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# GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007

**Present:** Councillor J. E. Hargreaves, Chairman. Councillors Hargrave, Daniels, Foreman, Foster, Hilton, Dunkley, P. Baines, Clerk, and 1 member of the public

**07/08/189 TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Chambers, prior engagement, and Councillor Taylor, holiday. The absences were approved.

**07/08/190 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**07/08/191 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved: That the Minutes of meeting of the Council, held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2007, be approved as a correct record.

**07/08/192 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

It was noted that the proposed funding of the Beacon Magazine was not on the agenda as minuted. It was agreed that it would be placed on the January agenda.

**07/08/193 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Resolved: that the following accounts, details of which had been previously circulated, be approved for payment including VAT where applicable:

CHQ NO.	PAYEE	MATTER	CHEQUE
101604	BCVS	Website Management Dec	20.00
101605	Elite Workwear	Gloves & Vest R Skelton	57.28
101606	R Skelton	Net Salary December	88.03
101607	P Baines	Dec Net Salary, Nov Expenses	441.15
101608	Post Office Ltd	Clerk & Handyman Tax & NI	176.63
101609	LC Printing Services	Printing Agendas/Newsletters	34.70
101610	R Skelton	Timber for repair of shed	2.98

**07/08/194 BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members received and approved the Bank Reconciliation statement to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

**07/08/195 BUDGET MONITORING**

Members received and approved the budget monitoring estimates to 31st March 2008.

**07/08/196 MONTHLY RISK ASSESSMENT**

It was reported that moles were evident on the Fairpiece.

**07/08/197 CHRISTMAS TREE**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Dunkley for erecting the tree and Councillor Hilton for supplying the electricity for the lighting. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr M Blackledge for kindly supplying the tree.

**07/08/198 GRINGLEY WHARF**

There was nothing further to report.

**07/08/199 CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS**

- a) It was noted that the Notice Board in the cemetery looked good.
- b) It was noted that moles were evident in the play area of the playing field. The Clerk was asked to contact a contractor to arrange for their removal from there and the Fairpiece.
- c) The Handyman had reported that the toilet cisterns in the pavilion had no external overflows. One had been found overflowing onto the floor, which he had now repaired. It was agreed to address the problem later in the year.

**07/08/200 HIGHWAYS**

- a) Dog fouling is evident on the grassed area by the old reading room. Clerk to contact dog warden again.
- b) It was reported that there was a depression in the dual carriageway footpath near the underpass and in the highway east of the Wiseton junction. Clerk to report to Highways.
- c) It was noted that a footpath adjacent to the canal Top Lock had a steep incline at the site of recent works by British Waterways and was a danger, and a post was loose in the ground. The Clerk was requested to report to British Waterways.
- d) It was reported that the many of the salt/grit bins in the village were in need of refill. Clerk to report to Highways.
- e) It was noted that the road sweeper still had not been in the village. Clerk to report to Bassetlaw District Council.
- f) It was noted that the litterbin at Shaw Lock was overflowing. Councillor Dunkley undertook to contact the adjacent residents who had said that they would maintain it.

**07/08/201 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

*The formal meeting was suspended for the duration of the public forum.*  
A member of the public commented on the litter in and around the bus shelter at the Fairpiece.

**07/08/202 PUBLIC DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Chairman reminded members that the public discussion period had been moved to the middle of the meeting for a trial period. The members discussed if the public discussion period would be better at the beginning of the meeting. A proposal to move it back to the beginning of the meeting was not seconded and an amendment proposed to keep it in the middle. It was resolved by 3 votes for and 1 against to keep it in the middle of the meeting. 3 members abstained.

**07/08/203 BROADBAND AVAILABILITY**

The members discussed the lack of broadband availability in the village and that some residents felt disadvantaged by this. Councillor Dunkley had prepared a questionnaire/survey for possible distribution throughout the village, the results of which could be used as evidence of the need and add weight to argument with BT and providers. It was agreed that this was a good idea. The members were asked to provide feedback to Councillor Dunkley on the contents of the questionnaire before distribution.

**07/08/204 PARISH CHARTER FOR BASSETLAW**

The members discussed the final document and resolved to sign up to the Charter. The Clerk undertook to establish what this involved.

**07/08/205 PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN**

The Chairman reported that the first draft of a plan would be available at the January meeting.

**07/08/206 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk reported that he had not yet managed to contact the Nottinghamshire County Council P3 coordinator, however he had been made aware that the repairs contractor had been extremely busy, which may explain his non attendance yet.

**07/08/207 CRIME STATISTICS & POLICING / SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS**

The Clerk had not received any information from P.C. Gregson or PCSO Jones.

**07/08/208 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

- Notice of Bassetlaw District Council Parish Council Liaison Group meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008. Noted.
- A letter from NALC confirming previous advice about allotments. Noted
- A letter from Nottinghamshire County Council in response to clerks letter re closure of St Michaels. Noted.
- Email from Bassetlaw District Council re repair of village signs. Noted.
- Email from Loss Adjustors asking for local information on incidents affecting the Sherwood Lodge. It was agreed that the Parish Council could offer no helpful information.

**07/08/209 CORRESPONDENCE ARRIVING AFTER THE AGENDA PRINTED**

- Letter from Bassetlaw District Council requesting Parish Council's views on antisocial behaviour. Clerk to respond.

**07/08/210 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

The Chairman announced that a meeting had been requested by Miller Homes to discuss the Parish Council's aspirations on the design of the proposed community centre. The meeting was arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008. Chairman and Councillor Daniels to attend.

**07/08/211 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Funding of the Beacon magazine such that it may be delivered free to every household.
- Former detention centre site to be a regular item.

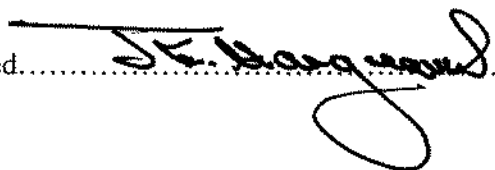
**07/08/212 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

23/07/00023 – Woods Farm, Mill Hill. Conversion of barn complex to single dwelling. Resolved, no objection.

**07/08/213 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

23/07/00022 – Maple Lodge, Finkell Street. Reconstruct boundary walls to Finkell St and Pitt Lane. Granted with conditions.

The meeting closed at 9:07pm.

Signed.......... Dated..... 23/01/08.....