

# GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2006**

**Present:** Councillor D. Foreman, Chairman (initially, pending the election of a new Chairman) Councillors Chambers, Dunkley, Foster, Hargrave, Hargreaves, Hilton and Taylor

### **06/07/80 RESIGNATION OF FORMER COUNCILLOR SHEPHERD**

An Email was submitted from former Councillor Shepherd, submitting his resignation from the Parish Council.

A discussion ensued, when Members expressed great regret at Mr. Shepherd's resignation and spoke of their appreciation of his service to the Parish Council and the community over a good number of years. Tributes were given in respect of the achievements made during his Chairmanship of the Parish Council, and it was observed that Gringley and the Parish Council would be all the poorer without his contribution.

The Clerk reported that Notice of Casual Vacancy had been published on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2006. Both he and Councillor Foreman expressed the hope that the village would allow the Parish Council to fill the vacancy by co-option, as an alternative to another expensive bye-election.

Resolved: That Mr. Shepherd's resignation be received, and the Clerk write to him informing him of the sentiments expressed by Members.

### **06/07/81 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Resolved: That Councillor Hargreaves be elected Chairman for the remainder of the civic year.

Councillor Foreman vacated the chair in favour of Councillor Hargreaves at that point.

Councillor Hargreaves signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman, and, before continuing with the meeting, expressed the wish that the Parish Council would work with him as a team in furtherance of the interests of the village.

**06/07/82        DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Foreman and Hargreaves each declared a personal interest at agenda item 14 (To appoint new representation of various bodies), being members of North East Bassetlaw Forum.

**06/07/83        MINUTES**

Resolved:        That the Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, be approved as a correct record.

**06/07/84        MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**06/07/85        LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND THE VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

Messrs. Simon Britt and Oliver Scott, of Bassetlaw District Council Planning Department, were present to discuss issues relating to the possible incorporation of the Village Design Statement into the emerging Local Development Framework. They made it clear that it would be premature at this stage to move forward with the Village Design Statement until developing policies became clearer. It would be more sensible to incorporate the Village Design Statement into a comprehensive document also covering the conservation area, open spaces, etc.

The two gentlemen would be pleased to return in approximately a year's time, in order to review progress.

Resolved:        That the course of action advocated above be followed.

**06/07/86        PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

(a)        Mr. J. N. Biggam referred to the fact that Little Lane was being increasingly used as a link road between the east and west sides of the village. He wondered if a one-way system might provide an answer to the problem.

Whilst discussing the matter, concern was also expressed over the road safety hazard caused by parked vehicles at the top of Horsewells Street, where it divided into two spurs to join High Street.

The Clerk advised that District Councillor A. Simpson was working with the County Council to conduct a traffic management survey in Everton. There was an opportunity to address Gringley at the same time.

Resolved:        That the Clerk approach District Councillor Simpson accordingly.

- (b) Mr. J. N. Biggam enquired as to progress regarding a new station at Misterton, and was informed that no progress had yet been made.

**06/07/87      QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL ACCREDITATION**

Confirmation was given that Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils Accreditation Panel was to host a presentation event at The White Swan, Drakeholes on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2006. There would be a joint presentation of certificates to Everton, Gringley on the Hill and Misterton Parish Councils, being the first parish councils in Bassetlaw to gain accreditation. The presentation would be followed by a light buffet.

**06/07/88      ACCOUNTS**

With reference to a payment to Anglian Water in respect of water supplied to the playing field, the Clerk was asked to ensure that the Parish Council received a £25 compensation payment, as occupiers of properties on Finkell Street had recently received the same.

Resolved:      That the July Accounts be approved for payment.

**06/07/89      BANK RECONCILIATION**

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

**06/07/90      BUDGET MONITORING**

- (a)      The Clerk submitted the July budget monitoring statement.
- (b)      The Clerk further reported on ongoing discussions he was having between HM Revenue and Customs and HSBC Bank over the fact that a BACS remittance of £1,377.80 (VAT refund), issued on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2006, had not reached the Parish Council's bank account. He had recently lodged a formal complaint to HM Revenue and Customs.

The Clerk also advised that, with regard to an expression of concern by District Councillor Simpson to Councillor Foreman that this money might be lost, there was no possibility of this happening, no matter how long it took to recover the money.

**06/07/91      RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION**

The Clerk reported that, pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/55 of June, 2006, he had furnished Councillor Foreman with plans of the Cemetery to enable a working party of Members to prepare a risk assessment. Councillor Foreman now handed the plans over to Councillor Hargreaves.

**06/07/92 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE**

Resolved: That Councillor Hargreaves be appointed to replace former Councillor Shepherd on the above.

**06/07/93 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM**

Resolved: That Councillor Hargrave be appointed to replace former Councillor Shepherd on the above.

**06/07/94 QUALITY WORKING PARTY**

Resolved: That Councillor Hargreaves be appointed to replace former Councillor Shepherd on the above.

**06/07/95 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk and Councillor Hilton reported on a meeting held earlier in the day with Mr. Chris Jackson, Wayfinder Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council. The meeting had been most successful insofar as the main business of the meeting – to clarify the grant claim – had been achieved.

Consideration had also been given to the issue of spring vegetation clearance and its effect on breeding birds, referred to at Minute No. 06/07/58(b) of June, 2006. Mr. Jackson agreed to discuss the matter with the County Council's Ecology Officer. Whilst this matter was under consideration, it was noted that there was a potential problem with regard to path 1, which had recently been considerably opened up, insofar as it had hitherto been shot over. It was hoped that the path would shortly be further opened up by the provision of another bridge.

After the meeting, a visit had taken place to Sam's Yard (path 9), when it was found to be in excellent condition in every respect.

**06/07/96 CPRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Letter was submitted from the competition organisers, informing the Parish Council that the village had not made it through to the final round of the 2006 competition. A discussion ensued when it was agreed that a debriefing would be requested from the competition organisers in due course, with a view to a better performance in 2007. It was noted, however, that Gringley had been judged on the very first judging day, at a time of wet weather, when the main highway verges had not had their first complete cut of the season. Nevertheless, it was important that residents continued to keep the village litter and weed free.

Reference was made to the unkempt state of the field hedge near the entrance to the school, and Members agreed to furnish the Clerk with contact details of the owner. Reference was also made to the fact that certain road signs were obstructed by vegetation, although the County Council was aware of this.

**06/07/97      DETENTION CENTRE SITE**

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/60(a) of June, 2006, the Clerk reported receipt that day of an Email from Bassetlaw Planning Department, which said that the document submitted by CB Richard Ellis was a draft Planning Gain Options Report. Bassetlaw's Estates Section was currently studying it prior to replying. It might then be appropriate for the proposed meeting to take place.

The Email also said that, given the length of time that had elapsed since the Planning Committee resolution to grant planning permission, and the changes to the application, it was likely that a fresh application would have to be submitted.

- (b) Analysis of the community centre questionnaires, carried out by Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, was submitted. Copies had been furnished to all Members, and the analysis would be considered in detail at the September meeting.

**06/07/98      GRINGLEY WHARF**

Councillor Foreman reported that the draft concept plan had been received from Mr. Nic Wort, of the County Council Environment Department. Mr. Wort was currently working on a public consultation questionnaire, but the date of the public meeting had not yet been fixed.

Whilst the draft concept plan was very much in line with Parish Council thinking, there was no provision for moorings, and it was clear that Mr. Wort did not consider this an issue that could be realistically pursued. However, Councillor Foreman remained adamant that the issue should be pursued, and he was actively involved in making the case for moorings.

Councillor Foreman also reported that the archaeology report was currently being finalised by the County Council's Archaeological Department. On that point, a gentleman from Doncaster, Mr. Antcliffe, had provided some historical information about the site, namely that the building that had been partially excavated had been used as a stables for two horses, and that there had been another building on the site.

**06/07/99      THE BUTTERCROSS**

Councillor Dunkley had placed three trial stones at the Buttercross, but his view, shared by Members, was that they were not big enough.

Councillor Foreman kindly undertook to source some larger stones and trial them.

**06/07/100 THE VILLAGE BEACON**

A reply from Mr. Arguile, furnishing the information requested at Minute No. 05/06/366 of April, 2006, was still awaited

**06/07/101 FUTURE OF THE DANESHILL HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRES**

Letter was submitted from Nottinghamshire County Council, consulting the Parish Council on the above.

Resolved: That the Clerk circulate the correspondence to all Members in order to seek their views, and he be authorised to prepare a response to the County Council.

**06/07/102 HANDYMAN**

The Clerk reported that, in consultation with Councillor Foreman, he had appointed Mr. Robin Shrimplin as Handyman with effect from 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2006. A contract of employment had been agreed through Email correspondence with Members.

The Clerk also reported that the question of disposal of the contents of litter bins needed to be addressed. Bassetlaw District Council was prepared to provide an extra wheeled bin for the purpose if the Parish Council could identify a location for it.

Resolved: That, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, the bin be located at the entrance to the Village Hall.

**06/07/103 DONATIONS**

Letter was submitted from Five Villages First Responders, thanking the Parish Council for its recent donation.

**06/07/104 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS**

Councillor Foreman confirmed that, pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/69 of June, 2006, he would study the form provided by the County Council, with a view to completing it by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2006.

**06/07/105 BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, stating that it was experiencing difficulty in filling the vacant parish council representative seat on the Standards Committee. Expressions of interest were invited. Members noted that it was expected that a parish councillor from Misterton intended to express an interest.

**06/07/106 CRIME STATISTICS**

The June crime statistics were submitted.

**06/07/107 PLAYING FIELD**

Discussion took place about the continued criminal damage, vandalism, yobbish behaviour, etc. at the playing field.

Resolved: That a site visit take place with regard to formulating a plan of action, to be organised by the Chairman.

**06/07/108 CEMETERY**

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/72(a) of June, 2006, the Clerk reported receipt of two further complaints about grass cuttings on graves – one by telephone by a lady from Harworth, and one in writing by a lady from Epworth. Subsequent to the telephone complaint, the Clerk had requested North Notts. Landscapes Ltd. to visit, and they had removed a small amount of cuttings from the grave referred to.

The Chairman agreed to make routine inspections of the Cemetery to check on this issue.

Resolved: That the Clerk make enquiries as now suggested with regard to the complaint by the lady from Epworth, and reply to her in due course.

- (b) Letter was submitted from North Notts. Landscapes Ltd. saying that the appearance of the Cemetery would be improved if spraying took place to kill the weeds growing on the gravel areas within certain kerbed graves and in the narrow spaces between kerbed graves. The charge would be £75.

Resolved: That the work be carried out strictly on the basis outlined above.

- (c) The Clerk reported that North Notts. Landscapes Ltd. had attended to bushes requiring pruning.

**06/07/109 HIGHWAYS**

Letter was submitted from Nottinghamshire County Council stating as follows:

- (a) An instruction had been issued for the repair of a pothole on Little Lane.

- (b) The County Council was satisfied, for reasons given, that the recent white lining at Laycock Avenue and Westwells Lane had been done in satisfactory manner.
- (c) It was not possible to resite the 30 mph signs on Beacon Hill Road as they would not meet the Department of Transport criteria, i.e. a minimum number of houses on each side of the road. Extension of the street lighting was a possibility, but had already been discounted because of the cost. However, the possibility of “slow” markings and/or backing boards placed on the signs was being investigated.

As regards the point made by the Parish Council about schoolchildren using Beacon Hill Road after alighting from the school bus, the County Council’s Road Safety Section was concerned about this practice, and suggested that, although longer, a safer alternative route should be used if possible.

Resolved: That the County Council be informed of the Parish Council’s disappointment at its response, and it be pointed out that people would inevitably choose their own way home after leaving the bus.

- (d) Concern was again expressed about damage to the footpath along the A631 as a result of vegetation encroachment.

Resolved: That the Clerk write further to the County Council on this issue, drawing attention to the huge waste of public money in allowing the footpath to deteriorate when spraying would solve the problem.

**06/07/110 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SUBMISSION DRAFT – MAY, 2006**

Members noted the above.

**06/07/111 KEY VILLAGE ISSUES – GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**

Resolved: That this matter be discussed as a key village issue at the next meeting, and the Clerk consult Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council for advice and input.

**06/07/112 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**23/06/27**

Mr. K. Hogg

Erect lounge and porch extension and convert garage into kitchen at Woodcarr, Carr Road, Gringley on the Hill

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.

Resolved: That the abovementioned decision be affirmed.

**23/06/28**

Mr. M. Bullen

Erect three bedroom detached house and garage and construct new access on land adjacent to South Beeches, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Resolved: That an objection be lodged on the following grounds:

1. The proposed dwelling was considered to be too large, and too high, for the site, and would dominate it, thus being detrimental to the character of the Conservation Area and to South Beeches in particular.
2. The proposed access would have a detrimental visual effect on High Street.

**06/07/113 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

There were no planning determinations