

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd August, 2006

Present: Councillor J. Hargreaves, Chairman. Councillors Chambers, Dunkley, Foster (arrived during agenda item 4 – Matters arising from the Minutes), Hilton (arrived during agenda item 6 – Casual Vacancy) and Taylor (arrived during agenda item 3 – Approval of Minutes), together with District Councillor A. Simpson

06/07/114 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Foreman (work) and Hargrave (holiday).

06/07/115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

06/07/116 MINUTES

Resolved: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 26th July, 2006, be approved as a correct record, subject to amendment of a printing error at Minute No. 06/07/96.

06/07/117 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Chambers referred to Minute No. 06/07/96 (CPRE Best Kept Village Competition), and said that the recipient of a strongly worded letter from the Clerk had been most upset by it. She suggested that the Parish Council should vet all future letters written by the Clerk before they were sent.

The Clerk asked Councillor Chambers if she had seen the letter, and she replied that she had not. The Clerk then said that, if she had seen the letter she would appreciate that it was a very courteous, mildly worded letter. He said that the Parish Council could agree with Councillor Chambers' suggestion, but that, if it did, it would have his resignation. The Clerk went on to say that the letter had been written following a request from Councillor Chambers, and that such letters

often upset recipients. He expected that some recipients of letters about speeding on Wood Lane – again requested by Councillor Chambers – would be upset by them.

The Chairman and Councillor Dunkley explained to Councillor Chambers the impracticality of her suggestion.

06/07/118 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

District Councillor Simpson asked if she would be excluded from the meeting during confidential discussion of agenda item 10 (Detention Centre Site – Draft Planning Gain Options Report).

The Chairman and Clerk explained to her that the discussion would only be open to the Parish Council and its legal adviser, Mr. Chris Downton. Immediately after the meeting, at 9.30 a.m., a small number of Members was to meet Home Office representatives, who were expecting to hear the Parish Council's views on the Report and associated issues. After that meeting, the Home Office representatives were going to Worksop to meet Planning Officers on the same issue. A planning application was imminent, and time was of the essence.

The Clerk added that he had spoken to Mr. Richard Fidler at Bassetlaw District Council, who had confirmed that the Draft Planning Gain Options Report was currently a confidential item. The Clerk also pointed out that the aspirations of the Parish Council over the need for affordable housing and a new community building might well be different to those of the District Council, and it was important for the Parish Council to be able to discuss those issues candidly with legal advice.

District Councillor Simpson replied that she already had access to the report, and she would be meeting Planning Officers that afternoon to discuss it. She considered, therefore, that, as an elected representative of the area, she had a right to remain in the Parish Council meeting during consideration of the report. She repeatedly stressed how strongly she felt about the matter, and protested at her treatment.

District Councillor Simpson then left the meeting, but returned immediately before agenda item 10 was to be discussed, saying that Mr. Richard Fidler, of the Planning Department, would be available by telephone at 9.00 a.m. to confirm that it would be acceptable for her to remain in the meeting. It was, however, explained to her by the Chairman that the matter was confidential and would be dealt with on that basis. She said that she would leave (and she did), but she suggested that there would be repercussions for the Parish Council.

06/07/119 CASUAL VACANCY

Councillor Hargreaves reported that Mr. A. Turner, runner-up in the recent Parish Council election, had indicated that he would be prepared to serve as a co-opted member. However, some other residents had also expressed an interest. A decision on co-option would be made on 20th September, 2006.

06/07/120 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/06/30R

Mr. P. H. Naylor

Conversion of squash court to form kitchen and mezzanine area at Ravencourt, High Street, Gringley on the Hill – resubmission of 23/06/10 and associated 23/06/11L

The Clerk reported that, in view of the deadline for a response, Members had already informally considered this application and decided to make no adverse comment.

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23/06/26L

Mr. & Mrs. A. Walton

Retain storage of caravans at Ellicar Farm, Carr Road, Gringley on the Hill – renewal of 23/04/16

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

06/07/121 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

23/06/19

Mr. & Mrs. J. Turner

Alterations and extensions to existing property at Topsy Turvey, Little Lane, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Refused

23/06/20

Mr. & Mrs. R. Dunkerley

Erect dwelling at Middlebridge Farm, Middlebridge Road, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Refused

23/06/21

Group Captain & Mrs. C. Hull

Alteration and extension to farmhouse and create new access with crossing arrangements at Wood's Farm, off Mill Lane, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

23/06/22

Mr. M. Bullen

Demolish two sectional precast concrete garages with asbestos cement flat roof and timber doors on land adjacent South Beeches, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

23/06/23R

Mr. M. Bullen

Construct menage on land to the south of the existing stables for training horses at South Beeches, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

06/07/122 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Resolved: That, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be excluded, and they are requested to withdraw.

06/07/123 DETENTION CENTRE SITE – DRAFT PLANNING GAIN OPTIONS REPORT

Members, advised by Mr. Downton, considered the above document and prepared for the meeting to follow with Home Office representatives. It was clear that the policy of the Parish Council, as expressed at Minute No. 05/06/297 of February, 2006, remained extant.

Legal issues relating to charitable trusteeship of both the existing Village Hall and the proposed community building were also discussed.

Resolved: That the Chairman and Councillor Dunkley, advised by Mr. Downton, represent the Parish Council at the meeting, and be authorised to set out the Parish Council's case.

