

GUNNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Gunness Parish Council, held on Thursday 15th May, 2025 at 7:00pm, following the Annual Parish Meeting 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.

01.05.2025agm - Appointment of Chairperson.

Nominations were invited for the position of Chairperson by Vice-Chairman Cllr E Gray. Cllr. D. West proposed Cllr. T. Gosling be re-elected; this was seconded by Cllr. D. Hart. All Councillors present agreed unanimously. **Resolution - Cllr. T. Gosling accepted the position and took the chair. Acceptance forms were duly signed.**

02.05.2025agm - Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Whitely, Cllr S Armitage and Cllr M Armitage. Cllr L Walker has dispensation.

03.05.2025agm - Declarations of Interests.

None.

04.05.2025agm - Appointment of Vice-Chairperson.

Cllr. T. Gosling asked for nominations for this position and proposed Cllr. E. Gray be re-elected; this was seconded by Cllr. D. West. All Councillors present agreed unanimously. **Resolution - Cllr. E. Gray accepted the position. Acceptance forms were duly signed.**

05.05.2025agm - Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th March, 2025.

The Parish Council considered the minutes dated 20.03.2025.

Resolution - The Parish Council confirmed the minutes dated 20.03.2025 were a true and accurate record.

0505.2025b - Questions & Updates from the minutes.

None.

05.05.2025c - To consider the revised Standing Order Policy 2025.

The Parish Council considered the revised Standing Order Policy 2025.

Resolution - The Parish Council approved and adopted the Revised Standing Order Policy 2025 and this was duly signed by Cllr T Gosling.

06.05.2025agm - Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor.

Cllr J Walshe advised the imminent weekend closure of the M181 is a Highways England decision and not NLC. However, due to the forthcoming football match NLC have arranged with Highways England for them to open the road for a few hours to allow fans to gain entrance and access to help alleviate the congestion.

The Air fryers have almost been distributed. Cllr G Berridge-Burley asked if cookbooks were available as an acquaintance had received one. Cllr J Walshe advised to keep an eye out for event workshops.

The Just-Go bus service has changes from September 2025; the provider will be changing.

07.05.2025agm - Members of the Public to raise any topic for discussion

None.

08.05.2025agm - (a) Accounts for payment and any other late invoices received -

The Parish Council considered the following accounts for payment

- GVH Electric Costs Share - £80.78
- D Wattam - £40
- Ricks Grass - £1,404.00
- Ernilca Renewal - £860.54
- Streetscape (wet pour) - £4,896.00
- Kyanite - £151.20
- J Routh (payroll) - £240
- J Routh (internal audit) - £360
- Ricks Grass - £1,734.00
- Community First Insurance - £1,815.50
- Chairmans Account - £2,000.00

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

08.05.2025agm(b) - To receive and approve the Internal Audit Report 2024/2025 and determine any actions required

Resolution - The Parish Council received and approved the Internal Audit Report 2024/2025 and agreed no further action required.

08.05.2025agm(c) - To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025

Resolution - The Parish Council received and approved the Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025.

08.05.2025agm(d) - To approve the Accounting Statement 2024/2025

Resolution - The Parish Council received and approved the Accounting Statement 2024/2025 and this was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

09.05.2025agm - Planning Matters

PA2025/398 - 55 Old Village Street - Permission to cut back dead wood of sycamore tree - No objections

PA2025/514 - Orchard Drive, Gunness - Roof Lift Loft Conversion - No objections

PA2025/396 - 43 Old Village Street - Permission to erect a single storey rear extension - No Objections

Premises Licence LA2003 - Nuddock Lodges Ltd for music and wedding venue - No objections

10.05.2025agm - Matters relating to Lodge Moor Estate.

Cllr P McIlvaney advised football parking issues are continuing.

11.05.2025agm - Matters relating to Hilton Avenue Estate.

None.

12.05.2025agm - Playing Field Matters.

- Any update on the repairs to the safety surfacing - Cllr E Gray to meet with the Contractor regarding the recent repairs; as they are lifting in some areas.
- Any update on the classic car event - This was postponed by the Organiser.
- Booking request for SEN Sports Day - **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed for permission for this event on 30.06.25 provided the school carry out risk assessments.**
- Booking request from Athletico United - Clerk to forward to Cllr E Gray to liaise with.

13.05.2025agm - Correspondence

Quote received at £1,050 for 2 x buses for the Senior Citizens annual outing - **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed to the quote and will pay the Bus Operator directly upon receipt of the invoice.**

14.05.2025 agm - NATS Issues/Updates

Cllr P McIlvaney suggested to Cllr J Walshe that they could perhaps consider using the Community Centre at Lodge Moor as a future venue.

15.05.2025agm - Any update on the Parish Council Website & GDPR

The website has been upgraded to a gov.uk domain to comply with requirements.

16.05.2025agm - Councillors Reports.

Cllr S Priest has received reports of 'boy racers' speeding in Gunness.

Cllr S Berridge-Burley has received a complaint regarding an overgrown privet hedge on Station Road. Cllr J Walshe agreed to deal.

17.05.2025agm - To confirm the date and time of the next meeting in June 2025.

Resolution - The Councillors discussed and agreed due to venue availability to hold the next meeting on Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7pm. Permission was given to the Clerk to distribute the grant cheques mid June.

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.

18.05.2025agm - Payroll Information - To approve payment of salaries, pension, expenses & HMRC as per salary schedule circulated.

Resolution - That all payments be paid as detailed and the changes to the Employers National Insurance noted.

Meeting closed at 19:50 hours.