

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th April 2007

Present: Councillor J. E. Hargreaves, Chairman. Councillors Chambers, Daniels, Dunkley, Foreman, Foster, Hilton and Hargrave, together with District Councillor Simpson. P. Baines, Clerk, and 2 members of the public

07/08/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Taylor, on holiday

07/08/002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

07/08/003 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 28th March 2007, be approved as a correct record, subject to "Nottinghamshire" amended to read "National" in item 06/07/328.

07/08/004 MATTERS ARISING

- The Chairman reported that he had checked the items insured on the renewal notice and certain items were no longer required. The Chairman to pass the list to the Clerk for correction and revised quotation.
- The Clerk reported that he had spoken with the Clerk to Tuxford Parish Council about the grant they had received for allotment provision. The grant was from Building Better Communities and was for the renovation of existing allotments. The Clerk had also received a magazine about allotments in which there was a contact number for information and assistance in the Yorkshire and Humberside areas. The Clerk was awaiting a call back from the contact.
- The Clerk had spoken with the Bassetlaw District Council dog warden and he is to visit the area on Thursday 26th April to put up additional signs and post leaflets.
- The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Home Office about security at the former detention centre site.
- The Clerk confirmed that planning consent for the Gringley Wharf project was not required.
- The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Nottinghamshire County Council about signs in the village.
- The clerk reported that the Council's insurers confirm that cover is provided in the event of an incident involving unauthorized use of land for BMX riding, but the Council should put up a notice stating that the land must not be used.

07/08/005 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: That the April Accounts, details of which had been previously circulated, be approved for payment.

07/08/006 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received and approved the Bank Reconciliation statement to 29th March 2007

07/08/007 BUDGET MONITORING

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

07/08/008 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

- It was reported that there was some damage to the buttercross area. Larger stones are to be put in place to deter vehicles.
- It was resolved that Middlebridge Construction be instructed to repair the bus shelter roof, subject to the original quotation being an accurate description of the work to be done. Clerk to arrange.

07/08/009 QUALITY PARISHES MEETING

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting on 2nd April 2007 with Nottinghamshire County Councillors to discuss quality parish councils and the exchange of information. A general discussion had taken place about what the Parish Councils expected in terms of assistance from Nottinghamshire County Council and problems encountered in getting work done. It had been reported at the meeting that Misterton Depot would remain but that Bolham Lane Offices will be relocated.

07/08/010 GRINGLEY WHARF

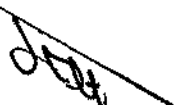
Councillor Foreman reported that he had received a draft of the wording on the proposed information Board and the proposed colour of the pavours from Nottinghamshire County Council, who had also confirmed that they had ordered the wild flower mix and that the furniture was being assembled. The proposed fencing requires further discussion as it affects the SSSI.

07/08/011 CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor Foster advised that she had painted the cemetery gates. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Councillor Foster for the work. It was reported that gates such as fitted at the cemetery are being stolen for scrap and it was suggested that the hinges are welded to prevent removal.

The Chairman advised that he had inspected the playing fields.

07/08/012 HIGHWAYS



- The meeting was informed that there was damage to the highway in the area of the water tower. The Chairman advised that the Nottinghamshire County Council were aware.
- Road works are being carried out on High Street to facilitate underground electricity supply to various homes.

07/08/013 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

- A member of the public reported that theft of lead and other metals was prevalent in the area. Residents should be vigilant to look out for suspicious activity.
- Councillor Simpson reported that Nottinghamshire County Council was still waiting for Lafarge to provide additional information. She added that good publicity for Everton had been achieved by way of a Calendar News item.

07/08/014 DETENTION CENTRE SITE

The Chairman advised that the notification of the Home Office appeal against the original application refusal had been withdrawn. Notification had also been received that outline consent had been granted, with conditions, for the revised application No.23/06/41. The Clerk to copy the decisions notice to Councillors. There has been no further information relating to the pre-application that the Home Office had informally discussed. This is the option that the Parish Council had supported.

07/08/015 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Clerk reported that he was preparing the grant claim for the 2007 works. It was resolved that Middlebridge Construction be used for the repair works and AR Rose for the grass cutting. It was noted that some hardware was still to be fitted following last year's inspections.

07/08/016 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY ANALYSIS

The Parish Council had reviewed the findings of the above report and queried the number of households used to calculate the statistics. The Clerk was requested to invite the report's writer to the June meeting to discuss the results.

07/08/017 STAN WHITE FARMS – WIND TURBINES

The Parish Council discussed the request by Stan White farms to address a meeting of the Council. It was resolved that they be invited to speak at the May meeting. Once the Parish Council were fully aware of the details of the proposed wind farm project an independent meeting could be arranged for the benefit of the village generally.

07/08/018 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clerk advised that the council should consider if all articles submitted for publication on the Parish Council's website should be approved before publication. It was thought that, whilst the website contained a disclaimer notice,

the Parish Council may be open to legal implications should an article cause offence. Councillor Foster declared a personal interest, being involved with the Beacon Magazine and did not take part in the discussion. It was resolved that in future the Parish Council would not accept anonymous articles for publication and would ensure all submissions were appropriate.

07/08/019 HANDYMAN STATUS

There had still been no response to the advertisement for a handyman. The Council will keep looking. Parish Council members and the public present were encouraged to put forward anyone they thought might want the post.

07/08/020 CRIME STATISTICS AND POLICING

February:

02/02/07 – Assault wood Lane

02/02/07 – Theft from vehicle, Laycock Avenue

10/02/07 – Theft from vehicle, Carr Rd

20/02/07 – Criminal Damage, High St

26/02/07 – Criminal Damage x 2, High St

March:

07/03/07 – Criminal Damage, High St

25/03/07 – Assault, Carr Rd

28/03/07 – Criminal Damage, High St

The members were aware that trespassers were still entering the former detention centre site and that some antisocial behaviour may be connected with Bellview. The Clerk was requested to invite the representative of Bellview to the May meeting.

07/08/021 CPRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Chairman read out an email with the judges' comments on the village in last year's competition. They had noted that the bus shelter had no timetables available, some litter was evident and the streets appeared not to have been swept. District Councillor Simpson undertook to contact the bus company to request timetables. The Clerk had received letters from Nottinghamshire County Council promising to assist in the villages entry by ensuring the grass was cut in time for judging and repairing signs etc where necessary.

The Clerk was asked to report a surface water drain at the corner of Laycock Avenue and Carr Rd that is blocked with rotting carrots and debris and a street sign at Leys Lane, at the southern junction of West Wells Lane, which requires attention.

The Clerk had spoken to the organizer of the competition about the lack of entry forms, and had been informed that they were posted out after Easter. She undertook to supply replacements. Clerk to complete and submit.

The Clerk stated that he had requested Bassetlaw District Council to provide an additional litterbin on Finkell Street.



It was reported that the Library van was still parking on the verges on Finkell St.

07/08/022 CORRESPONDENCE AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED

- 2007 Annual Return from Hacker Young along with notification of legislation amendments. Clerk to complete.
- Confirmation from Audit Commission that Hacker Young are the Parish Council's auditors for 2006/2007 accounts. Noted.
- Invitation to County Council Civic Service on Sunday 15th July at Southwell Minster. No Councillors available to attend.

07/08/023 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no other urgent business.

07/08/024 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following additional items to be included in the May agenda:
Stan White Farms – Wind turbines.
Bellview

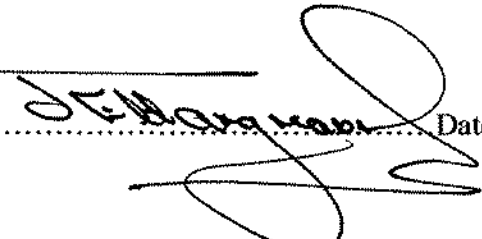
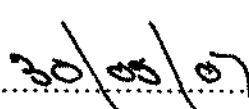
07/08/025 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There had been no planning applications received.

07/08/026 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

Ref: 1/23/003. To retain/allow the storage of two caravans owned by the tenants of the Blue Bell Inn, High Street, Gringley – Granted with conditions
Ref: 23/06/00048/R. Proposed residential development and construct new access, former detention centre site, West Wells Lane, Gringley – Grant of outline permission with conditions.

The meeting closed at 8:47pm.

Signed.......... Dated..........