

GUNNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Gunness Parish Council, held on Thursday 18th September 2025 at 7:00pm, at Gunness Village Hall, Gunness, Scunthorpe.

Present - Cllr T Gosling (Chairman), Cllr E Gray (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L Gosling, Cllr D Whiteley, Cllr M Armitage, Cllr B Berridge-Burley, Cllr P McIlvaney

01.09.2025 - Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Walker (dispensation), Cllr S Armitage, Cllr S Priest, Cllr D Medley, Cllr D Hart, Cllr D West, Cllr B Etchell & NLC Ward Cllr J Walshe.

Cllr T Gosling advised Cllr S Armitage has requested dispensation due to illness.

Resolution - The Parish Council agreed to grant Cllr S Armitage dispensation for 1 year. The Parish Council also approved for flowers to be sent to Cllr S Armitage.

02.09.2025 - Declarations of Interests

None.

03.09.2025a - Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th July, 2025

The Parish Council considered the minutes dated 10.07.2025. **Resolution - The Parish Council confirmed the minutes dated 10.07.2025 were a true and accurate record.**

03.09.2025b - Questions & Updates from the minutes

Cllr G Berridge-Burley expressed concerns over the village grass cutting. Clerk and Cllr T Gosling explained the Contractor carries out the work to the required standard as per NLC guidelines.

04.09.2025 - Report from North Lincolnshire Ward Councillor

Cllr J Walshe tendered apologies for absence.

05.09.2025 - Members of the Public to raise any topic for discussion

None.

06.09.2025(a) - Accounts for payment and any other late invoices received -

The Parish Council considered the following accounts for payment

- GVH Electric Share - £48.67
- D Wattam - £105
- Ricks Grass - £1,404.00 & £1,770
- GVH (FIT) - £587.18

- Hornsby's Bus Trip
- PKF Littlejohn LLP - £378.00
- D Whiteley reimbursement for plants - £19.90

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

06.09.2025(b) - To receive the External Auditors Conclusion Report for 2024/2025

Clerk read out the External Auditors Conclusion Report for 2024/2025

Resolution - The Parish Council agreed to the Auditors Conclusion report, and this was noted and duly displayed on the Parish Council website.

07.09.2025 - Planning Matters

PA/2025/1087 - Consultation consent to display an advertisement at Street Record, M181 from M180 to A1077, Burringham, DN17 1US - **Resolution - The Parish Council considered this application and no concerns were raised.**

PA/2025/1036 - Consultation householder planning permission at the Bungalow, Rear of 16 Station Road, Gunness, DN15 8TH - **Resolution - The Parish Council considered this application and no concerns were raised.**

08.09.2025 - Matters relating to Lodge Moor Estate

Cllr P McIlvaney advised the grass has now been cut near to M&S; however they are concerns over fly tipping and the Estate in general being untidy. Cllr P McIlvaney has reported to NLC Ward Cllr J Walshe.

09.09.2025 - Matters relating to Hilton Avenue Estate

Cllr L Gosling advised weeds need clearing along the kerbs and gutters, which requires a road sweeper.

10.09.2025 - Playing Field Matters

- Letter from Natural England requesting permission to access land for the England Ecosystem Survey - **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to respond giving permission.**
- Email request regarding car park white lines - **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed not to consider whilst there are abandoned cars in the car park. Clerk to report the 2 cars to the local police team for action.**
- Email regarding request from men's football team - **Resolution - Cllr T Gosling advised a request was received from the former team manager which was declined as previously agreed the pitch was at capacity. Noted.**

11.09.2025 - Correspondence

- Ernllca Local Government Reorganisation survey - Circulated and Councillors to respond individually if required - Noted.
- Annual Police Survey 2025 - Circulated and Councillors to respond individually if required - Noted.
- To consider a SSE Grant Project application - **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to submit an application for the garden corner near the pensioner's bungalows for this to be tidied up and landscaped. Clerk to obtain 3 quotations and Cllr E Gray to meet Contractors. Clerk to request permission from Ongo as it is on their land.**
- To consider alternative provision for the cleaning of the bus shelters - Clerk advised the current Contractor cannot continue. **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to obtain prices for a window cleaner to carry out the cleaning of the bus shelters in Gunness and Lodge Moor.**
- To decide on Wreath laying and requirements for Remembrance Day - **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed for Cllr B Etchell to lay the wreath on the Parish Councils behalf. Clerk to order a wreath direct to Cllr B Etchell.**
- Email from HALMA re PCC Grant - Cllr D Whiteley explained the PCC will be writing to the Parish Council to request the deposit of £406. **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed once the invoice is received for the Clerk to pay.**

12.09.2025 - NATS Issues/Updates

Cllr G Berridge-Burley attended the latest meeting.

13.09.2025 - Any update on the Parish Council Website & GDPR

The Parish Council are monitoring for updates.

14.09.2025 - Councillors Reports

Cllr D Whiteley advised the Parish Council donation of £500 has been retained by the Clerk at his request whilst the group are trying to recruit new members. Cllr T Gosling suggested that the group think of a suggestion for a scheme to spend the £500 on and to advise the Parish Council accordingly.

Cllr G Berridge-Burley reported the street lighting is of a poor quality in Gunness.

Cllr G Berridge-Burley reported flooding has been an issue in Beech Avenue in Gunness.

Cllr G Berridge-Burley expressed concerns that residents are still crossing the motorway by foot due to the lack of signage. All 3 issues Cllr G Berridge-Burley has reported directly to NLC Ward Cllr J Walshe.

Cllr T Gosling reported on behalf of Cllr S Priest concerns over the lack of a zebra crossing for the older school children to use along the A18 Station Road. **Resolution - The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact NLC Highways to see if this can be considered.**

Cllr T Gosling reported on behalf of Cllr S Priest concerns over fly tipping in general in the area and flags and graffiti on Keadby Bridge - Cllr S Priest to report directly to NLC Ward Cllr J Walshe.

15.09.2025 - To confirm the date and time of the next meeting in October 2025

The next meeting was agreed to be held on Thursday 30th October 2025 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 19:31 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.

16.09.2025 - Payroll Information - To approve payment of salaries, pension, expenses & HMRC as per salary schedule circulated and to note the revised NJC Salary Rates.

Resolution - That all payments be paid as detailed and revised NJC Salary rates noted. Meeting closed at 19:33 hours.