

# GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th July, 2005**

**Present:-** Councillor D. Foreman, Chairman (in the unavoidable absence of Councillor Shepherd). Councillors Dunkley (arrived during agenda item 5 – Public Discussion), Hargreaves, Taylor and Way

**05/06/72 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Hargrave (work), Hilton (business commitment), Shepherd (holiday), Tremelling (work) and District Councillor Martin.

**05/06/73 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**05/06/74 MINUTES**

Resolved:- That the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 29th June, 2005, be approved as a correct record.

**05/06/75 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**05/06/76 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

- (a) Mr. E. Milward referred to recent incidents on the playing field involving young people drinking alcohol and riding motorcycles, etc. The Chairman thanked Mr. Milward for this information and requested that future incidents be immediately reported to the Police.

- (b) Three gentlemen, Mike Keeble, Ian Threlfall and John Taylor, were present to discuss several items that they had raised at the recent Councillors' surgery:

#### Trafalgar Day

The gentlemen were very supportive of lighting the beacon, on the top of Beacon Hill, with fireworks and possibly a function in the village hall, with period food, or maybe a fancy dress party or daytime street party, etc. The Clerk informed Members that Councillor Hilton had also said that she would like to see the beacon lit.

A general discussion ensued, when it was observed that no other residents had come forward in support of the proposed lighting of the beacon. The Clerk reiterated the point that the Arguile family was happy to give agreement to temporary relocation of the beacon for an event, subject to the event being special and well attended, etc. No reply had been received from English Heritage about the possible temporary relocation.

Resolved:

- (i) That consideration about lighting the beacon be deferred until the September meeting, by which time any proposed function would have been thoroughly researched by the gentlemen concerned, with Mr. Mike Keeble reporting back to the Parish Council.
- (ii) That the Clerk press English Heritage for a reply.

#### Gringley Wharf

The gentlemen were very supportive of the Parish Council's plans for Gringley Wharf, and the Chairman and Clerk informed them of the current position. The only obstacle appeared to be a possible reluctance by English Nature to allow the moorings to be constructed on the canal bank, which was a site of special scientific interest. However, the Parish Council had stressed to Nottinghamshire County Council that the moorings were of fundamental importance to the project.

Current proposals, in addition to the moorings, included:

- A small car park and picnic area to be provided
- The County Council to run the project in consultation with a small working party to be established by the Parish Council.

- The County Council to take the lead in designing a picnic area, in consultation with the Parish Council and working party.
- The Parish Council to take on long-term responsibility for maintenance of the picnic area.
- Presentations to be given at the village hall and school, in order to publicise the proposals.
- A “Time Team” type archaeological day on site.
- Local people to get involved in archaeological on-site investigation work generally.
- Consultation with neighbours (currently ongoing).

During the discussion, the gentlemen also suggested that the Parish Council purchase the field alongside Gringley Wharf that was, according to them, currently on sale.

#### Village Website

The gentlemen raised general concerns about the village website, including the fact that it needed complete revamping. They were informed that the manager had left, and that management was being transferred to BCVS. The Clerk intended working with Mr. I. Bower, of BCVS, during the summer recess, to bring things up-to-date. There was, however, a difficulty being experienced in transferring the website over, and the Clerk suggested that, if this remained a problem, it would be a simple task to construct a new website based on the Misterton model.

Members were generally happy with the Clerk’s proposal, but Mr. Keeble stressed the fact that the existing domain was owned by the Parish Council and should be used if at all possible. The Clerk stressed the fact that it was important that the website was up and running by the end of August as his work commitments and those of Mr. Bower would make things difficult after that. Mrs. T. Taylor observed that the website issue appeared to be driven by the Clerk’s workload. The Clerk agreed, but pointed out that it was not part of his duties to be involved with the website, and was helping voluntarily.

Mr. Keeble offered to assist the Clerk, Councillor Shepherd and Mr. Bower in transferring the existing website over to BCVS, and Members agreed with this course of action as the preferred option if it could be achieved in a reasonable time.

### Broadband

The gentlemen raised queries about the current state of Broadband in the village, and the Chairman updated them on the situation as he saw it, which was that reception tended to be patchy.

### Speed Cameras

The gentlemen were assured that the speed cameras on the A631 were operational.

### Former Detention Centre

The gentlemen were informed that the future of the former detention centre was to be discussed later in the meeting

## **05/06/77      DIARY OF MEETINGS**

The Clerk explained that, with Parish Council elections to deal with next spring, together with the Parish Council's Quality Accreditation bid, his workload was going to be even busier than normal at what was a traditionally busy time of year. He suggested that, in order to assist him, the April Parish Council meeting could be brought forward from 26<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> April, to be held immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting.

Resolved:      That the Clerk's suggestion be approved.

## **05/06/78      SURGERY REPORT**

Councillors Dunkley and Taylor submitted a brief report on their surgery held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2005. Most of the matters raised had been covered earlier in the meeting under Public Discussion. The only other matter raised concerned a tree near to the Chapel, which needed pruning in order to improve drivers' visibility. Councillor Dunkley and Taylor kindly offered to attend to the matter.

## **05/06/79      ACCOUNTS**

Resolved:-      That the July Accounts be approved for payment.

## **05/06/80      BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 29th June, 2005.

**05/06/81 BUDGET MONITORING**

The Clerk submitted the July budget monitoring statement, which showed an estimated year-end balance of £9,864.

**05/06/82 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION**

Councillor Foreman intended to submit his research into the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999 and the Health and Safety Commission's Approved Code of Practice and Guidance (L8) to the next meeting.

**05/06/83 QUALITY COUNCILS**

The Clerk reported that the summer newsletter had been written and was about to be published. The information leaflet had been rewritten to reflect changes, and was currently being scrutinised by the Quality Working Party.

As regards the Parish Council's bid for Quality accreditation, he had reached agreement with Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils that he could lodge the application immediately after publication of Statement as to Persons Nominated next April. This would allow time for the County Secretary to provisionally evaluate the bid prior to the Clerk sending her the Notice of Result of Poll on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs. Ogilvie was hoping to arrange a meeting of the Accreditation Panel later in May.

**05/06/84 PROVISION OF PUBLIC SEATS IN THE CEMETERY AND WEST WELLS LANE AREA**

Councillor Hargreaves submitted details of examples of seats and costings, and it was agreed that the Clerk endeavour to obtain further examples for submission to the next meeting.

**05/06/85 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Councillor Hargreaves reported that a meeting of the Parish Plan Working Party took place on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 to further review progress against the Parish Plan. A detailed schedule was submitted for the information of Members. The Working Party intended to meet on a monthly basis in future.

Councillor Hargreaves drew particular attention to difficulties being experienced by people wanting to join the village neighbourhood watch, and the Chairman agreed to discuss the matter with Mr. Terry Reynolds, Chairman of Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch.

Resolved: That the Working Party be thanked for its report, and that progress continue to be monitored on a monthly basis.

**05/06/86 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk reported that the P3 furniture installation was almost complete and that the first grass cut had taken place by Mr. Stephen Rose. Mr. Rose had advised that further P3 furniture should be provided at certain locations, and the Clerk intended to discuss this with him further.

**05/06/87 BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES – GRINGLEY WHARF**

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting under Public Discussion.

**05/06/88 CPRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Members were delighted with the news that the village had reached the final round of the competition. The results would be known in mid-August.

The Clerk agreed to request Bassetlaw District Council to remove certain dumped items.

**05/06/89 TREES AT THE OLD CROSS KEYS SITE**

The Clerk reported that he had now received a second quotation for the tree removal, and was awaiting information from Bassetlaw District Council about the requirements for tree felling in the Conservation Area.

**05/06/90 RELOCATION OF THE BEACON**

Councillor Hargreaves informed Members of special circumstances that made relocation of the beacon inadvisable.

Resolved: That no further action with regard to this matter.

**05/06/91 THE MILL BUSINESS CENTRE**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/06/41(b) of June, 2005, an E-mail was submitted from Mr. B. Shepherd, outlining his plans for restoration of the Mill and conversion of the inside to provide four more business units.

Resolved: That a letter of support be sent to Mr. Shepherd.

**05/06/92 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

- (a) An invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting at Southwell on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 was noted.
- (b) A letter regarding long service nominations was noted.
- (c) An overview of responses to the 2005 questionnaire was noted.
- (d) An invitation to the Clerk to attend a training course on VAT at Ranby on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 was accepted.
- (e) An invitation to Members to attend a playground inspection workshop at Edwinstowe on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 would be considered at the next meeting.

**05/06/93 FORMER DETENTION CENTRE – RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/63 of June, 2005, an E-mail was submitted from Mr. Chris Downton proposing that he write to Bassetlaw District Council asking for reconsideration of the draft Crown Planning Obligation, and requiring the developer to commit to providing a suitable community building.

Resolved:

- (a) That Mr. Downton's offer be accepted.
- (b) That the Clerk make enquiries locally as to the type of community building that might prove suitable for Gringley on the Hill.

**05/06/94 CEMETERY**

There were no matters to report.

**05/06/95 PLAYING FIELD**

There were no matters to report.

**05/06/96 HIGHWAYS**

Resolved: That the Clerk once again inform Nottinghamshire County Council that the westerly end of High Street was riddled with potholes.

**05/06/97 LETTER FROM MR. W. J. MCGRATH**

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/44 of June, 2005, a further letter was submitted from Mr. W. J. McGrath, dealing mainly with his concerns over inadequate policing, but also suggesting that minutes of the Robin Hood Airport Doncaster/Sheffield Consultative Committee be made available locally.

Resolved: That, subject to the agreement of Councillor Hilton, the minutes be made available in the Post Office.

**05/06/98 VOLUNTARY FIRST REGISTRATION OF TITLE**

Letter was submitted from the Land Registry, encouraging landowners to voluntarily register title to land.

The Clerk was to meet a representative of the Land Registry to discuss this matter on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2005.

**05/06/99 BEACON MAGAZINE – DIGESTS OF MINUTES**

Councillor Hargreaves reported that he had been approached with a request that the monthly digests of minutes give the names of attendees as Parish Council meetings.

The Clerk agreed to do this in future.

**05/06/100 ITEM FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Gringley Wharf would be included on the September agenda as a key issue for public discussion.

**05/06/101 ELLICAR FARM, ELLICAR LANE, GRINGLEY ON THE HILL**

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, stating that a possible unauthorised change of use was being investigated.

**05/06/102 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**23/05/21**

Mr. & Mrs. S. Taylor

Partial demolition of existing coach house/outbuilding, rebuild, renovate and convert into a four bedroom dwelling, erect double garage and garden store for the Old Vicarage and construct garden and boundary walls for the conversion and alter access at Coach House/Outbuilding and Land at The Old Vicarage, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Resolved:- That no adverse comment be made.

**23/05/22**

Mr. & Mrs. S. Taylor

Partial demolition of existing coach house/outbuilding to allow rebuilding and conversion into dwelling at Coach House/Outbuilding at The Old Vicarage, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Resolved:- That no adverse comment be made.

**23/05/23**

Mr. & Mrs. M. White

Erect two-storey side extension, conservatory and detached garage and carry out alterations at Fairpiece Cottage, Mill Road, Gringley on the Hill

Resolved:- That no adverse comment be made.

**05/06/103 PLANNING DETERMINATION**

**23/05/19T**

Mrs. J. Smith

Fell a willow tree at Hillcrest, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted