

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd February, 2006

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

05/06/284 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor Dunkley (work) and District Councillor Martin.

05/06/285 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

05/06/286 MINUTES

Resolved: That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on 25th January, 2006, be approved as a correct record.

05/06/287 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to Minute No. 05/06/252(c) (Gringley Wharf), and submitted a letter from Nottinghamshire County Council, which stated that British Waterways would not agree to the construction of moorings owing to the following reasons:

- An initial enquiry about moorings at Gringley was made two years ago and rejected due to opposition from certain residents.
- The canal was not wide enough at that point to permit moorings.
- The canal was a Site of Special Scientific Interest, with water voles (a protected species) having been recorded in the area.
- Dredging the proposed moorings site would be necessary.

- The canal bank on the proposed site was soft-edged and would require piling.

Without the support of British Waterways, Nottinghamshire County Council would not consider funding this element of the project.

The letter also referred to ongoing work on concept drawings, community consultation, historical research and archaeological information. Regarding the latter point, the Heritage Team was keen to support a community archaeological day on site, with around ten participants, but with scope for people to drop in and view proceedings during the day.

During the ensuing discussion it was agreed that every attempt should be made to persuade British Waterways of the benefits of providing moorings. It was considered that, as the canal bank needed rebuilding in any case, there was an opportunity to take it further back, thus overcoming the width problem. However, even if it was not possible to proceed with the moorings, it was considered that the village green itself was in need of improvement and that the remainder of the project should proceed.

Resolved:

- (a) That the Clerk write to Nottinghamshire County Council along the lines referred to in the above paragraph.
- (b) That arrangements be made for the community archaeology day to take place on Saturday 8th April, 2006.

05/06/288 HOUSING NEEDS

Ms. Carole Turner, Rural Housing Enabler at Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, was present to give a presentation on housing needs surveys. Such surveys were obviously carried out to identify need, and they tended in particular to identify the needs of young people and old people. Affordable housing developments generally comprised four or five dwellings, with a maximum of eight. If the need for affordable housing was identified in a survey, then it was possible for development to take place on 'Exception Sites', i.e. sites outside the village envelope but abutting to it.

During the ensuing discussion, Members pointed out the advisability of a survey taking place in Gringley at the earliest opportunity owing to the Home Office's plans to redevelop the

former detention centre site. In this regard, Ms. Turner pointed out that there was no funding currently available to carry out analysis of completed questionnaires, although funding may become available in the future.

After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Turner was thanked for an interesting and informative presentation.

Resolved:

- (a) That it be the intention of the Parish Council to carry out, in partnership with Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, a housing needs survey in June, 2006.
- (b) That a request be made for funding for the analysis, etc. from the North East Bassetlaw Forum.

05/06/289 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- (a) Mrs. J. B. Rusling spoke of concerns she had about litter, etc. in the event of the Gringley Wharf project proceeding. She drew attention to the litter at the pumping station site, and was worried that the same might happen at Gringley Wharf.

Furthermore, she stressed the presence of fauna such as the kingfisher and water voles in the area.

She also considered that there was a need for the willow trees on the Wharf to be managed.

Members assured Mrs. Rusling that all these points would be taken into consideration when the public consultation took place.

- (b) Mrs. Rusling referred to the potholed condition of Middlebridge Road, and the Clerk was asked to report the matter once more to Nottinghamshire County Council.

05/06/290 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the February accounts be approved for payment.

05/06/291 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 29th January, 2006.

05/06/292 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the February budget monitoring statement, which showed an estimated year-end balance of £10,597.

05/06/293 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

There were no matters to report.

05/06/294 QUALITY COUNCILS

The Clerk referred to the need for the Parish Council to secure an 80% electoral mandate at the forthcoming parish council elections to be held on 4th May, 2006, when polling hours would be from 7.00 a.m. until 10.00 p.m., with all counts taking place in Worksop immediately after the close of poll. Members present indicated their intentions regarding standing for election or not.

05/06/295 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/260(a) of January, 2006, a letter was submitted from Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc, which, inter alia, suggested that the Parish Council should seek legal advice on the issue of the Ordnance Survey mapping contractor licence and indemnity letter. The Clerk reported that he was awaiting the legal advice requested from Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils.
- (b) Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/260(b)(i) of January, 2006, Councillor Hilton reported that Mr. Chris Jackson, Wayfinder Officer at the County Council, had informed her that a group of non-Gringley volunteers was to survey the paths north of the A631, with the intention of all requirements identified being mapped by the County Council. Councillor Hilton would personally survey the paths south of the A631.

05/06/296 CPRE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2006

- (a) An Email was submitted from Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Department, pointing out that, owing to budgetary constraints, it would only be possible to carry out work related to highway safety.

- (b) The Clerk agreed to report various matters requiring attention to Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

05/06/297 DETENTION CENTRE SITE

The Clerk submitted a report on the meeting with Mr. David Boyne, of CB Richard Ellis, agents for the Home Office, on 8th February, 2006. Councillors Foreman, Hargreaves and Shepherd, together with the Clerk and Mr. C. Downton, represented the Parish Council:

New demands were noted from Bassetlaw District Council regarding its requirements on affordable housing, namely 25% of the housing on site to be built and given to it for sale to a housing association or similar.

It was also noted that Mr. Boyne stressed the fact that his remit was to maximise value, and that he had retracted the Home Office's offer of £100,000 towards community use pending resolution of the whole issue. He was working towards a resolution of the future of the site this year.

On building costs, Mr. Boyne said that, at 4,000 square feet, the likely cost of the proposed community building would be in the region of £400,000. He enquired whether a replacement building could be provided on the site of the existing Village Hall, but was told that, for various reasons and particularly parking, this was not possible.

Mr. Boyne was informed that it might be better if the community building could be located nearer to the village end of the site. He was also told that outside funding opportunities were scarce and most likely unrealistic.

He was told of the Parish Council's requirement for perhaps six allotments on site, with paths and water supply.

He asked for certain information, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would be asked to consider the following:

- Its views on the proposed woodland area being given over to residential.
- Its views on whether affordable housing should be provided on- site or elsewhere in Bassetlaw.
- Its expectations. On this latter point Mr. Boyne was informed that a viable, funded community building was a fundamental part of the Parish Council's thinking.

The Village Hall Management Committee would be asked to consider and furnish to Mr. Boyne:

- Details of the proposed design and estimated capital cost of the new community building.
- Anticipated annual revenue costs of the new building.
- Following an approach to Welbeck Estates, details of the Estates' position on the future of the existing Village Hall site following possible vacation.

Finally, Mr. Boyne agreed to furnish the Parish Council with a copy of the notes of his meeting with Bassetlaw District Council on 24th November, 2005 and also details of the main points he considered had emerged from the present meeting.

Councillor Hargreaves now reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had considered the matters referred to above, and would inform Mr. Boyne as follows:

- (a) That the new community building should ideally cover 4,000 square feet, with an estimated capital cost of £400,000.
- (b) That details of revenue costs could not be given until the community questionnaire exercise had taken place.
- (c) That the Village Hall Management Committee was to obtain valuations of the Village Hall site from three valuers.

Resolved: That Mr. Boyne be informed that the Parish Council's views were that:

- (a) A new community building, of approximately 4,000 square feet, should be provided as part of the package, at no cost to the community.
- (b) Subject to (a) above, the proposed woodland area could be given over to residential development.
- (c) Affordable housing should be provided on site.

05/06/298 CLERKS' SALARIES AWARD 2006/07 AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES APPLICABLE FOR 2005/06

Details were given of the recent settlement.

05/06/299 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT – NOVEMBER 2005

Members noted the above consultation document.

05/06/300 NEW VILLAGE SEAT

Resolved: That Middlebridge Construction be requested to liaise with Councillor Hargreaves and submit a price for installation of the new village seat.

05/06/301 PROPOSED NEW PRIMARY CARE TRUST ARRANGEMENTS

Discussion took place on plans to change the way the NHS was structured and managed in the Bassetlaw area. The proposals at the heart of the current consultation exercise would mean new geographical boundaries for primary care trusts (PCTs) across England. Local people were being consulted on the following options for a new primary care trust configuration:

Option One:

One PCT for Nottinghamshire (including Nottingham City and Bassetlaw)

Option Two:

Two PCTs: Nottingham City and Nottingham County organisations coterminous with both City and County Councils

Option Three:

Two PCTs: Nottingham City and Nottingham County minus Bassetlaw, which would be linked to Doncaster

Resolved: That the Parish Council submit the opinion that an independent Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust was the preferred option, followed by Option Three as a second preference.

05/06/302 THE VILLAGE BEACON

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/231 of December, 2005, a letter was submitted from Mr. James Arguile, stating that, after further discussion with the family over relocating the beacon, it was felt that the current arrangement using the hill top as a temporary site under the existing arrangement was the most workable one. It was considered that the Parish Council should be able to find

a solution to the insurance problem. In Mr. Arguile's experience, moving the beacon was the easier part in organising an event, and he would always want to be involved in moving the beacon.

Resolved:

- (a) That the Clerk seek confirmation from Mr. Arguile that future relocations would be unconditional.
- (b) That, subject to a positive answer to (a) above, the Clerk seek quotations for temporary relocations.

05/06/303 BASSETLAW SPRING CLEAN – 24TH APRIL TO 6TH MAY, 2006

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, inviting the Parish Council to participate in the above.

Resolved: That the Parish Council participates on Sunday 30th April, 2006, between 10.00 a.m. and noon.

05/06/304 THE BUTTERCROSS

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/269 of January, 2005, further discussion took place over concerns expressed by Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the proposed placing of three dressed stones on the corners of the green surrounding the Buttercross. The Clerk advised, however, that the concerns did not amount to an objection.

Resolved: That Minute No. 05/06/269 be implemented, and the Clerk investigate the availability of suitable stones, beginning with the offer made by Councillor Dunkley.

05/06/305 SPORTS DAY

Sports Day would be on Saturday 8th July, 2006.

Councillor Hargreaves requested that the organisers properly clear up after the event.

Councillor Tremelling requested that the grass be cut at least two days beforehand.

**05/06/306 THE EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
THE EAST MIDLANDS RURAL ACTION PLAN**

THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND 2007-2013

Members noted a letter from Bassetlaw District Council relating to the availability of the above documents for inspection.

05/06/307 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – PLANNING SEMINAR – RETFORD – 23RD MARCH, 2006

Members noted the above seminar.

05/06/308 POLICING

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/379 of January, 2006, a letter was submitted from Superintendent Busuttil in which he stated that the decision to replace P.c. Cooper would not be revisited. He did, however, stress his continuing support towards (i) the well-being and safety of the Gringley Community and (ii) the Misterton Centre (community contact point at the former Co-op shop in Misterton, to be tenanted by Bassetlaw District Council, Misterton Parish Council and Nottinghamshire Police, with provision for other agencies to make use of the facilities).

A letter was also submitted from Mr. John Mann, MP, enclosing a copy letter from Acting Inspector Antill on the matter.

A 141-name petition was submitted from Gringley residents, protesting at the relocation of P.c. Cooper.

Resolved: That the petition be submitted to Chief Superintendent Johnson.

- (b) An Email was submitted from P.c. Savage, giving details of reported crime.

05/06/309 PLAYING FIELD

- (a) The Clerk reported that, following a report by Councillor Taylor regarding the condition of the exterior paintwork at the changing rooms, he had requested a price from Mr. J. C. Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson had estimated that the work would take four to five days at a daily rate of £80. A

further two hours would be required to treat the timber shed alongside with preservative.

Resolved: That Mr. Wilkinson be requested to carry out the work.

- (b) The Clerk reported on the recent site meeting, attended by himself and Councillors Hargrave, Hargreaves and Taylor. It had been provisionally agreed as follows:
- (i) The Sports Day organisers be again requested to remove items stored in the pavilion.
 - (ii) The white lining machine, currently stored in the pavilion, be relocated to the timber shed.
 - (iii) The old pavilion at the far end of the field be demolished.
 - (iv) Councillor Taylor, subject to the Parish Council providing the timber, would repair the door to one of the sheds adjoining the viewing stand.

Resolved: That approval be given to the above, subject at (iii) to Gringley Celtic FC first being asked if they had any objection to the demolition of the old pavilion.

05/06/310 CEMETERY

Councillor Hargreaves reported that he had treated the newly-installed seat with preservative.

05/06/311 HIGHWAYS

The Clerk was asked to inform Nottinghamshire County Council that the carriageway at the western end of High Street was in a very poor, potholed condition.

05/06/312 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

This matter would be deferred until the next meeting in view of the lateness of the hour.

05/06/313 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications.

05/06/314 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

23/05/30

Mr. & Mrs. S. Wilson

Erect two-storey extension and carry out alterations at 39 Laycock Avenue, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

23/05/31

Mr. K. Hogg

Erect detached garage and alter existing access at Woodcarr, Wood Lane, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

33/05/63 (Misterton Parish)

Win:Pro UK Renewable Energy Ltd.

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

Permission Granted

05/06/315 THE CLERK'S SALARY

The annual review took place of the work carried out by the Clerk to the Council.

Resolved: That the Clerk's salary remain unaltered.

05/06/316 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL APPRAISAL

Following implementation of the Clerk to the Council's new contract of employment, a discussion took place about the requirement for an annual appraisal.

Resolved: That the Chairman and Clerk attend to the matter.

05/06/317 DISCIPLINARY AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The Clerk submitted a report advising Members of the statutory requirement for the Parish Council to adopt both Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures. He had prepared draft documents for consideration, but following very-recent advice from the Human Resources Section of Bassetlaw District Council and

ACAS, intended to amend them and submit the amended documents to the next meeting.

05/06/318 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported on recent discussions with the current Handyman about future arrangements, which would involve a new post of Handyman being created. The postholder would be an employee of the Parish Council instead of the current contractual arrangement. The current Handyman was happy with the new arrangements, but had indicated that he did not wish to apply for the new post.

Resolved:

- (a) That a post of Handyman be established on pay scale Groundsman 1.
- (b) That the Clerk be authorised to produce a job description and advertisement in consultation with Councillor Hargreaves.
- (c) That the post be advertised in April Beacon and on the village notice boards.
- (d) That the Clerk be authorised to make an appointment, in consultation with the Chairman.

05/06/319 CEMETERY

- (a) Consideration was given to a letter from a resident of Gainsborough concerning the Garden of Rest.

Resolved: That the Clerk attend to the matter as now instructed.

- (b) The Clerk submitted a report relating to a proposed amendment to the Cemetery Regulations.

Resolved: That the Regulations be amended as proposed.

- (c) Resolved: That the Clerk obtain a price, or prices, for the provision of a notice board in the Cemetery.

