

GUNNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Gunness Parish Council, held on **Thursday 16th May 2024 at 7:00pm, Gunness Village Hall, Gunness, Scunthorpe**

Present - Cllr T Gosling (Chairman), Cllr E Gray (Vice-Chairman), Cllr D Hart, Cllr L Gosling, Cllr G Berridge-Burley, Cllr D Whiteley, Cllr P Mcilvaney, Cllr S Armitage, Cllr M Armitage, Cllr D Medley & Cllr B Etchell.

01.05.2024apm - **The Chair of Gunness Parish Council will introduce the meeting & provide a report of the last year.**

Cllr T Gosling informed The Parish Council have tried to resolve any issues and matters arising in each of the 3 areas of the Parish.

Gunness Village - Resolved flooding issue on the lane. Also worked with the Football Club in their recent committee transition.

Football Club parking became an issue and 1 resident wished to have a permit system. Several long-term parked cars have been removed now by their owners.

Lodge Moor - The long-term plan to link up the 3 tarmac footpaths is to be achieved after successful funding bid for the SSE grant.

Issue of County Lines drug motorcycles has eased after several raids and arrests on the estate.

Hilton Avenue - Fencing was added to complete the play area of Kensington Avenue being fully fenced in. The ball wall was also removed. This was after complaints from one resident about the behaviour of young people from outside the area. The particular resident went on the behave in several very unsavoury ways towards other residents, their children and one particular Councillor. The resident actually behaved far worse than the complaints he originally placed, this resulted in Police action.

Just leaves me to thank the Parish Council and my Vice-Chairman Eric Gray who works closely with me on many issues. Also to Claire our Clerk who keeps us on the straight and narrow, operating within the law and on budgets. Most notably in the SSE Grant (Lodge Moor). Gas price energy increase and working with the GVH Committee to get them to take responsibility as per the original lease agreement; Claire also liaises with the GVH Committee of one on many other matters.

02.05.2024 - Any reports from organisations within the Parish from the last year.

Berkeley Primary School -

We have been extremely lucky using these donations to purchase new reading books to replace and add to our libraries throughout the school. This is always an ongoing project as ourselves and the children love selecting new books to read.

We appreciate your kind and continuous support to our school.

HALMA –

As requested my report on behalf of HALMA our Bank balance stands at £2140 I have organised the following g events this year since GPC ladt donation for Residents 2 coaches to to Skegness 40s night Abba Christmas party Elvis night afternoon tea and entertainment for Residents of Yarborough Court Motown night Country n Western night.

Coach trip to York. looking forward I have a 60s night organised coach trip to WHITBY another country western night in October Children's Christmas party and hopefully another Abba christmas party.

we do make a small profit on some of these events but we depend on the generosity of G P C & Ongo for their donations.

G&B Primary School

Please find below the summary of how the school spent the very kind donation of £1000 from the parish council last September.

We have spent a considerable amount of time developing our outside area to allow an opportunity for the children to experience the awe and wonder of the natural world. We have developed an allotment area and have started to develop a reflective area, this is where the donation has been spent.

Your kind donation allowed us to buy a solid wooden tepee, some soft outdoor seating, some plants, seeds, compost, gardening equipment and a range of books to celebrate the wonder of nature. Without your kind donation we would not have an established area.

If we are lucky enough to be considered for the funding next year, we want to develop our Peace Garden within school. We hope to build a solid wooden tepee with the opportunity for every child to add a ceramic tile of their face to add to the

tepee at the beginning of the year - this, over time, will create a legacy of all the

children who have attended the school.

Once again, I thank you for the kind donation, it is always very well received and always spent with the best interest of the children in mind.

St Barnabas Church

We are now officially classed as a Festival Church and we held our first service since Covid at Christmas, when we had a carol service. It was well attended and afterwards we served refreshments. We are also open for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals at anytime throughout the year.

The local village school also visit the church 3 times a year at Easter, Christmas and Haerfest. These services are always well attended by the parents and the Rural Dean is usually in attendance as well.

We are very appreciative of the donation we receive from the council each year as we still have bills to pay which we have to find the money for. We have had to draw on our reserves and financially we are still not in a good place. Every donation received is greatly appreciated and put to very good use.. The money we receive from yourselves is usually used towards paying for grass cutting in Burringham churchyard. I hope you will consider us favourably when you are making your decisions for this year.

G&B FC

Opening balance £671.57

Ins £6936.09

Outs £5562.20

Monies due to be handed over **£2045.46**

If you need this on a separate piece of paper, I will ask the treasurer to arrange this.

Due to the accounts being changed over with a new treasurer, we are just waiting to know what the account will be called but I am sure that the new treasurer can give you the information as soon as the account is set up.

Our Quilty Pleasures

23/24 Report for Gunness Parish Council.

The members of the Group would like to pass on their thanks for the kind donation of £500 last year which has been put to good use over the past year.

This donation means we are able to continue to create quilts for charity and this past year have concentrated on the local young people who are transitioning from young people care services into Adult care and Lindsey Lodge Hospice alongside the Scunthorpe NICU.

The donation have enabled the group to purchase essential wadding and backing fabrics for our members to use to complete the quilts. The quilt tops are generally made from group members own fabrics, however there have been one or two other fabric donations, which have enabled pre-cut kits to be developed.

These have proven popular and the supplies are in constant demand by our members.

There have been several successful events which has once again seen an increase in our membership from Gunness and the surrounding villages and each Group meeting is promoted in the Gunness Village Facebook Group.

In October we held a two-day sewing retreat with a workshop demonstration from an invited quilt expert. This was funded by charging the cost to the members direct so as not to impact on the funds. The sewing retreat will be limited to OQP members only however we do encourage anyone to call in to see what goes on. In March 24 we held a charity Sew Day for our members, and this also attracted a new member from the village and one from the Isle of Axholme. We are aiming to repeat this event towards the end of 2024.

Donated quilts to Charities for fundraising by the Charity

The group donated a one twin sized quilt to Lindsey Lodge Hospice made by a member of the group to be raffled by the Hospice to raise money for

Donated quilts to charities

The group donated 35 quilts to local young Care Leavers which were handed over via North Lincolnshire Social Services early in December 23 - who came along to the December meeting to explain how important these are proving to be for the young people in care.

We made 8 NICU Canopies for the incubators at the Scuthorpe baby NICU, following a request from a member of Gunness Village. We have also created a number of washing bags and baby quilts for the same.

Once again, our Group expresses their thanks for the kind donation which had enabled this to happen. We hope to improve our makes for donation this next period.

GUNNESS VILLAGE HALL - REPORT 2024

Gunness Village Hall continues to provide facilities for the community with local clubs & organisations as well as local residents making full use of the building for Children's Birthday Parties, Anniversary & Christening Celebrations.

Last year we had the pleasure of showing the Coronation of King Charles III on the big screen & the event was well attended

The Village Hall are supporting the local School by opening the building for toilets & refreshments on their weekly PE sessions on the playing field as well as for their annual sports day.

We host Yoga, Slimming World, Youth Dance Groups & several local Sewing Clubs in addition to providing training facilities for Carers Support & Social Services. We also host the Neighbourhood Action Team meetings for the ward.

We accommodate Gunness & Burringham Football Club with changing facilities/toilets & host their meetings as well as their annual presentation evenings. Whilst undergoing a change of committee officials we look forward to working with the new appointees.

We continue to organise the annual Children's Christmas Party as well the Senior Citizens 3 Course Christmas Dinner which is kindly funded by the Parish Council as is the Pensioners Summer Seaside Outing which we continue to arrange & deliver.

Following the closure of Plusnet business Internet we have switched to Quickline for a faster & more reliable broadband connection.

The Village Hall continues to serve the community fulfilling the purpose for which it was intended & this is only possible thanks to the generous financial support from Gunness Parish Council.

GUNNESS METHODIST CHAPEL

We like lots of places have struggled this last year with finances and losing members due to old age, one in particular was Mrs Myrtle Ward, who passed away, and has been a very prominent member for a very long time , and sadly missed, Our service for Armistice Day continues to grow each year with collection sent to Royal British Legion. We also Celebrated a Special double Anniversary over 2 days that was very well attended and enjoyed. We haven't yet been able to have the area at the rear of Chapel tidied up but is still ongoing. Thank you so much for the money received from Gunness Council over the years it is gratefully received.

G & B Pre-school

We were grateful for last year's donation and put it towards revamping our playground; buying play bark, large pots and plants, compost and sleepers to make a new flower bed. In addition to this we removed all the old flooring to make the space feel fresh and clean.

We have also provided the children with an exciting opportunity of a live chick hatching experience to fit in with current learning objectives. We watched 5 chicks hatch and grow over a 10 day period.

Lodge Moor Community Association

Thanks for getting in touch with us it's been another busy early for us still busy with our lovely sections ms society woodturners ladies group blind and near sighted meeting twice a week such a much needed group who enjoy the opportunity to get out and participate in different activities the carpet bowl curling and various games they are brilliant can't praise them enough children's drama bingo and our lunch club we have also had lots of parties weddings and music nights also some afternoon teas which are very popular on a down side we have housing being built up to about four or five feet from the rear of the centre so it is watch this space obviously because the centre is so busy there is always things that need replacing so any donation is very welcome hopefully you are all well and continuing with your success regards.

03.05.2024apm - Any questions or matters raised from those present.

None.

Meeting closed at 19:08 hours.