

GUNNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Gunness Parish Council, held on **Thursday 26th September 2024 at 7:00pm, 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 Hart, Cllr S Priest, Cllr D Medley, Cllr D West.

01.09.2024 - Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P McIlvaney, Cllr L Walker (dispensation), Cllr R Etchell, Cllr S Armitage, Cllr M Armitage and Cllr D Whiteley.

02.09.2024 - Declarations of Interests.

None.

03.09.2024a. Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th July, 2024.

The Parish Council considered the minutes dated 18.07.2024.

Resolution - The Parish Council confirmed the minutes dated 18.07.2024 were a true and accurate record.

03.09.2024b. Questions & Updates from the minutes.

None.

04.09.2024 - Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor.

Cllr J Walshe reported -

- The resurfacing at Station Road, Gunness has been chased and will be completed in this financial year, hopefully before Christmas.
- Lodge Moor Estate is looking tidy and the new path is looking good.
- The Southern roundabout work has begun.

Cllr S Priest asked why there is 2 roundabouts; Cllr J Walshe explained they both serve different purposes.

Cllr E Gray asked if NLC have considered future issues at Asda roundabout. Cllr J Walshe advised there is future work planned to alleviate this.

Cllr G Berridge-Burley expressed residents' frustration of the current road surface at Station Road.

05.09.2024 - Members of the Public to raise any topic for discussion

None.

06.09.2024(a). - Accounts for payment and any other late invoices received -

The Parish Council considered the following accounts for payment

- D Wattam - £101.50
- GVH Electric Costs Share (July, Aug & Sept) - £135.40
- GVH (July room hire) - £51.50
- Ricks Grass & Tree Care - £1,404.00
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- E Gray (key) - £9.00
- S Goodson (phone box) - £1128.88
- S Goodson (paths) - £14,012
- Hornsby (pensioners bus trip) - £1,000
- J Espin Signs - £196.75
- B Gosling - £50
- Silica Lodge - £254.97
- PKF Littlejohn LLP - (External Auditor) - £378
- NLC (SLA) - £13,264.90
- G & B FC Annual Donation - £700

Resolution - The Parish Council agreed all payments paid as detailed.

Annual Donations to organisations on hold

- Lodge Moore Community Association - £500 - The Clerk advised the Parish Council of the outstanding information required to be able to release the cheque. **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed after seeking advice to withhold the donation until the required information is provided.**

06.09.2024(b). - To receive the External Auditors report and certificate and conclusion of audit 2023/2024

Clerk read out the report which confirmed the Parish Council have adhered with proper practices and no matters were raised. The information has been duly displayed on the Parish Council website.

07.09.2024 - Planning Matters

None.

08.09.2024(a) - Matters relating to Lodge Moor Estate.

Cllr T Gosling advised himself and Cllr D Whiteley have been working together in arranging for the replacement of the bins and clearance of the shopping trolleys which had recently been set on fire near M&S.

08.09.2024 (b) - Any update on the SSE grant project to link the paths.

Cllr T Gosling reported that the Contractor has completed a great job of linking the 3 paths up and the amount of positive feedback received from residents has been fantastic. The 'Windfarm Way' signage has been erected. An unveiling event was arranged and retired Cllr Pat Devine unveiled the sign. The event was well attended. Cllr Julie Reed sent late apologies on the day for not being able to attend to represent SSE.

Cllr T Gosling advised the older paths are looking very overgrown since the new path has been installed. **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to request the handyman to tidy up the 3 other smaller paths.**

08.09.2024(c) - To consider purchasing shares in Scunthorpe United FC

The Parish Council considered the purchasing of shares in Scunthorpe United FC so they will have a voice over any parking concerns etc.

Resolution - The Parish Council agreed to purchase £100 of Scunthorpe United shares and Cllr T Gosling will match this amount from his Chairmans Allowance; making a total of £200 of shares to be purchased which Cllr T Gosling will arrange.

09.09.2024(a) - Matters relating to Hilton Avenue Estate.

Cllr L Gosling reported to NLC Cllr J Walshe that 2 mattresses and rubbish have been dumped which he has agreed to report to NLC.

09.09.2024(b) - Any update on the damaged fencing at Kensington Park and to consider applying for a SSE grant for further fencing/climbing wall.

A quote for the repair for the damaged fencing at Kensington Park has been received at a cost of £1,372 plus VAT.

Cllr T Gosling is currently awaiting a quote for the fence/climbing wall.

Resolution - The Parish Council agreed once the quote is received for the fence/climbing wall if the amount is up to £3,000 in total for both fences to authorise the work from the Hilton Avenue fund.

10.09.2024 - Any update on the telephone box.

Cllr E Gray advised this has been painted and the glass is due to be installed. The school are eager to use the facility.

11.09.2024 - Playing Field Matters.

Cllr S Priest asked who is responsible for the upkeep of the planters at Guinness Park. A discussion took place regarding the planters in all 3 areas and Clerk to request if the handyman can quote to look after and plant all the planters in the 3 separate areas

next year. **Resolution** – The Parish Council agreed for the handyman or an alternative gardener to plant perennials in all the planters at Hilton Avenue, Lodge Moore and Guinness village and playing field next year.

12.09.2024 - Correspondence

- Email from SSE to consider a Parish Council Representative - Cllr T Gosling agreed to accept this position.

- To receive the NLC Playground Inspection Report - Clerk read out the report regarding the repairs suggested to the wetpour. A quote has been received for an amount of £10,600 plus VAT. Clerk to request further quotations and request a site visit with Kompan and another company with Cllr E Gray, Cllr D West & Cllr S Priest. Keep on agenda.

- To consider a formal response to the NLC Community Governance Review draft recommendations - Cllr T Gosling advised himself and Cllr E Gray attended the Community Governance Review meeting at Crowle and listened to presentations from NLC, NALC and Ernlca. The proposal is from May 2027 to reduce the number of Parish Councillors at Guinness from 14 to 8. Discussions took place with the Parish Council regarding the proposal.

Resolution – The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to respond to the Community Governance Review and propose the number be set at 9 Parish Councillors; set as an odd number so that the Chairman does not always have the casting vote and so that all 3 distinct areas at Hilton Avenue, Lodge Moore and Guinness Village all have fair representation with 3 seats for all 3 areas.

13.09.2024 - NATS Issues/Updates

Cllr J Walshe advised the Lodge Moore Safer Neighbourhoods camera has been temporarily reinstalled for 3 months.

Cllr J Walshe advised the next NATS meeting is scheduled for 2pm on 1st October 2024 at Guinness Village Hall. Cllr L Gosling asked can later times be considered in the future as people who work during the day struggle to attend.

A gentleman from Hilton Avenue has been harassing and causing distress to a family. The abuse contains racial obscenities. Humberside Police have been involved.

14.09.2024 - Any update on the Parish Council Website & GDPR

The website is working well. The Parish Council are monitoring for updates.

15.09.2024 - Councillors Reports.

Cllr E Gray advised a resident of Old Village Street has caused an obstruction parking their vehicle half on the kerb and road. It has improved recently. Cllr E Gray to monitor the situation.

Cllr G Berridge-Burley expressed residents concerns of litter on the playing field and the possibility of poisoning their dogs.

Cllr G Berridge-Burley expressed concerns of the continuing speeding issues in Gunness village being used as a 'rat run'.

16.09.2024 - To confirm the date and time of the next meeting in October 2024.

The Parish Council agreed the next meeting dates as Wednesday 30th October 2024 and Thursday 5th December 2024.

Meeting closed at 20:10 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.

17.09.2024 - Payroll Information - To approve payment of salaries, expenses & HMRC as per salary schedule circulated.

Resolution - That all payments be paid as detailed.

Meeting closed at 20:12 hours.