

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th April, 2006

Present: Councillor G. Shepherd, Chairman. Councillors Dunkley, Foreman, Hargreaves, Hilton, Taylor and Way

05/06/353 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Hargrave (work), Tremelling (helping scouts abroad) and District Councillor Martin.

05/06/354 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

05/06/355 MINUTES

Resolved: That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on 29th March, 2006, be approved as a correct record, subject to amendments to locations mentioned at Minutes No. 05/06/324(b) and 05/06/347(b).

05/06/356 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

05/06/357 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The member of public present raised no matters.

05/06/358 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the April accounts be approved for payment.

05/06/359 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the April budget monitoring statement.

05/06/360 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

Councillor Foreman submitted a formal risk assessment which he had prepared to assess the potential risk of Legionella bacteria being present in the water system at the changing rooms on the playing field. He concluded that the risk was minimal and did not warrant any testing. He recommended regular cleaning of the shower spray heads and running of the showers to ensure that water did not remain stagnated within the units and pipework – this job should be added to the duties of the handyman and a record kept of inspections and maintenance.

Councillor Foreman was thanked for preparing an excellent risk assessment.

05/06/361 CPRE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

- (a) A letter was submitted from Mr. J. Arguile, drawing attention to fly tipping and litter at various locations. Members gave details of other locations requiring attention.

Resolved: That the Clerk request the Bassetlaw Litter Busters to remove the rubbish.

- (b) Councillors Foreman and Hargreaves volunteered to paint the handrail to Beacon Hill. They would also assess the repainting requirement of the beacon itself.
- (c) Councillor Hilton offered to discuss with Mr. J. Taylor the repainting requirement of the railings on High Street, with a view to the work being carried out by Mr. Taylor.
- (d) Councillor Shepherd would ensure that the outstanding work to the village well was expedited.
- (e) The Clerk was asked to write to a resident about hedge trimmings that needed clearing up.

05/06/362 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

- (a) Councillor Foreman referred to Minute No. 05/06/324(b) of March, 2006, and informed the meeting that he had been informed that there was no public right of way along the River Idle bank. The reason the public footpath came to an end by the pumping station on Carr Road was that there was formerly a public ferry at that point.

Councillor Hilton reported that she had also queried the matter at Nottinghamshire County Council Rights of Way Department.

- (b) Details were given of an open meeting at the Village Hall on 8th May, 2006, from 4.00 p.m. until 7.00 p.m., at which local opinions would be gathered on a ten year "Rights of Way Improvement Plan" which would include a case study on a 5km area centred on the Parish.
- (c) Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/295(a) of February, 2006, the Clerk reported that a lengthy Email had been received earlier in the week from the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils' Legal Department. He needed to study it and discuss it with relevant parties.
- (d) The Clerk reported receipt of the grant claim forms, etc., which needed to be completed by the end of April. Volunteers enlisted by the County Council were carrying out the survey work. Any work not reported on the survey forms and claimed for could not subsequently be claimed for later in the year owing to financial constraints.

05/06/363 DETENTION CENTRE SITE

- (a) The Clerk reported that there was no news of progress regarding the proposed redevelopment of the site from the Home Office agent, Mr. David Boyne. He agreed to contact Mr. Boyne with regard to the outstanding work to the poplars.
- (b) Consideration was give to a draft modus operandi in respect of the proposed public consultation process regarding a new community building to replace the Village Hall, prepared by Councillor Hargreaves.

Resolved: That the modus operandi be approved.

- (c) The Clerk reported that he was arranging printing of the community building questionnaire. He had also made an enquiry with Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council about the possibility of it analysing the questionnaire response, and was awaiting a reply.

05/06/364 GRINGLEY WHARF

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/336 of March, 2006, confirmation was received from Nottinghamshire County Council that the

community archaeological weekend would take place on 21/22 May.

The Clerk had arranged publicity in Beacon magazine, and he stressed that details of the ten participants needed to be with the County Council by 5th May, 2006. Certain names were put forward, and Councillor Foreman undertook to speak to the headmaster about other possible participants.

05/06/365 THE BUTTERCROSS

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/339 of March, 2006, Councillor Dunkley confirmed that he was working on the matter of the stones.

05/06/366 THE VILLAGE BEACON

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/340 of March, 2006, a suggestion was made that the Clerk write to Mr. James Arguile, requesting an estimate of the cost of producing a formal agreement and an indication of the annual siting fee.

05/06/367 CRIME STATISTICS

The crime statistics for March were noted.

05/06/368 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The public present at the Annual Parish Meeting held earlier in the evening raised no matters.

05/06/369 PLAYING FIELD

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/345 of March, 2006, a further discussion took place regarding demolition of the old pavilion, when Councillor Taylor pointed out that there was some old sports day equipment in it. He added that there was some old cricket equipment in the timber shed next to the new pavilion. He also reported that a door to one of the sheds at the viewing stand had been forced open once again.

Councillor Hargreaves reported that, as the PTFA had failed to remove the bottles stored in the new pavilion, he had taken them to the recycling bank.

Resolved:

- (a) That authority be given for the old cricket equipment to be disposed of by Councillor Taylor in whatever way he considered appropriate.
- (b) That, prior to demolition of the old pavilion, the Clerk write to the PTFA to enquire whether any of the old sports day equipment needed to be kept.

05/06/370 CEMETERY

Resolved:

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/346 of March, 2006, none of the three quotations submitted in respect of the provision of a notice board be accepted.
- (b) That the Clerk readvertise the matter locally.

05/06/371 HIGHWAYS

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/347(a) of March, 2006, a letter was submitted from Mr. James Arguile explaining that access across the triangular area of grass at the junction of Halls Road and Beacon Hill Road was necessary as a safety precaution. He said that the answer was relocation of the field access, and he sought the support of the Parish Council in this matter.

Resolved: That support to relocation of the field access be given in principle.

- (b) Councillor Taylor referred to a recent telephone discussion between the Clerk and County Councillor Bullivant, in which Councillor Bullivant said that the Parish Council's request for additional street lighting in the Beacon Hill Road area was under consideration. Such provision would, however, entail an extension of the 30 mph zone.

05/06/372 HANDYMAN

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received for the new handyman post.

Resolved: That the post be readvertised, and in the meantime Mr. Bartlett be requested to continue his duties.

05/06/373 BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

Members noted an invitation from Nottinghamshire County Council to be represented at a Building Better Communities event to be held at Thoresby on 4th July, 2006 (Flying High – Making a Difference).

05/06/374 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/06/3

Mr. M. Bullen

Extend pitch roof to stables to form additional stable, hay store, tractor garage and saddlery with menage to south of the stables to train horses on land adjacent to South Beeches, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Resolved: That the Clerk establish the position regarding vehicular access for the tractor, and be authorised to make observations to Bassetlaw District Council in consultation with Members.

23/06/5

Mr. M. G. Thomson

Convert barn complex to dwelling with granny annexe and garaging, demolish existing kennel and erect replacement with attached three car garage and alter existing access at land at The Homestead, Horsewells Street, Gringley on the Hill

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

23/06/6L

Mr. M. G. Thomson

Demolish dog kennel at The Homestead, Horsewells Street, Gringley on the Hill

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

23/06/7 & 23/06/8L

Mr. B. D. Shepherd

Erect detached double garage at Mill House, Mill Lane, Gringley on the Hill

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

05/06/375 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

There were no planning determinations.

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Present:- Councillor G. Shepherd, Chairman. Councillors Dunkley, Foreman, Hargrave, Hargreaves, Hilton, Taylor and Way

05/06/110 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor Tremelling (family bereavement) and District Councillor Martin.

05/06/111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Foreman, Hargreaves and Shepherd each declared a personal interest at agenda item 13 (North East Bassetlaw Forum Reports), being members of the North East Bassetlaw Forum.

Councillor Shepherd declared a personal interest at agenda item 14 (NALC Northern Area Committee Reports), being a member of the Northern Area Committee.

Councillor Hargrave declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 36 (Planning Applications – Jasmine Cottage, Little Lane, Gringley on the Hill), a family member having an interest in a nearby property. He left the meeting during consideration of the planning application.

05/06/112 MINUTES

Resolved:- That the Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Council, held on 5th September, 2005, be approved as a correct record.

05/06/113 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

05/06/114 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

(a) General

Mr. E. Milward referred to a recent burglary, and drew attention to the need for residents to keep doors locked at all times.

(b) Gringley Wharf

Several members of the public were present to discuss this key village issue. In addition, letters were submitted from Mr. Keith Rusling and Mr. Barry Mawson on the subject, pointing out certain concerns. An E-mail was submitted from Nottinghamshire County Council, stating that a contractor was to strip the site in preparation for any archaeological survey.

The public were thanked for their input, and informed that there was a lot to do yet. Firstly, it was not certain that English Heritage would permit development of the moorings on what was a site of special scientific interest. Secondly, research was being carried out to establish whether a car park, etc. could be constructed on Gringley Wharf, being a registered village green.

It was made clear that the dialogue would continue, and the public would be kept up-to-date. When things became clear it was intended to hold a public meeting in the Village Hall.

05/06/115 TRAFALGAR WEEKEND

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/76(b) of July, 2005, the Clerk reported that Messrs. Mike Keeble and Ian Threlfall had decided not to go ahead with a planned fireworks display/barbecue, etc. because of the cost of insurance to a volunteer group of organisers.

With regard to the event being organised by the Parish Council, a letter was submitted from Allianz Cornhill Commercial, explaining its requirements regarding fireworks displays, and explaining that, if the beacon was temporarily relocated, it would require a written risk assessment and written confirmation that anyone moving the beacon had had manual handling training and that any equipment used to move or lift was suitable and had adequate lifting capacity.

In view of the above, Members reluctantly accepted that it would not be possible to temporarily relocate the beacon to Beacon Hill, to be lit as part of a celebration of Trafalgar Weekend. In the circumstances it was agreed that future consideration had to be given to either the permanent relocation of the beacon or the acquisition of a second beacon to be located on a permanent site.

Resolved:

- (a) That no action be taken with regard to Trafalgar Weekend.
- (b) That the question of a new, permanent location be discussed as a key village issue at the October meeting.

05/06/116 SURGERY REPORT

Councillor Hilton reported that a complaint had been made of very poor water pressure at the west end of Laycock Avenue. Councillor Hargrave added that there was a general problem in the western part of the village.

Resolved: That the Clerk take the matter up with Anglian Water.

05/06/117 ACCOUNTS

Resolved:- That the September Accounts be approved for payment.

05/06/118 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 29th July, 2005.

05/06/119 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the September budget monitoring statement, which showed an estimated year-end balance of £11,573.

05/06/120 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/82 of July, 2005, Councillor Foreman submitted a report into his research into health and safety requirements regarding the showers in the changing rooms. He explained that all that was required was a formal risk assessment and ongoing management. Water sampling was not necessary.

Councillor Foreman intended to prepare a risk assessment for submission to the next meeting, and he kindly agreed to act as Responsible Person in this matter.

Resolved: That Councillor Foreman's report be accepted with thanks.

05/06/121 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM

Resolved: That a report by Councillor Foreman expressing concerns over low flying military aircraft and near misses, including one witnessed by him involving a military aircraft and a light aircraft over West Stockwith, be referred to North East Bassetlaw Forum for consideration.

05/06/122 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Shepherd reported that he had been unable to attend a meeting of the NALC Northern Area Committee held on 5th September, 2005.

05/06/123 QUALITY COUNCILS

The Clerk reported that the autumn newsletter was being drafted.

05/06/124 PROVISION OF PUBLIC SEATS IN THE CEMETERY AND AT THE JUNCTION OF WEST WELLS LANE AND LEYS LANE

Councillor Hargreaves submitted further details of examples of seats and costings from brochures provided by the Clerk.

Resolved:

- (a) That the Clerk, in consultation with Councillor Hargreaves, be authorised to select appropriate seats for purchase.
- (b) That the seat at West Wells Lane/Leys Lane bear a plaque commemorating the village's success in the 2005 CPRE Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition.

05/06/125 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Councillor Hargreaves reported that he intended to publish a further item in Beacon regarding the promotion of local businesses. Unfortunately, there had been no response to his earlier article.

He also reported that progress was being made on Neighbourhood Watch, and he was now in a position to advise interested residents.

Finally, a resident had offered to help with implementation of the Parish Plan.

05/06/126 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

There were no matters to report.

05/06/127 CPRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Letter was submitted from CPRE confirming the wonderful news that, not only had Gringley on the Hill been judged winner of Category C, with a prize of £125, but it was also judged Best New Entrant, with a prize of £100. The village now had the chance of winning the Wilko Best of Notts. Award.

A letter was also submitted from Councillor Michael Bennett, Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council, congratulating the village on its achievements.

The Category C oak and wrought iron winner's post and plaque, presently sited at Oxton, would be brought to Gringley on the Hill by members of Southwell and Retford Young Farmers Clubs in late October.

Resolved:

- (a) That a ceremony take place on a date to be agreed, with a buffet lunch in the Blue Bell afterwards
- (b) That the Clerk be authorised to confirm attendance and other arrangements, in consultation with Members.
- (c) That the Category C and Best New Entrant Awards be received by a party of Members at the Annual General Meeting of Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, to be held at Southwell on 16th November, 2005.

05/06/128 TREES AT THE OLD CROSS KEYS SITE

Pursuant to Minute No. 055/06/89 of July, 2005, the Clerk reported that Bassetlaw District Council had informed him that the removal of trees was approved.

Resolved: That Fenton Forestry be requested to carry out the work at their quoted fee of £350, and that, in addition, they be requested to clear scrub from the site.

05/06/129 BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Resolved: That the Clerk respond to this consultation document along the lines now indicated.

05/06/130 BASSETLAW CIVIC SERVICE – SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 2005 – ST. ANNE’S CHURCH, WORKSOP

Members noted a letter from Bassetlaw District Council, inviting the Parish Council to be represented at the above.

05/06/131 VOLUNTARY FIRST REGISTRATION OF TITLE

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/98 of July, 2005, the Clerk reported that he had met representatives of the Land Registry on 25th August, 2005, when details of voluntary registration discounts were given. The Land Registry aimed to complete voluntary registration of all unregistered land by 2012.

Resolved: That the matter be considered at the January budget meeting.

05/06/132 THE BLUE BELL – NOTICE OF LICENCE TRANSFER APPLICATION

Letter was submitted from Brownhill Vickers & Platts giving notice of intention by David John Baxter to apply for final transfer of the licence on 18th November, 2005.

05/06/133 THE BLUE BELL – BREACH OF CONDITIONS – 23/00/03

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/34(b) of May, 2005, a letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, stating that the breach of planning control was the subject of a report to the Planning Consultation Group, when it was resolved to take no further action at the present time.

05/06/134 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Resolved: That Councillor Foreman be authorised to attend a playground inspection workshop at Edwinstowe on 24th September, 2005.

05/06/135 VILLAGE WELL

The Chairman reported that, following receipt of an Email from Mr. Roy Collett about the need for further work on the Village Well, he had met Mr. Collett to discuss the matter, when it was agreed that grading work and grassing was required.

Resolved: That a scheme be prepared in order to expedite this work, following a site meeting of relevant parties, and the Chairman be authorised to seek an indication of the cost of the necessary work.

05/06/136 THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL

Letter was submitted from Local Works, inviting the Parish Council to support the campaign to end ghost town Britain and promote sustainable communities – The Sustainable Communities Bill. The Parish Council was requested to:

- pass a suggested resolution
- ask John Mann, MP to support the Bill by signing parliamentary resolution Early Day Motion 641
- inform Local Works of the Parish Council's support

Resolved: That approval be given to the above.

05/06/137 BASSETLAW PRIMARY CARE TRUST'S ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING AT WORKSOP ON 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2005

Members noted a letter from Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust, inviting the Parish Council to be represented at the above.

05/06/138 MISTERTON FIRE STATION – OPEN EVENING

Letter was submitted from Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, inviting Members to attend an open evening at Misterton Fire Station on 6th October, 2005.

Members agreed to inform the Clerk of their possible attendance

05/06/139 CEMETERY

There were no matters to report.

05/06/140 PLAYING FIELD

There were no matters to report.

05/06/141 HIGHWAYS

- (a) The Clerk agreed to seek an update from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the fact that the westerly end of High Street was riddled with potholes.
- (b) Concern was expressed about (i) the road safety hazard caused by stones falling from the retaining bank fronting The Old Vicarage on High Street, and (ii) the fact that the bank was weed-ridden and therefore a liability in the Best Kept Village Competition. With regard to the former point, the Clerk informed Members that Nottinghamshire County Council had agreed to inspect.

Mr. Simon Taylor, of The Old Vicarage, was present, and explained that it was not known who owned the bank, and he shared Members' concerns, observing that the bank was not fit for purpose. As regards the weeds, he expressed the view that the weed roots were probably holding the bank together in places. He already maintained the bank as far as the weeds were concerned, but confirmed that he would spray them again.

- (c) The Clerk agreed to inform Nottinghamshire County Council that the surface of the carriageway at the junction of Low Street and Middlebridge Road was uneven and therefore a road safety hazard.

05/06/142 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

The Clerk agreed to press Nottinghamshire County Council for information regarding the cost/provision of this year's Christmas illuminations.

05/06/143 NUISANCE

The Clerk agreed to inform Bassetlaw District Council of a nuisance emanating from a property in the village.

05/06/144 ELLICAR FARM, ELLICAR LANE, GRINGLEY ON THE HILL

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/101 of July, 2005, a letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, stating that a no breach of planning control could be established with regard to the alleged storage of cars at Ellicar Farm.

**05/06/145 PLANNING APPEAL
23/05/3**

Mr. & Mrs. J. Turner

Erect single storey front extension, single storey rear extension, construct pitched roof over existing garage, second floor extension including velux and dormer windows and carry out alterations at Topsy Turvey, Little Lane, Gringley on the Hill

Appeal Lodged

05/06/146 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/05/26

Ms. K. Dobb & D. Eaton, Esq.

Erect two storey and single storey extension and carry out alterations at Jasmine Cottage, Little Lane, Gringley on the Hill

Resolved:- That an objection be lodged on the grounds that the proposed development was too large and out of proportion to the site, with the two-storey extension extending to the building line. The development would have an adverse effect on the adjacent bungalow, including a reduction in light.

23/05/28

Mr. & Mrs. P. M. Noble

Convert and extend redundant barn to form dwelling and garage and alter existing access at Woodlands Farm, Carr Road, Gringley on the Hill

Resolved:- That no adverse comment be made.

05/06/147 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

23/05/06

Mr. & Mrs. D. W. Platts

Siting of mobile home and associated drainage for temporary accommodation throughout the year at Gardens to Vianney, Carr Lane, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Refused

23/05/16L

Deborah & Mark Blackledge

Replace timber windows and doors, carry out repairs to fractures on both side elevations and other repair work at The Rood House, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

23/05/20V

Sedgemoor Ltd.

Amend condition 2 of 23/03/13 to allow educational use by non-residents at Belle Vue, Carr Lane, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Refused

23/05/21

Mr. & Mrs. S. Taylor

Partial demolition of existing coach house/outbuilding, rebuild, renovate and convert into a four bedroom dwelling, erect double garage and garden store for The Old Vicarage and construct garden and boundary walls for the conversion and alter existing access at Coach House/Outbuilding and land at The Old Vicarage, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

23/05/22

Mr. & Mrs. S. Taylor

Partial demolition of existing coach house/outbuilding to allow rebuilding and conversion into dwelling at Coach House/Outbuilding at The Old Vicarage, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

23/05/23

Mr. & Mrs. M. White

Erect two-storey side extension, conservatory and detached garage and carry out alterations at Fairpiece Cottage, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted