

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillor J. E. Hargreaves, Chairman. Councillors Chambers, Daniels, Taylor, Foreman, Foster, Hilton, Dunkley, P. Baines, Clerk, and 1 member of the public

07/08/163 TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No formal apologies had been received.

07/08/164 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

07/08/165 CRIME STATISTICS AND POLICING / SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

- PCSO Stephanie Jones gave a report on the crime statistics available for November:
 - 07/11 - Shed Burglary
 - 07/11 - Theft from Vehicle
 - 07/11 - Theft from Vehicle
 - 09/11 - Shed Burglary
 - 13/11 - Theft - Other
 - 18/11 - Theft from Vehicle
 - 28/11 - Theft from Vehicle
- PCSO Jones summarised the recent safer neighbourhoods meeting and distributed posters for the notice boards.
- Councillors were informed of the next safer neighbourhoods meeting in Walkeringham on 15 January 2008
- The members discussed the reported broken car windows.
- Anti social behaviour in the village was discussed. PCSO Jones advised that car registration numbers and /or names of individuals would be helpful. These may be given anonymously if required.
- PCSO Jones advised that additional officers had been drafted into the Harworth base, which would give speedier response to incidents in the rural villages.
- PCSO Jones reported that she had not yet obtained the notices to place on car windscreens when they were parked on the pavement.

07/08/166 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: That the Minutes of meeting of the Council, held on 31st October 2007, be approved as a correct record, subject to amendment of the last sentence of 07/08/146, thus: It was suggested that the tree be replaced with a new specimen after consultation with Councillor Dunkley.

07/08/167

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chairman read out the suggested wording of a sign for the Horsewells Pond. It was proposed that likely costs be ascertained for the provision of a sign.

07/08/168

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

CHQ NO.	PAYEE	MATTER	CHEQUE
101595	North Notts Landscapes	Grass & Hedge Cutting	1246.68
101596	BCVS	Website Management Nov	20.00
101597	R Skelton	Net Salary	88.03
101598	P Baines	Nov Net Salary, Oct Expenses	384.77
101599	Post Office Ltd	Clerk & Handyman Tax & NI	129.98
101600	R Skelton	Bin Liners / Toilet rolls	5.69
101601	LC Printing Services	Printing Agendas Etc Nov	11.70
101602	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Inspection of play equipment	76.38
101603	M Taylor	Cement for Notice Board	13.54

07/08/169

BANK RECONCILIATION

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

07/08/170

BUDGET MONITORING

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

07/08/171

MONTHLY RISK ASSESSMENT

- * It was reported that the Shaw Rd sign had been replaced, but the Wood Lane one had not. The Clerk undertook to progress the matter with Bassetlaw District Council.

07/08/172

GRINGLEY WHARF

It was reported that members were receiving favourable comments about the area.

07/08/173

CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS

- The members were informed that the notice board for the cemetery had been installed. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Taylor for adding the finishing touches and erecting the Board.
- It was noted that the contractors had completed the cemetery hedge trimming.
- The Clerk read out extracts from the report of the inspection of the play equipment by Wicksteed. The equipment was generally in good condition. It was noted that sections of the mats had gaps that could be temporarily repaired. It was agreed that the council consider the cost of complete replacement at the next budget meeting. Councillor Taylor informed the

members that he was aware that another council had received a grant for such work. He undertook to investigate where the grant was obtained.

07/08/174 LAFARGE PLANNING APPLICATION

The Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting in County Hall. Four representatives from the local villages, including himself, had spoken against the application but the application had nevertheless been granted. The members thanked the Chairman for the work he had put in preparing for and attending the meeting.

07/08/175 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDMENTS TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

The Clerk referred to a plan of the High Street previously circulated to members. Nottinghamshire County Council was shortly to assume responsibility for parking restrictions and anomalies between the markings on the road and the wording of the underpinning Orders meant that corrections were to be made to the orders to rectify the position. This would result in no change to the actual existing parking restrictions on High Street.

07/08/176 HIGHWAYS

- a) The Clerk read out a letter from Severn Trent Water in response to the foul water problem on West Wells Lane. The letter advised that following extensive investigation the problem was not connected with the public sewer system and would not be dealt with by them. The Clerk was requested to follow up a letter from Bassetlaw District Council environmental department in September reporting that they were also investigating.
- b) Councillor Taylor informed the members that jobs around the village that he had reported to the relevant District and County departments were not getting done.

07/08/177 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

The formal meeting was suspended for the duration of the public forum.
A member of the public asked when the road sweeper was due in the village. It was agreed that the village was in need of a visit. The Clerk undertook to ask Bassetlaw District Council.

07/08/178 PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN

The Chairman reported that he had spoken with a resident who worked for Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council and was closely involved with emergency planning. He had undertaken to prepare a draft plan for the village that could then be further discussed by the Parish Council. The Chairman was asked to convey their thanks for this.

07/08/179 ALLOTMENT PROVISION

The Clerk reported that he had received emails from 6 people expressing interest for allotments following the Beacon article. It was noted that some residents were

annoyed at being requested to re-register, but it was explained that the Parish Council was merely trying to get an accurate number of *currently* interested people as individual's circumstances and views may have changed over time. In addition the proposed location was not yet decided, as the end of the playing field was only a suggested location as the Parish Council owned the land. The clerk was requested to make this clear in another beacon article.

07/08/180 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

- Councillor Daniels informed the meeting that he is to replace broken marker posts and maps of the footpaths were to be placed in the old post office by kind permission of the owner.
- Councillor Daniels expressed disappointment that the allocated maintenance work had not yet started. Clerk to follow up with Nottinghamshire County Council.
- The Clerk advised that Nottinghamshire County Council had promised an information pack about the footpath notice Board and grant aid.

07/08/181 HANDYMAN

The members were informed that the handyman had encountered a number of problems in his first month:

- Insufficient wheelie bins to deposit collected rubbish. The Chairman advised that he had ordered an extra one from Bassetlaw District Council.
- Large quantities of apples being deposited in the street litterbins. The public are to be reminded that the street litterbins are not to be used for household or garden waste.
- Drink cans, bottles and food wrappers strewn around the bush shelter on the Fairpiece. PCSO Jones to be asked to monitor the area.

07/08/182 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- NALC agenda for the 19 November meeting. Noted.
- A letter from John Mann MP acknowledging copy of the Clerk's letter to Severn Trent. – Noted
- A letter from John Mann MP enquiring why his surgery posters were not being displayed in the village. Clerk had advised him of correct name of Clerk and address for correspondence.

07/08/183 CORRESPONDENCE ARRIVING AFTER THE AGENDA PRINTED

- Letter from Bassetlaw District Council advising that Councillors should attend the code of conduct training offered by Bassetlaw District Council. Noted.
- A letter from the Driving Instructors Association asking for support to their objection to the proposed closure of the Gainsborough Driving Test Centre. It was resolved to support the objection and the Clerk was asked to write accordingly.
- Christmas events posters from Bassetlaw District Council. To be put on notice boards.
- Letter from Severn Trent Water in connection with West Wells Lane. See 07/08/176 – Highways.

- Letter from Nottinghamshire County Council acknowledging receipt of letter opposing closure of St Michael's care home. Noted.

07/08/184 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

- The date of the next meeting to be changed to Monday 17th December at 7:30pm.
- The Clerk to prepare the tenders for 2008 grass cutting.

07/08/185 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Funding of the Beacon magazine such that it may be delivered free to every household.

07/08/186 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received.

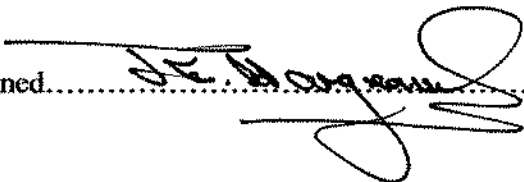
07/08/187 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

No planning determinations had been received

07/08/188 NALC NATIONAL SALARY AWARD FOR LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS.

It was resolved that the recently agreed increase, effective from 1st April 2007, be retrospectively applied to the clerks salary point 26 to that date.

The meeting closed at 9:14pm.

Signed..........Dated.....17th December 2007