

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 28th March 2007

Present: Councillor J. E. Hargreaves, Chairman. Councillors Chambers, Daniels, Dunkley, Foreman, Foster, Hilton and Taylor, together with District Councillor Simpson. P. Baines, Clerk, and 4 members of the public

The Chairman reported the sad news of the death of the former Parish Council handyman, Robin Shrimplin. Although only employed for a short while he had proved to be a valuable asset to the Council and to the village. A short silence was observed.

06/07/325 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Hargrave, on holiday

06/07/326 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hargreaves declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 and 17 as representative on the NEBF and NALC and Councillor Foreman agenda item 9. Councillors Hilton and Dunkley declared a personal interest in agenda item 14 as school governors.

06/07/327 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 28th February 2007, be approved as a correct record.

06/07/328 MATTERS ARISING

- The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the secretary of ^{National} Nottinghamshire Society for Allotments and had been informed that the Parish Council only has a duty to provide a space for allotments. Nottinghamshire County Council may have grants available as Tuxford has been awarded a grant recently. The Clerk was requested to contact Tuxford Parish Council to investigate.
- Councillor Chambers reported that dog fouling as still prevalent in Leys Lane. The Clerk was requested to report the matter to the dog warden.
- It was reported that trespassers were still getting into the Detention Centre site. The Clerk was requested to report the matter to the Home Office.
- Councillor Simpson stated that Bassetlaw District Council was waiting for Lafarge to provide details of vehicle movements. Barge traffic was being considered but rail appeared not to be an option.
- The Council had received a note of thanks from the Toddler Group in recognition of the recent donation.

- The Chairman asked if the cemetery document had been copied for Councillors. The Clerk advised that the document was on the Internet at 52 pages in length and undertook to provide Councillors with a web link to it.

06/07/329 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

06/07/330 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received and approved the Bank Reconciliation statement to 28th February 2007

06/07/331 BUDGET MONITORING

Members received the budget monitoring estimates to 31st March 2007.

06/07/332 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

There was nothing to report.

06/07/333 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM

The Chairman reported on the meeting held on 19th March in the Gringley village hall. Chris Stringer, Misson Parish Council, had spoken about Robin Hood Airport and reported that 60% of flights out of RH were to the North. Gringley had supported the airspace change proposal, which on balance will be beneficial. There had also been an update on the Local Transport Study.

06/07/334 GRINGLEY WHARF

Councillor Foreman summarised the meeting of the Gringley Wharf Committee held on 23rd March 2007. The furniture had been approved and ordered and the ground works awarded to North Notts Landscapes. The Clerk had been requested to write to Bassetlaw District Council to confirm that Planning Consent was not required. The committee had suggested a number of measures to enhance the scheme:

- A wild flower meadow mix is sown in the rough area and spring bulbs in the mown area.
- The committee wishes to approve the style and material of paving/surfacing before purchase.
- The committee wishes to approve the style and content of the interpretation board.
- The committee wishes to see target dates set for progress and completion.
- The committee suggests a post and rail fence be erected between the cultivated area and the canal.
- The committee suggests that an additional board be erected at the site entrance containing general information and layout plan, i.e. that the land belongs to the Parish Council.

06/07/335 CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor Foster advised that she would paint the cemetery gates when the weather is warm enough.

The Chairman advised that he was now aware of two headstones that had blown over.

Councillor Taylor had tidied the playing fields car park and painted a drain cover. He reported that the railings were in need of painting. A vote of thanks to Councillor Taylor was recorded for the work he had undertaken.

06/07/336 HIGHWAYS

- The meeting was informed that Notts County Council and Anglian Water were addressing the foul water problem on West Wells Lane.
- It was reported that vehicles were damaging the verges in Little Lane. It was noted that the Library van had been seen parking on verges in the village.
- It was also reported that the signs in and around the village were in poor condition, partly due to the maintenance teams apparently having to travel from Beeston, Nottingham. The Clerk was requested to write to Alan Birt.
- West Wells Lane has had a new signboard but the old broken one has been left. Clerk to contact Jeanne Wallace.

06/07/337 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

A member of the public reported that the proposed allotment site was being used as a BMX track. The Clerk was requested to contact the council's insurers to see if third party liability cover extends to this.

06/07/338 DETENTION CENTRE SITE

Councillor Simpson explained that the Home Office had submitted no additional planning application. The Chairman had been asked if the Parish Council would meet with the school governors to discuss the siting of the proposed community centre. It was resolved that a working party consisting of Councillor Hargreaves, Councillor Foreman, and Chris Downton meet with the governors.

06/07/339 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Councillor Daniels had inspected the paths and checked them against the plans given at the last meeting. It was noted that the County Council offered 100% grants towards providing leaflets showing the maps and rights of way. The Clerk had received the P3 grant application form. The Clerk undertook to complete the form and obtain a sample leaflet.

06/07/340 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

It was resolved that the village should enter the competition this year, but the Council was concerned about the poor state of the verges lessening the chance of success. The Clerk was requested to write to Notts County Council and Bassetlaw District Council to advise them of the village's entry and to seek their assistance in promoting a neat and tidy appearance.

06/07/341 NALC - REPORT ON MEETING ON 19th FEBRUARY 2007

The Clerk summarised the above meeting.

- David Hunter, Chief Executive Bassetlaw District Council had spoken about the Governments White Paper.
- Gordon Brown, Chairman of Mattersey Parish Council had given a report on double taxation.
- Councillor Keith Isard, Chair of the BDC Planning Committee and member of the Airport Consultation Committee, gave a presentation on aircraft noise.

06/07/342 STRONG AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES

The Clerk and Chairman are to attend a meeting with Councillor David Kirkham, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council to discuss the delivery of better services.

06/07/343 HANDYMAN STATUS

There had been no response to the advertisement for a handyman, despite being in the Beacon magazine, on the Gringley and Misterton notice boards and on the website. It had also been mentioned in an article in the local free newspaper. The Council will keep looking.

06/07/344 CRIME STATISTICS AND POLICING

There were no statistics available. It was suspected that PC Gregson was on holiday.

It was reported that juveniles were going into the former detention centre site.

06/07/345 CORRESPONDENCE AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED

- Letter from the Council's insurers confirming that work to repair the seat could proceed. They advised that there was £125 excess on the policy. Noted
- Invitation to renew insurance with Allianz Cornhill, due date 1st June 2007. Clerk to forward copies to Councillors to check equipment covered.
- Letter from Nottinghamshire County Council advising that Daneshill household waste and recycling centre will close on 31st March 2009. Noted
- Annual information form for the Reading Room from the Charity Commission. Clerk to complete and return.
- Confirmation of renewal of registry entry under the Data Protection Act 1998. Noted.
- Email from NALC seeking views on the size of Parish Councils. Clerk asked to respond that Gringley are content with the current size and status.

06/07/346 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

- Councillor Dunkley reported that he was still investigating broadband for the village and AB Networks had approached him. It was reported that BT are to partially upgrade the system in June/July.
- The Chairman expressed his thanks to the team responsible for planting the tree on the Fairpiece.

06/07/347 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

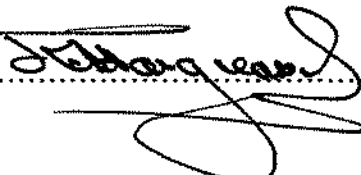
06/07/348 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: 23/06/00033 Shaw Lock Cottage, Notice of Appeal against refusal.
Noted, no further observations.

06/07/349 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

Ref: 23/07/00001 Topsy Turvy, Little Lane, Granted with conditions. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed..........Dated 25th April 2007