

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th June 2007

Present: Councillor J. E. Hargreaves, Chairman. Councillors Chambers, Daniels, Taylor, Foreman, Foster, Hilton and Dunkley, P. Baines, Clerk, Carole Turner, and 3 members of the public

07/08/055 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Hargrave – Work Commitments

07/08/056 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

07/08/057 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 30th May 2007, be approved as a correct record.

07/08/058 MATTERS ARISING

- The Clerk reported that he had contacted NALC and Bassetlaw District Council about the advertisement required for the adoption of the Code of Conduct.
- The Clerk reported that PC Gregson had managed to get the burnt out van removed.

07/08/059 BELLVIEW

Trish Gregory had sent apologies due to the severe weather warnings and flooded roads. It was resolved to invite her to the next meeting.

07/08/060 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT

Carole Turner of Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council presented and summarised the report on the housing needs survey.

- From 272 households surveyed, 28.3% of forms were returned.
- 15 households expressed a need for new or alternative accommodation plus 8 households reporting that family members have moved away in the past 5 years due to difficulties in finding a suitable home within the village.
- In the past 12 months, 2 homes have been let in the social rented sector.
- Currently no land has been allocated for housing in the Local Plan subject to an exceptions site policy.

- 87% of respondents said they would be in favour of a small development of affordable housing in the Parish.

Carole advised that the village should start looking for suitable land for such schemes. The Chairman stated that the detention centre application has affordable housing. Carole offered to liaise with the Chairman on the matter. The clerk was requested to forward a copy of the report to Bassetlaw District Council in support of the Home Office application. It was resolved that the report be approved.

07/08/061 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: that the following June Accounts, details of which had been previously circulated, be approved for payment including VAT where applicable:

CHQ NO.	PAYEE	MATTER	CHEQUE
101555	UK Servers Ltd	Web Domain & Hosting	33.49
101556	Middlebridge Construction	Bus Shelter Repairs	230.00
101557	North Notts Landscapes	Grass Cutting	627.46
101558	BCVS	Website Management	20.00
101559	P Baines	Clerk Salary	372.34
101560	Post Office Ltd	Clerk Tax & NI	105.34
101561	Beacon Magazine	Annual Subscription	3.00
101562	LC Printing Services	Printing agendas & minutes	38.88
101563	Beacon Magazine	Donation	200.00
101564	Elite Signs	No cycling sign	29.38

07/08/062 BANK RECONCILIATION

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

07/08/063 BUDGET MONITORING

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

07/08/064 MONTHLY RISK ASSESSMENT

- It was reported that vehicle tracks had appeared again across the verge adjacent to the school. It was proposed that an obstacle be placed there to prevent a recurrence.

07/08/065 DETENTION CENTRE SITE - UPDATE

The Chairman reported on a meeting he had attended along with Councillor Daniels, with Jay Everett of CP Richard Ellis, who represent the Home Office for the detention centre site. Mr Everett had reported that a meeting with the Bassetlaw District Council Planners had been positive. The planners had a number of queries about the proposal:

- They were concerned about the topography of the site.
- They were concerned about wildlife in the existing buildings, which will have to be addressed prior to any work.

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Mr Everett had asked for a proposed broad specification for the community Centre, which the Chairman duly provided by way of list of rooms and dimensions. It was reported that the planners would be looking for an "Eco friendly" community building. It was anticipated that the planning application would be considered on 25th July.

Councillors asked a number of questions:

- Would the centre belong to the Parish Council? Yes, the Gringley Parish Council would hold the freehold but would be run by Trustees.
- Is there a preservation order on the trees on the North and West boundaries? Yes, there is. The Clerk was requested to obtain a written copy if possible.

07/08/066 GRINGLEY WHARF

There was nothing to report.

07/08/067 CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS

- It was agreed that the bushes in the Cemetery would be trimmed at the September cut.
- The clerk reported that he had purchased a sign for the playing field, advising no cycling. Councillor Taylor to put up on site.
- The Chairman undertook to obtain some additional keys for the changing rooms and the Clerk was requested to ask Retford FC for their keys back.

07/08/068 HIGHWAYS

- It was noted that the foul water is still evident outside "Fairfield" on West Wells Lane. The Clerk to write to the relevant authorities.
- It was reported that the sewage had been cleaned from Middlebridge Rd had by Severn Trent Water. The Clerk was requested also to report the poor condition of the tarmac on the road.

07/08/069 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

- Lafarge – District Councillor Simpson reported that information was still awaited, however the Clerk had received some further information in the form of Lafarge's written answers to questions posed by Nottinghamshire County Council. This had been circulated to Councillors at the meeting. The Clerk was requested to reiterate the Gringley Parish Council's objections to the transport arrangements.

07/08/070 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Councillor Daniels reported that he and the Clerk had met with Rachael Rickell from Nottinghamshire County Council and looked at various footpaths and broken stiles. It had been agreed with Rachael that where possible stiles would be replaced by gates and any missing signposts would be replaced.

07/08/071 HANDYMAN STATUS

Despite another advertisement in the Beacon, there had still been no response to the advertisement for a handyman.

07/08/072 CRIME STATISTICS AND POLICING

The Clerk had received the crime statistics from PC Gregson, and undertook to email them to Councillors after the meeting.

07/08/073 CPRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

There was nothing to report other than it was not known if judging had yet taken place.

07/08/074 CORRESPONDENCE AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED

- Request from The Albert Old Boys FC to use the football pitch next season on Saturday afternoons. Approved. It was agreed that rules for the use of the changing rooms would be drawn up.
- Request from East Retford FC to use the football pitch next season on Sunday mornings. Approved. It was agreed that rules for the use of the changing rooms would be drawn up.
- Letter from Misterton Primary School advising of official opening of the changing rooms on 11th June. Letter arrived too late for inclusion.

07/08/075 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

- A resident had asked if a litterbin could be provided at Shaw Lock, which the resident would maintain. Clerk to contact Bassetlaw District Council.
- A resident complained that the grass verges on Shaw Rd had not been cut. The Clerk undertook to report it.
- To permit Councillors to attend the Bassetlaw District Council planning meeting on 25th July, the next meeting to be brought forward to Monday 23rd July.
- Councillor Hilton gave apologies for the next meeting.

07/08/076 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following additional items to be included in the July agenda:

- Bellview

07/08/077 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications to discuss.

07/08/078 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

There were no determinations to report.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Signed.....St Margaret.....Dated.....23rd July 2007