

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 29th June, 2005

Present:- Councillor G. Shepherd, Chairman. Councillors Dunkley, Foreman, Hargrave, Hilton, Tremelling and Way, together with District Councillor Martin

05/06/37 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Hargreaves (unwell) and Taylor (on holiday).

05/06/38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Foreman and Shepherd each declared a personal interest at agenda item 15 (North East Bassetlaw Forum Reports), being members of the North East Bassetlaw Forum.

Councillor Shepherd declared a personal interest at agenda item 16 (NALC Northern Area Committee Reports), being a member of the Northern Area Committee.

05/06/39 MINUTES

Resolved:- That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on 25th May, 2005, be approved as a correct record, subject to a clerical amendment at Minute No. 05/06/5 – Election of Vice-Chairman

05/06/40 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to Minute No. 05/06/13(c) and informed Members that Inland Revenue had agreed to establish a PAYE scheme for the Parish Council.

05/06/41 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

(a) There were no members of the public present to discuss Trafalgar Weekend, despite the item being advertised in Beacon and the village notice boards.

- (b) The Chairman reported that the owner of The Mill, a listed building, intended to carry out renovation works which might require external funding. The support of the Parish Council was requested.

Resolved: That a letter of support in principle be sent.

- (c) A letter from Mrs. G. Smith, of Elm Ridge, High Street, was read out. The letter expressed concerns of alleged nuisance emanating from a party at The Willows on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June, 2005. Mrs. Smith, who was present at the meeting, elaborated further on the matter.

Resolved: That the Clerk make enquiries with P.c. Cooper.

- (d) Mr. S. Taylor thanked the Chairman for sending him copies of the Parish Council's Standing Orders and minutes of the meeting held on 27th April, 2005. He had earlier informed the Chairman that he intended asking questions at the meeting.

He firstly asked if the Clerk was bound by the Code of Conduct and the Clerk told him that he wasn't. He then enquired why minute No. 04/05/322(a) of the meeting on 27th April, 2005 contained no reference to an alleged statement by the Clerk at the meeting to the effect that Mr. Taylor had made a complaint about the Parish Council. He said that the Clerk made that statement at least six times. The Clerk denied that he had made such a statement.

Next, Mr. Taylor alleged that the report of the Clerk's telephone conversation with District Councillor Martin referred to in those minutes was not a correct record of the conversation. He asked whether the Clerk was absolutely certain that District Councillor Martin had said that Mr. Taylor had telephoned saying he was representing his wife. The Clerk replied that the word "representing" may or may not have been used. If not, it would have been something such as "phoning on behalf of".

Mr. Taylor said that he had telephoned District Councillor Martin to request advice, and he was adamant that the minute was not representative of the actual discussion that took place between the Clerk and District Councillor Martin, but the Clerk asked how he could be sure as he hadn't been party to the conversation. The Clerk added that Minute No. 04/05/322(a) contained a correct record of his telephone conversation with District Councillor Martin.

The Clerk informed the Chairman that this was supposed to be public discussion – not a trial, and the Chairman asked Mr. Taylor to cease questioning the Clerk in such a way and to cease playing on words. Councillor Hilton queried whether the matter under discussion could actually be classed as public discussion.

District Councillor Martin said that he had not kept a record of his telephone conversation with the Clerk, and had no comment to make other than to confirm that the minuted conversation with the Clerk took place. As regards his telephone conversation with Mr. Taylor, he couldn't recall whether Mrs. Taylor had been involved in the conversation or not. He did recall giving Mr. Taylor some additional advice. He said that he had informed the Clerk of his conversation with Mr. Taylor in order to assist the Parish Council in the matter.

During the discussion, Mr. Taylor was asked by Councillor Foreman whether he was yet able to tell the Parish Council what was wrong with the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting. Mr. Taylor replied that as far as he was concerned there might be nothing wrong with them. He was then reminded about his remark at the Annual Parish Council meeting when he said that the matter was not contentious, simply a matter of wording – crossing of T's and dotting of i's in about three instances. He at first denied making that statement, but then added that, if he had, he had prefaced it with words to the effect that there might be nothing wrong with the minutes. Members informed him that he had said no such thing.

- (e) Mr. E. Milward enquired as to whether Ordsall Rangers would be using the football pitch in the coming season, and was informed that they would.
- (f) Councillor Hilton reported that a litter bin on Cross Hill was being used for the deposit of bagged dog waste, even though it was not designated for such use. The Clerk undertook to investigate.

05/06/42

TRAFALGAR WEEKEND

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/26 of May, 2005, the Clerk reported that Mr. James Arguile had informed him that his family were happy in principle to the temporary relocation of the beacon. It was, however, a big job, and Mr. Arguile would only be happy to do it if the event was going to be something special and well-attended and assistance was given. He would also require written authorisation from English Heritage and insurance to be provided by the Parish Council.

Councillor Hilton confirmed that the Church bells would be rung on Sunday 23rd October.

A discussion ensued when Members noted firstly the complete absence of interest demonstrated by residents to date, and secondly the impracticality of having to temporarily relocate the beacon each time it was to be lit.

Resolved:

- (a) That, unless residents came forward with enthusiasm for participating in Trafalgar weekend, the Clerk publish a note in August Beacon drawing attention to the lack of interest and explaining that the Parish Council did not intend to participate.
- (b) That future consideration be given to relocating the beacon to a permanent position elsewhere in the village.

05/06/43 ELM RIDGE – BURNING OF WASTE, ACCESS OVER THE GREEN AND GRAZING OF HIGHWAY VERGES

There were no developments to report.

05/06/44 BEACON – JUNE EDITION

Letter was submitted from Mr. W. J. McGrath, making several observations on the report of the April Parish Council meeting in Beacon. The following matters were mentioned:

- Concerns over the cost of paying for additional policing.
- His views over the release of confidential information by Councillor Tremelling.
- Opposition to the provision of purpose-built dog waste bins.
- Environmental and conservation concerns over the expansion of Robin Hood Airport.
- His congratulations to the Clerk in achieving runner-up position in the 2004 AON/NALC Clerk of the Year Competition.

Resolved: That the Clerk respond to Mr. McGrath's letter on the lines now discussed, and also inform him that Councillor Foreman had located the plaque referred to at Minute No. 05/06/19 of May, 2005 and had affixed it to the tree in question.

05/06/45 ACCOUNTS

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

05/06/46 BANK RECONCILIATION

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

05/06/47 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the June budget monitoring statement, which showed an estimated year-end balance of £10,381.

05/06/48 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2005

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/16 of May, 2005, the Clerk submitted the following documents:

- (a) The Internal Auditor's report, which indicated that everything was satisfactory. The Internal Auditor had written a note stating "No PAYE in operation. Clerk operates an informal but financially correct arrangement where income tax is deducted at basic rate and paid over annually." Members noted that the Inland Revenue had now established a PAYE scheme for the Parish Council

- (b) The Additional Assurances Review prepared by the Clerk.

Resolved: That the Internal Auditor's report be received, and the Chairman be authorised to sign the Additional Assurances Review.

05/06/49 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/17 of May, 2005, the Clerk further referred to the legal duty imposed on parish councils under the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999 and the Health and Safety Commission's Approved Code of Practice and Guidance (L8), to ensure maintenance of water networks to standards which minimised the risk of Legionella bacteria developing.

The Clerk had requested an initial assessment from Descale and Chlorination Services, a company used by Bassetlaw District Council to assess risk at its premises. Mr. D. E. Gregory had visited the sports pavilion on 7th June, 2005 and advised that he did not consider there were any major problems, but that a risk assessment should take place. His quotation of £310 plus VAT had since been received. The assessment would include the following:

1. Supply of labour and fuel to obtain relevant information to carry out an assessment.

2. 2 x Legionella water samples to be analysed via an independent UKAS accredited laboratory.
3. System layout schematic drawing.
4. Compiling risk assessment into site-specific logbook.

Members expressed concern at the cost of the risk assessment, and observed that it may not be necessary as water was not stored in tanks.

Discussion also took place on the personal, criminal liability of Members in the event of a prosecution under the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999 and the Health and Safety Commission's Approved Code of Practice and Guidance (L8)

Resolved: That consideration be deferred to enable Councillor Foreman to research the abovementioned Regulations, etc.

05/06/50 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM

There had been no further meetings of the Forum since the meeting on 29th March, 2005, reported to the March meeting of the Parish Council.

05/06/51 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

There had been no further meetings of the Committee since the meeting on 23rd May, 2005, reported to the May meeting of the Parish Council.

05/06/52 QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS

Members confirmed that distribution of the annual report to every household in the Parish would be completed by 30th June, 2005.

05/06/53 PROVISION OF PUBLIC SEATS IN THE CEMETERY AND WEST WELLS LANE AREA

Members agreed to defer consideration until Councillor Hargreaves was present.

05/06/54 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Clerk reported that it was now possible that Bassetlaw District Council might agree to empty the dog waste bins on offer from British Waterways, and he was awaiting further news.

Members agreed to defer consideration of Parish Plan implementation until Councillor Hargreaves was present.

05/06/55

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Hilton and the Clerk reported on a meeting held the previous day, attended by themselves, Mr. Bob Knowles (Nottinghamshire County Council) and Mr. Robert Dunkerley, at which outstanding questions relating to P3 furniture installation, etc. had been satisfactorily resolved.

Another matter that had been addressed was a report by the Clerk that Paul Hinds had not been able to carry out the P3 vegetation clearance, because of problems in gaining access to paths, e.g. absence of bridges on path 1, and the fact that it was not possible to use a wheeled mower. Mr. Hinds had spent several hours surveying the paths, but had concluded that he was unable to carry out the work, especially as path 1 (the longest of all) appeared to be non-existent and was in any case inaccessible.

Mr. Knowles had informed the meeting that Mr. Stephen Rose was a grass cutting contractor based near Nottingham who specialised in this kind of work, and who would also be able to carry out certain installation work which Mr. Dunkley was unable to carry out owing to access problems. In the circumstances, Councillor Hilton and the Clerk had, subject to approval at tonight's meeting, given authority for Mr. Knowles to engage Mr. Rose on behalf of the Parish Council. The cost would be met from the P3 grant already paid to the Parish Council.

Resolved: That the action taken by Councillor Hilton and the Clerk be approved.

05/06/56

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/28(a) of May, 2005, the Clerk reported receipt of an E-mail from Mr. Nic Wort, of Nottinghamshire County Council, dated 21st June, 2005, in which it was confirmed that a County Archaeologist had visited Gringley Wharf and given advice.

The Clerk also reported that, late that afternoon, a further E-mail had been received from Mr. Wort, enclosing an advisory letter, a sample funding agreement and information relating to English Nature and sites of special scientific interest. The main point of the correspondence was that the County Council had provisionally allocated £30,000 for the implementation of the project, although further match funding may be required and the project may have to be phased over two years. The Clerk had forwarded this documentation to all Members using E-mail.

Resolved: That, in view of the impossibility of digesting all the information provided, the Clerk be authorised to take appropriate action with regard to implementation of the project, in consultation with Members.

05/06/57 CPRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Clerk reported that phase one judging ended the following day, and that the four finalists in each category would be notified before phase two judging began on 7th July.

Resolved: That, if Gringley on the Hill reached the final round, the Clerk arrange for a supply of leaflets to be produced, to be distributed to every household by Members.

05/06/58 TREES AT THE OLD CROSS KEYS SITE

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/30 of May, 2005, the Clerk reported that he had received a quotation from Mr. David Elliott, but that it did not cover any tree replacement.

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to take appropriate action to obtain a full quotation, including making enquires about having the work carried out by a different contractor as agreed at the last meeting.

05/06/59 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CIVIC SERVICE

Members noted an invitation to attend the above, to be held at Southwell on 17th July, 2005.

05/06/60 DONATIONS

Letter was submitted from Five Village First Responders, thanking the Parish Council for its recent donation, and giving a comprehensive update on its work.

05/06/61 TIDAL TRENT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Members noted an invitation from the Environment Agency to attend the above, to be held at Gainsborough on 21st July, 2005.

05/06/62 CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

Letter was submitted from Defra, informing the Parish Council about the timetable for implementing the provisions of the above legislation, which received Royal Assent on 7th April, 2005. The legislation, when fully-implemented, would directly impact on parish councils in the following ways:

- It allowed parish councils to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti, fly-posting and dog offences.

- It allowed parish councils to introduce dog control orders for a range of offences – effectively replacing the current byelaw system.

05/06/63

FORMER DETENTION CENTRE – RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, seeking the observations of the Parish Council on a further Draft Crown Planning Obligation, which included payment of £100,000 as a contribution towards the development on the Community Area of a community hall and public open air recreation space or to the laying out and maintenance of a public open air recreation space.

Members observed that the sum offered was nowhere near that necessary to build a new community hall.

Resolved:

- (a) That the views of Mr. Chris Downton be sought, prior to observations being made to Bassetlaw District Council.
- (b) That, when making observations to Bassetlaw District Council, the Clerk point out that the three months deadline for purchase or rent of affordable housing was unacceptably short.

05/06/64

ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER/SHEFFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The minute of the meeting of the above, held on 11th May, 2005, were submitted for the information of Members. District Councillor Martin informed Members that Bassetlaw District Council had two places on the Consultative Committee.

05/06/65

CEMETERY

- (a) Councillor Foreman reported that painting of the Chapel of Rest had been satisfactorily completed.
- (b) Councillor Foreman reported that the Cemetery paths were in poor condition and that future consideration needed to be given to necessary repairs, etc. Members agreed that the matter would be considered at the January meeting, when the budget was under consideration.

05/06/66 PLAYING FIELD

Letter was submitted from Gringley Celtic FC stating that, because it was unable to pay the requested rent of £250, it was to play next season outside the village. The Clerk reported that this letter had arrived in the absence of any earlier approach by the club.

05/06/67 FORMER DETENTION CENTRE – TREES

Councillor Dunkley reported the concerns of a resident of Laycock Avenue regarding possible light loss as a result of the above trees. Councillor Hargrave and the Clerk informed the meeting that the Home Office had already agreed to reduce the height of these trees, and Councillor Dunkley agreed to report back to the resident accordingly.

05/06/68 WOOD LANE - HEDGING

Councillor Foreman reported that the hedging at Wood Lane needed trimming back. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to Nottinghamshire County Council if he hadn't already done so.

05/06/69 DIARY OF MEETINGS

It was agreed that the May, 2006 Annual Parish Council meeting be brought forward to 17th May, 2006 in order to comply with statutory requirements relevant to an election year.

05/06/70 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

District Councillor Martin left the meeting at this point.

23/05/20V

Sedgemoor Ltd.

Amend Condition 2 of 23/03/13 to allow educational use by non-residents at Belle Vue, Carr Lane, Gringley on the Hill

The Clerk reported that this application replicated an earlier one that was refused planning permission – the only difference being the submission of further information with the current application.

Resolved:- That a strong objection be lodged on the following grounds:

1. The Nottinghamshire Structure Plan Review included a policy r 3/1 relating to control of development in the countryside. Such development was to be strictly controlled. Where the principle of development was considered acceptable, it must be located and designed so as not to adversely affect the countryside environment. The existing use of the outbuildings was ancillary to the dwelling house. The intensification of use as a school was considered unacceptable in this location, to the detriment of the character of the area. The development, if permitted, would be contrary to this policy of the development plan and would conflict with its objectives. Similar advice was contained in the Bassetlaw Local Plan and in the relevant Planning Policy Guidance Note.
2. When the Parish Council was consulted on the original application, it stated that it wished any approval to be conditional on the development being limited to the special needs teaching of the children resident in the farmhouse.
3. The reason given by Bassetlaw District Council for the imposition of condition 2 was the need to safeguard the amenities of existing dwellings located in the vicinity of the application site. Any increase in intensity would erode those amenities.
4. Condition 2 was imposed for a valid reason, and the Parish Council was worried that, if the condition was relaxed, it could be the thin end of the wedge, with further intensification following.

05/06/71 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

23/04/35

The Diocese of Southwell
Erect dwelling and construct new access on land off High Street,
Gringley on the Hill

Permission Refused

23/05/11R

Miss J. E. Towler
Erect two storey extension and porch at Honeysuckle Cottage, Hunters
Drive, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

23/05/12

Mr. J. Mee

Erect conservatory at The Green, Lancaster Road, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

23/05/13L

Mr. J. Mee

Demolish existing UPVC conservatory and erect timber framed, double-glazed conservatory at The Green, Lancaster Road, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

23/05/14

Mr. & Mrs. M. Freeman

Erect single storey extension at Green Gables, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted

23/05/15

Mr. S. P. & Mrs. W. Marshall

Erect single storey timber framed glazed conservatory at Pear Tree House, Little Lane, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Granted