

GUNNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7:00pm, at 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 P Mcilvaney, Cllr D Medley, Cllr B Etchell, Cllr D West, Cllr S Priest & NLC Ward Cllr J Walshe.

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

Cllr T Gosling thanked all the Parish Council members for their continued support during the past year. Special thanks to Cllr E Gray for his unwavering support as Vice-Chairman; thanks to Bob Etchell for representing the Parish Council at the Remembrance Parade and to Cllr D Hart for representing the Parish Council at the recent Workers Memorial Day Event. Thanks also to our Parish Clerk for keeping us on the straight and narrow, financially sound and legal and for implementing our revised Online Grants Donation Policy and Scheme.

Lodge Moor - We have successfully installed the long-awaited path which residents are extremely pleased with and this has received much positive feedback. We attended a photo shoot with SSE and thank them for their part of the grant funding.

Hilton Avenue - We have had new goals fitted at Kensington Avenue park and repaired the fence.

Gunness Park - We have successfully carried out repairs to the play equipment and safety surfacing.

02.05.2025apm - To approve the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2024.

The Parish Council considered the APM minutes dated 16.05.2024.

Resolution - The Parish Council confirmed the APM minutes dated 16.05.2024 were a true and accurate record.

03.05.2025apm - Any reports received from organisations within the Parish from the last year.

G & B SCHOOL

I write to acknowledge the receipt and to detail the spending of the grant that you gave to

Gunness and Burringham Primary School. Your kind gift has allowed us to develop a "Garden of Spirituality" within the school grounds.

The area has had a bench built around the bottom of a willow tree and a book box installed to further allow our love of reading to be developed. In line with our schools understanding of spirituality and our understanding of it, we have further developed the area with windchimes and natural resources within the area. This area continues to be developed but your money has allowed us to make a really positive start to the development.

QUILTY PLEASURES

Last year thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council helping to supplement the making of the quilts that were created by our members we were able to donate more than 65 individual quilts and we aim to continue this.

Twice a year we hold a full day sewing session at the Village Hall for workshops with external tutors.

The Group use the Village Hall as the base for monthly meetings. We regularly post in the Village Social media to invite Parish members to join us and have on occasion been approached directly with requests for specific quilts for people in need in the Parish as a result - which we will provide without charge (however we are always grateful if a donation is offered of course) There have been quilts provided to the local School to help with their own fundraising.

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Further to your email on 10 th April asking for a report showing how we have used your funding.

We have now changed our Phonics learning in school and have purchased a new program called Little Wandle.

Your funding has helped us to purchase some of these new books.

I have attached our invoices which shows what we have purchased.

As you can see from these, the cost of these do not come cheap and we really do appreciate your continuous support which helps us make these changes which the children will benefit from.

HALMA

We have provided outings to the seaside for senior citizens of Gunness Parish & hope to continue to do so.

GUNNESS & BURRINGHAM PCC

We continue to be classed as a Festival Church and are able to open the church at certain times of the year. We are open for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals at anytime throughout the year.

The village school continue to support us and have attended 3 times this year at Harvest, Easter and Christmas. These services are always well attended 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 financially we are still not in a good place. The money we receive from yourselves is used towards paying for grass cutting in Burringham Churchyard and also the hedge cutting around the church in Gunness.

GUNNESS CHAPEL

Sorry this might be a bit late. My name is Anne Craddock and I am Secretary and Senior Steward for Gunness Chapel. This is our report for the last year. We continue to hold services every fortnight with Alternative Sundays at Althorpe Chapel supporting each other. We struggle with finances but have special services to hold us up and have just celebrated a wedding of a couple in the village, also looking forward to a Christening in June, then coffee morning s and Harvest Festival, as well as having support from people in the village, so we try hard and thank the council for their help too.

We are getting help to tidy up at the rear of the Chapel but it's a slow process,

Gunness Village Hall

This last two weeks has seen for the first time the village hall in use every day. We continue to serve the community as a not for profit organisation in arranging the Senior Citizens Seaside Outing & their annual 3 course Chef prepared Christmas dinner for which the Parish Council kindly pay for the meals.

However we have been advised that with escalating ingredient costs this year meals will require an additional 10% in funding which we hope the Council can help us with when considering the level of this years grant.

We currently facilitate NXT Football Coaching, Slimming World, Community Bingo, Ladies Craft Group, Quilty Pleasures, Band Rehearsals & Gunness Junior Football Club to name but a few.

We have hosted two wedding receptions & one wedding this year as well being in demand for Children's parties of which we arrange the Village Children's Christmas Party every year, the latter being funded by PD Ports Group.

We are used by Carers Support from Brigg & North Lincolnshire Council Children's Services for Training/Presentations & Meetings. We did struggle when our annual grant

was deferred but managed to bridge the gap with donations from 2 local companies. We are hoping this matter is now resolved as we rely heavily on supporting community activities with this important grant funding.

We did attempt to generate much needed funds through our proposed Classic Car Event which was planned for the beginning of April. It was all set up & on course to be a successful sold out weekend.

Sadly there were concerns about potential inclement weather & the date was required to be put back to May.

Disappointingly 99% of those exhibitors booked for the April date were unavailable for the May date so the event was cancelled & no funds were raised. Ironically the weather was excellent for the April date.

We are looking to replace the lighting in the building which is now obsolete with high efficiency low cost Led units as part of our energy reduction plan which will include the installation of battery packs to reduce our consumption from the Grid. This will of course reduce costs to the Village Hall & the Parish Council.

We continue to seek funding for this project as the Parish Council were unable to help secure an SSE grant on this occasion.

We look forward to this years School Sports Day & facilitate them every week for their PE sessions on Tuesday afternoons.

We also hold various musical events throughout the year but particularly well received was our Community VE Celebration Afternoon on Sunday 11th May.

04.05.2025apm - Any questions or matters raised from those present.

None.

Meeting closed at 19:07hours