

# GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2006**

**Present:** Councillors Dunkley, Hargreaves, Hilton, Taylor and Way

**05/06/241 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF MEETING**

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Members appointed Councillor Dunkley to chair the meeting.

**05/06/242 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Hargrave (work), Foreman (holiday). Shepherd (holiday) and Tremelling (holiday).

**05/06/243 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**05/06/244 MINUTES**

Resolved: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2005, be approved as a correct record.

**05/06/245 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**05/06/246 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

No matters were raised by the member of the public present.

**05/06/247 PLANNING APPLICATION**

**33/05/63 (Misterton Parish)**

Win: Pro UK Renewable Energy Ltd.

Erect 85m wind monitoring mast on land north of Portland Drain and west of Misterton Middle Drain, Carr Farm, Cattle Road, Misterton

Resolved: That Bassetlaw District Council be informed that the Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds:

1. At 85m high the mast would be a visual incongruity in an area of outstanding natural beauty, favoured by walkers, birdwatchers and other lovers of the countryside. It would have a detrimental impact on the appearance of the area and the amenity of Gringley residents.

The Village Design Statement, published in 1997 by Sheffield Hallam University, said: *“The village lies in a ridge of high ground formed from sands and clays that were deposited during the ice age, overlying the low-lying Carrlands (site of the application) to the north of the valleys of the rivers Trent.....There are superb views in all directions due to its high location above former swamps and marshes”* and *“From different levels and vantage points there are a variety of pleasant views which give the place much of its charm.”*

And, White’s Directory of 1853 said: *“Gringley on the Hill is a delightful village and parish, on the highest part of the road from Bawtry to Gainsborough..... From its situation on the loftiest of the promontories which overlook the wide extent of Misson and Misterton Carrs, it commands such extensive prospects that the Minsters of York, Lincoln and Beverley may be seen on a clear day across the vales of the Trent and the Idle.”*

2. The proposed mast would be 15m higher than the mast at Grove Moor Farm, Treswell (24/04/06), in respect of which Bassetlaw District Council refused planning permission in accordance with Policies 3/1 of the Nottinghamshire Structure Plan Review and 6/14 of the Bassetlaw Local Plan.
3. Policies 3/1 of the Nottinghamshire Structure Plan Review and 6/14 of the Bassetlaw Local Plan indicated that permission should not be granted for development outside the limits of existing built-up areas except in

certain exceptional circumstances. Where development was permitted, it must be designed and located so as not to adversely affect the character and appearance of the area. It was considered that the "certain exceptional circumstances" had not been demonstrated.