.

- Cllr G Berridge-Burley has been requested by the village Post Mistress for residents to continue to support the village Post Office and not to boycott them.

- Cllr G Berridge-Burley has contacted Rob Waltham to request he look at the specific differences between the supply of street lighting in Gunness.

17.01.2024 - **To confirm the date of the next meeting.**

The date and time of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm at Gunness Village Hall.

**Meeting closed at 19:42 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.

18.01.2024 - **Payroll Information - To approve payment of salaries, expenses & HMRC as per salary schedule circulated.**

**Resolution - That all payments be paid as detailed.**

19.01.2024 - **Any update on the flooding issue.**

Discussed under 13.01.2024.

20.01.2024 - **Any update on the Electricity contract.**

Clerk advised the Parish Council responsibility ended on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and the Gunness Village Hall Committee is now responsible. The Parish Council will pay for their share of the costs from the playing field. The Feed In Tariff payments have now resumed.

**Meeting closed at 19:52 hours.**