

# GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009

**Present:** Councillors Dunkley, Taylor, Foster, Hargreaves, Hargrave, Foreman, Daniels, Chambers, Hilton, P. Baines - Clerk, District Cllr A Simpson, PCSO S. Jones & 2 members of the public.

**08/09/237 TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
All members were present.

**08/09/238 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Cllrs Dunkley, Foreman and Hilton declared a personal interest in School Foundation Unit, 08/09/258

**08/09/239 CRIME STATISTICS & POLICING / SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS**  
PCSO Jones gave a summary of crimes reported for December and January:

- Theft – High St
- Vehicle Interference – Cross Hill
- Theft - Leys Lane
- Theft – Laycock Avenue
- Theft – High St
- Theft – School
- Garages Accessed – West Wells
- Vehicle Theft
- Theft – Playing Field

The PCSO had obtained answers to previously asked questions:

The speed cameras at Scaftworth & Gringley are linked. The new cameras due at Beckingham will not be linked to them until upgraded. The number of prosecutions was not revealed. The photographs taken of those not speeding are not stored.

**08/09/240 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
Resolved: That the Minutes of meeting of the Council, held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008, be approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment to paragraph 08/09/229, to substitute “letter from the Head Teacher” and “Foundation Unit” in place of “letter from Chair of Governors” and “early years places”

**08/09/241 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- District Cllr Simpson gave an explanation for the delay in the repair to the streetlight on Mill Hill.
- The Chairman had drafted a letter to BT about broadband. Clerk to format and send.

**08/09/242 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  
Resolved: that the following accounts, details of which had been previously circulated, be approved for payment including VAT where applicable:

<b>CHQ NO.</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>MATTER</b>	<b>CHEQUE</b>
726	H Mell & Sons	Multicourt gates repair	505.25
727	Eon	Electricity Charges	51.80

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728	Wickstead Leisure	Playground Inspection	51.75
729	BCVS	Website Maint Jan	20.00
730	SLCC	Cilca Registration	70.00
731	P Baines	Jan net Salary, Dec Expenses	414.49
732	R Skelton	Net Salary Jan	97.13
733	Post Office Ltd	Income Tax & NI	133.13
734	LC Printing Services	Agendas Etc	49.60
735	CPRE	Annual Subscription	29.00
736	Eon	Electricity Charges	21.97

**08/09/243 BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members received and approved the Bank Reconciliation statement to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

**08/09/244 BUDGET MONITORING**

Members received and approved the budget monitoring estimates to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

**08/09/245 MONTHLY RISK ASSESSMENT**

- a) The members were informed that the Beacon Trees had been trimmed and the remains of the fallen branches outside the playing field had been removed.
- b) It was reported that there was a pothole on West Wells Rd, near the Beacon garage. Clerk to report.
- c) A complaint had been received about rabbits from the playing field invading neighbouring land. District Councillor Simpson undertook to pass on the contact details of someone who could deal with the problem.

**08/09/246 CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS**

Cemetery.

- Nothing to report.

Playing Fields

- The purchase of a sign to deter unauthorised parking at the playing fields was approved.
- The Clerk advised that the pest control contractor had been instructed to clear moles from the playing field.
- The Chairman undertook to collect and store the scaffold poles from the rear of the pavilion.

**08/09/247 HIGHWAYS**

- a) The members discussed the complaint received about leaves in the village streets. It was noted that the BDC roadsweeper had been in the village in the previous few days and the village handyman had cleared residues also. The area was now much tidier. The Clerk was requested to respond to the complainant.
- b) The members were informed that someone had tripped whilst negotiating the steps at the bottom of Sam's Yard. The Clerk was asked to report the lack of action by Highways on the previous request to review the lighting there.

**08/09/248 TO DISCUSS ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON VARIATION OF NIGHT CARGO OPERATIONS**

Councillor Hargreaves had attended the NE Bassetlaw Forum meeting at which the matter had been discussed and relayed the outcome of their discussions to the members. The matter was discussed and it was resolved to support the application subject to requesting that a time limit of 5 years be imposed for the section 106 Notice to be reversed if the proposal proved to create a noise problem.

**08/09/249 WELCOME PACKS FOR NEW RESIDENTS**

The Chairman was given the final draft to look over before issue.

- 08/09/250**      **FORMER DETENTION CENTRE SITE**  
The Clerk was requested to contact Miller homes advising that they should improve security at the site gates, as the site was currently vulnerable to trespass and encampment.
- 08/09/251**      **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**  
*The meeting was suspended for the duration of the public discussion.*
- Cllr Simpson advised about possible changes to the way in which the Safer Neighbourhoods Group works. It is hoped that Parish Councils will have a greater input to the LAG meetings.
  - Cllr Simpson advised the members that a presentation is to be given to a forthcoming Parish Council Liaison Group meeting about the Bassetlaw Befriending Scheme and members were invited to attend.
  - A member of the public gave their views on the Robin Hood Airport night freight proposals.
  - It was reported that there are many grass verges in the village which have been damaged by vehicles. It was suggested that an article be placed in the Beacon Magazine requesting motorists to be more aware.
- 08/09/252**      **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – MODEL PUBLICATION**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- 08/09/253**      **PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN**  
Almost complete.
- 08/09/254**      **PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**  
A Councillor asked why more kissing gates had not been installed on the footpaths. Cllr Daniels explained that they had only been fitted where it was deemed suitable due to condition or status of fencing or hedges.
- 08/09/255**      **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**  
Bassetlaw District Council Electoral Register. Noted
- 08/09/256**      **CORRESPONDENCE ARRIVING AFTER THE AGENDA PRINTED**
- a) Letter from John Mann MP about transfer of private sewers to the utilities Companies. Noted and put into reading bag.
  - b) A letter about the Government Website Direct.gov. Noted and put into reading bag.
- 08/09/257**      **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**  
The Clerk advised that it was reported that the Chairman of Mattersey PC is to arrange a meeting with Cllr David Kirkham, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council to express dissatisfaction at the lack of response from the Highways Department.
- 08/09/258**      **TO DISCUSS FUNDING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL EARLY YEARS PLACES**  
The members discussed the school's request for financial assistance to provide a foundation unit at the school. The school need to raise £20,000 towards the total cost. It was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council contribute £1000 in the next financial year and a further £1000 when the school has raised £10,000. The proposal was resolved by 5 votes for and 1 against. *Cllrs Dunkley, Foreman and Hilton had declared an interest and did not speak or vote.*

08/09/259

**TO CONSIDER THE TENDERS FOR VILLAGE AND PLAYING FIELD GRASS CUTTING 2009-2010**

The chairman had opened the tenders earlier in the day in the presence of the Clerk. Three tenders had been received out of 8 issued:

- North Notts Landscapes
- Cottage Gardens
- Town & Country Grounds

It was resolved to accept the tender of Cottage Gardens for the Cemetery and village areas and North Notts Landscapes for the playing field.

08/09/260

**TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2009-2010**

The members discussed the budget proposals previously circulated and the clerk gave such explanations as was necessary. The budget was amended where necessary. It was proposed and seconded to adjust the budget in order to retain the precept at the previous years level. An amendment was proposed and seconded to increase the precept in line with the budget proposal of 2.5%. The amendment was resolved by 5 votes for and 4 against.

The precept was set at £21,487.00

08/09/261

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Valerie Gillespie Cup
- Gringley Wharf Tree
- Playing Field equipment safety surfacing

08/09/262

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

23/08/00029 – Land at the junction of Little Lane & Cross Hill. – Erect 2 bedroom house with detached garage and alter access. Resolved no objection.

08/09/263

**PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

23/08/00025 – Woodcarr, Wood Lane. - Erect conservatory. Granted with conditions

08/09/264

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED**

None

The meeting closed at 9.38pm

Signed. A. H. H. H. H. H. Dated. 25th February 2009