

# GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008

**Present:** Councillor J. E. Hargreaves, Chairman. Councillors, Daniels, Chambers, Foreman, Foster, Hilton, Taylor, P. Baines, Clerk, and 8 members of the public

**07/08/214 TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Hargrave, work commitment, and Councillor Dunkley, holiday. The absences were approved.

**07/08/215 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Foster – Personal interest in item 18 – Beacon Magazine.

**07/08/216 CRIME STATISTICS & POLICING / SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS**

The Clerk read out the list of crimes reported in December 2007:

- 09/12/07 Burglary - Finkell Street
- 13/12/07 Criminal Damage - Horewells Street
- 17/12/07 Attempt Theft - Low Street
- 17/12/07 Burglary - Cross Hill
- 18/12/07 Burglary - Little Lane
- 22/12/07 Theft - Cross Hill

Councillor Foster reported on the recent safer neighbourhoods group meeting and the lack of policing in the village due to the large area that P.C. Gregson covered. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of complaint to the Home Office, copied to the Nottinghamshire Police. She reported that there had been a number of young people invited to the SNG meeting who had given an insight into the needs and aspirations of the young people in the villages.

**07/08/217 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved: That the Minutes of meeting of the Council, held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007, be approved as a correct record.

**07/08/218 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**07/08/219 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
101611	J Wharton	Cemetery Notice Board	£200.00



101612	BCVS	Website Management	£20.00
101613	P Baines	Jan Net Salary, Dec Expenses	£384.51
101614	R Skelton	Handyman Net Salary Jan	£88.03
101615	Post Office Ltd	Clerk & Handyman Tax & NI	£135.32
101616	LC Printing Services	Printing Agendas etc	£11.15
101617	LCAS	Annual Subscription	£165.00
101618	R Skelton	Bin Liners	£2.49

**07/08/210 BANK RECONCILIATION**

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

**07/08/211 BUDGET MONITORING**

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

**07/08/212 TO SIGN THE PARISH CHARTER**

The Chairman signed the Bassetlaw District Council Parish Charter. The Clerk to forward the document to Bassetlaw District Council for signature.

**07/08/213 MONTHLY RISK ASSESSMENT**

No report.

**07/08/214 GRINGLEY WHARF**

There was nothing further to report.

**07/08/215 HORSEWELLS SIGN**

The Clerk had obtained two quotations for the plaque in cast bronze. It was resolved to accept the quote from Signcast Ltd at £140 + £15 delivery +VAT.

**07/08/216 CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS**

- a) It was noted that moles were still evident in the play area of the playing field. The Clerk was asked to advise the contractor that the field was used for football.
- b) The members discussed the conifer trees on the edge of the field, one of which was leaning badly and three others were suspect. It was agreed that the Clerk obtains three quotes for the removal of one and lopping of the remainder.

**07/08/217 HIGHWAYS**

- a) There were many blocked drains in the village, notably Low Street and near the Reading Room. Clerk to report to highways.
- b) It was reported that the road sweeper only did the High Street. The members were informed that it was customary only to sweep where there was a kerb. The Clerk was asked to advise Bassetlaw District Council that many of the streets were covered in silt and debris from the recent heavy rain, particularly adjacent to Hazel Cottage on Middlebridge Rd.

- c) Councillor Taylor advised that Nottinghamshire County Council were due to improve the playing field corner and entrance.

**07/08/218 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

*The formal meeting was suspended for the duration of the public forum.*

- A member of the public asked about the status of allotment provision. They were advised that there were still insufficient numbers wanting them.
- Flooding issues were discussed.

**07/08/219 FORMER DETENTION CENTRE SITE**

The Chairman advised that there had been a meeting with the developer, Miller Homes, on 8th January. They wanted to know what we were looking for in the design of the new Community Centre. They were given a drawing of the design produced after visits to other village hall in December 2005. They were also given a copy of the written specification. They were given copies of the Questionnaire carried out throughout the village in 2006 and an analysis of the results. This showed the types of activity that would be held in the Centre.

The Chairman of the existing Village Hall Management Committee, suggested that a "Steering Group" is set up for the development of the New Community Centre, as one or two people had already shown an interest in being involved at an early stage in the development.

The Parish Council support this request and are to put an article in the Beacon Magazine asking for volunteers who might be interested at this stage. It was felt that a Steering Group of 6 – 8 would be an ideal size.

The Parish Council agreed to discuss this with our solicitor colleague, Mr Chris Downton.

**07/08/220 BROADBAND AVAILABILITY**

Item deferred to the next meeting.

**07/08/221 BEACON MAGAZINE**

The chairman reported that he had met with the beacon magazine team about the proposal to fund the magazine such that it could be delivered free to every household. They were appreciative of the assistance from the Parish Council in the past, but felt that such a funding might be lead the public to believe that the magazine was linked to the Parish Council. The magazine should encourage all residents to take it and it was agreed that a simple donation similar to previous years would continue. *Councillor Foster took no part in the making of the above decision.*

**07/08/222 PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN**

The Chairman reported that due to the heavy workload of the person providing the draft, it would not be available until the February meeting.

**07/08/223 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk reported that the contractor should be starting the maintenance work in February.

Nottinghamshire County Council had provided costs for a P3 Notice Board which was quite expensive. The Clerk was requested to ascertain if the 50% grant would still be available if the Parish Council bought it's own.

**07/08/224 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

- Bassetlaw District Council Saturday Collections. – For Notice Boards
- Bassetlaw District Council Precept forms. – Clerk to complete
- Wicksread - Reminder About Work Required. - Noted
- Bassetlaw District Council – Preventative Adaptations Service – Leaflets to be put in Post Office
- NRCC – Change of Name. - Noted
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Letter Re Hedge Middlebridge Rd. - Noted
- CE Electric – Preparing for Mother Nature – leaflets and posters to be put in Post Office.
- John Mann MP, acknowledgement of copy of Driving Standards Letter. - Noted

**07/08/225 CORRESPONDENCE ARRIVING AFTER THE AGENDA PRINTED**

- John Mann MP surgery Posters – To be put on notice boards.
- Neighbourhood Watch – reminders about being members. Noted.
- Charity Commission forms re reading room. – Clerk to complete.

**07/08/226 TO DISCUSS BUDGET FOR 2008-2009**

The members discussed and agreed the estimates of expenditure previously circulated to Councillors. It was resolved that the precept would remain as previous year at £20,963. The tenders for the grass cutting in the village, opened by the Clerk and the Chairman prior to the meeting, were discussed. It was resolved to engage Cottage Gardens for the cemetery and village grass cutting and North Notts Landscapes for the playing field. Clerk to notify contractors.

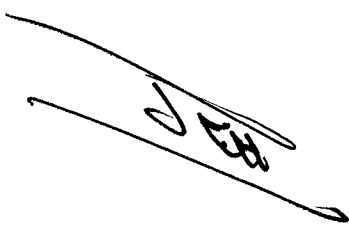
**07/08/227 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

There was no other urgent business.

**07/08/228 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Speed Limits / Street Lighting.
- Minutes for Beacon Magazine.
- Review of Standing Orders / Financial Regulations / Risk Assessments.

**07/08/229 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**



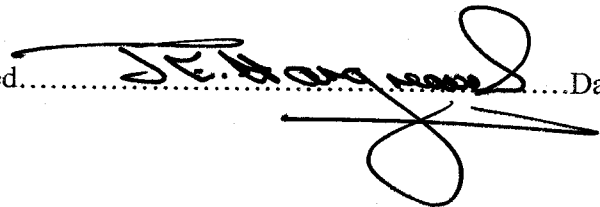
23/08/00001 – Buttercross Cottage, High St. – Erect side porch and erect trellis enclosure, fencing with gate and storage bunkers in rear garden. (Resubmission of 23/07/17). No Objection.

23/07/00024 – Ellicar Farm, Carr Rd. – Change of use from educational teaching unit to residential dwelling. No Objection.

**07/08/230 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

23/07/00008 – Former Detention Centre Site – Residential Development And Erect Community Building And Construct New Access – Granted With Conditions. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9:34pm.

Signed..........Dated.....27th February 2008.....