

# GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

**Present:-** Councillor D. Foreman, Chairman, in the absence of Councillor Shepherd. Councillors Dunkley, Hargrave, Hargreaves, Hilton, Taylor and Way

### **05/06/183 APOLOGIES**

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

### **05/06/184 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **05/06/185 MINUTES**

Resolved:- That the Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2005, be approved as a correct record.

### **05/06/186 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

### **05/06/187 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Messrs. Andrew Slaney and John King, of Bassetlaw Planning Department, attended the meeting to give an overview of the new Local Development Framework (LDF), which would comprise a group of separate but interrelated planning documents, listed below. It would contain policies and proposals to guide development within Bassetlaw:

- § Core Strategy
- § Primary Development Control Policies
- § Proposals Section and Proposals Map
- § Local Development Scheme
- § Statement of Community Involvement

§ Sustainability Appraisal  
§ Annual Monitoring Report

The Core Strategy would be in operation for planning development purposes from May, 2006, although the LDF would not be complete for several years.

The Officers pointed out that the preferred option for spatial strategy in Bassetlaw was to concentrate development (all kinds) in major development centres of Worksop and Retford, with a secondary centre of Harworth/Bircotes. Smaller amounts of development would take place in the local development centres of Carlton-in-Lindrick (Firbeck Colliery site only), Misterton and Tuxford.

The Officers were informed that, especially with more development planned for the Misterton area, it was important that a railway station be opened as soon as possible. Misterton had a large catchment area and it seemed unreasonable that the Lincoln to Doncaster line passed through Misterton but was inaccessible to local people, especially as the line also passed through Finningley (Robin Hood Airport).

The Officers were informed that Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce was currently researching a circular rail route, possibly running from Worksop via Retford, Gainsborough, Misterton, Finningley, Doncaster, on to Meadowhall and back to Worksop.

The Officers asked whether there was general support for an improved rail service locally and they were told that there was. The Officers agreed to report these views to the Planning Department.

The Officers were also informed of the desirability of preserving small former settlements for small-scale housing even though those former settlements were outside the village envelope.

At the end of an informative presentation, the Officers were thanked for their attendance.

**05/06/188 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mr. M. Monk enquired as the current position regarding activities at Elm Ridge, High Street, Gringley on the Hill, and was informed as follows:

- (a) The Bassetlaw Environmental Health Department had issued a statutory nuisance abatement notice regarding burning of tree loppings at Elm Ridge.

- (b) Further information was still awaited from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding access issues relating to the 'Green'.

Resolved: That the Clerk press the County Council regarding the access issue.

**05/06/189 SURGERY REPORT**

Councillors Foreman and Taylor submitted a report regarding the surgery held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2005, when Mr. J. N. Biggam had attended. Mr. Biggam raised questions relating to the following:

- (a) Water leaking on to Horsewells Street from West View Cottage.

Councillor Foreman informed the meeting that the leak, from a foul sewer, was the responsibility of the householder, and was being attended to. The leak had now ceased.

- (b) Surface water problems in the village generally.

Resolved: That the Clerk take the matter up with Nottinghamshire County Council.

- (c) Encroachment of verges on to the highway, in particular at Halls Road.

Resolved: That the Clerk take the matter up with Nottinghamshire County Council.

- (d) A query as to whether the speed cameras on the A631 were working.

Members observed that three of the four notices warning that speed was being measured over a distance had disappeared.

Resolved: That the Clerk enquire as to whether the cameras were working and also inform Nottinghamshire County Council of the missing notices.

**05/06/190 ACCOUNTS**

Resolved: That the November Accounts be approved for payment.

**05/06/191 BANK RECONCILIATION**

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

**05/06/192 BUDGET MONITORING**

The Clerk submitted the November budget monitoring statement, which showed an estimated year-end balance of £10,545.

**05/06/193 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION**

There were no matters to report.

**05/06/194 QUALITY COUNCILS**

There was nothing to report, other than a letter from District Councillor Hugh Burton to all Bassetlaw parish councils, enquiring which of them intended to pursue Quality accreditation. The Clerk had replied.

**05/06/195 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

- (a) Councillor Hargreaves reported that his enquiries had revealed that the good neighbour schemes at Bawtry and Scrooby had ceased to operate. However his research into such schemes was continuing and he would furnish Members with a summary of requirements for establishing a scheme, prior to consideration being given as to whether the matter should be discussed at a public meeting.
- (b) Agreement was reached on the wording of the plaque to be fitted to the new public seat at the junction of Leys Lane and West Wells Lane.

**05/06/196 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

- (a) Councillor Dunkley observed that the new bridge on path 1 was a very substantial, and beneficial, construction.
- (b) Councillor Hilton submitted a report on the Rights of Way Conference held at Boughton Pumping Station on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2005. She found the Conference very interesting, and was pleased to report that, from her findings at the Conference, Gringley on the Hill was doing very well in P3 matters.

**05/06/197 CPRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

(a) Members who attended the awards ceremony at Southwell on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 were informed that Ranby had deservedly won the Best of Notts Award for 2005.

(b) Members reviewed the unveiling event that took place on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2005. The unanimous view was that the event had been a great success, with an excellent buffet prepared and served at the Blue Bell Inn.

A letter was submitted from Councillor Kath Sutton, Vice-Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council, who had represented the Chairman who was ill that day. She praised the village for its achievement and community effort, and thanked the Parish Council for inviting her and her husband to the unveiling event. She also expressed thanks to the Blue Bell Inn for providing a wonderful buffet.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to Mr. & Mrs. Baxter at the Blue Bell Inn, thanking them for preparing and serving the buffet.

(c) The Clerk was still awaiting the judges' notes on Gringley's performance in the 2005 competition, which, when received, would assist in planning for the 2006 competition. Members agreed that, with regard to 2006, regular features should appear in Beacon magazine, encouraging residents to play their part in trying to keep the title in Gringley.

**05/06/198 VEGETATION AND TREE CLEARANCE PROGRAMME**

Letter was submitted from CE Electric UK giving details of its forthcoming programme of vegetation and tree clearance. This was a six-year programme to safeguard the Low Voltage (LV) network of overhead cables and reinforce safety standards.

**05/06/199 VILLAGE WEBSITE**

A discussion took place on website content, and agreement was reached on the management of content.

The Clerk again drew attention to the fact that no use was made of the website by village organisations. He agreed to contact the doctors' Practice Manager to enquire as to whether surgery opening times and other relevant information could be posted on the website.

**05/06/200 BT TELEPHONE SERVICE TO GRINGLEY**

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/171 of October, 2005, the Clerk reported that BT had informed him that there was no particular reason why the BT service (including Broadband) in Gringley should be unsatisfactory. BT suggested that anyone experiencing problems should contact BT, when compensation would be paid if unsatisfactory service was established.

**05/06/201 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS**

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/168(a) of October, 2005, a discussion took place on progress made as follows:

- Nottinghamshire County Council had submitted a price of £244.14 to connect the illuminations to the street lighting column at The Fairpiece and to disconnect on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2006. No Members had objected to this price and so the Clerk had accepted it.
- The Clerk had visited the County Council depot at Retford and collected the illuminations.
- Councillor Dunkley had purchased a Christmas tree, at a cost of £143.83 plus VAT, and, assisted by Councillor Way and Messrs. Ian Threlfall and John Taylor, had transported it to site, erected it and dressed it.
- Councillor Foreman had spent an afternoon working on the connection, hampered by the fact that the cable provided by the County Council was not long enough, did not have a plug, etc.

Resolved:

- (a) That a note of the Parish Council's appreciation be recorded in the minutes in respect of those Councillors and members of the public who had helped.

- (b) That, in due course, the Clerk ask the County Council to justify the amount charged, especially in view of all the work that Councillor Foreman had had to carry out.

**05/06/202 WASTE PFI QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Members noted an Email from "Main" Campaign which raised certain questions and answers regarding Waste PFI proposals. "Main" was a campaign by West Nottinghamshire Friends of the Earth: "Mansfield Against Incineration"

**05/06/203 THE VILLAGE WELL**

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/174 of October, 2005, Councillor Hargreaves reported that the brickwork was complete. Furthermore, the water was clearer following treatment with barley straw.

Further action would be deferred until Councillor Shepherd's return from holiday.

**05/06/204 GRINGLEY WHARF**

The only matter to report was that Councillor Foreman had posted a note on the website, pointing out that he was researching the history of Gringley Wharf, and requesting information, old photographs, etc.

**05/06/205 RELOCATION OF THE BEACON**

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/152(b) of October, 2005, an Email was submitted from Mr. James Arguile, stating that, whilst the Arguile family was happy for temporary relocations of the beacon to take place, the family was not prepared to agree to a permanent relocation, for reasons given.

Members also noted another matter which made a permanent relocation of the existing beacon difficult.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to Mr. Arguile again, with a view to finding a way forward with regard to the location of a new, permanent beacon on Beacon Hill, whilst leaving the existing beacon in its present location.

**05/06/206 CEMETERY**

There were no matters to report.

**05/06/207 PLAYING FIELD**

There were no matters to report.

**05/06/208 HIGHWAYS**

Resolved: That the Clerk continue to press Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the large pothole on Low Street.

**05/06/209 PLANNING APPEAL**

**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

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, enclosing a copy of its Statement of Case.

**05/06/210 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications.

**05/06/211 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

**23/05/24**

Mr. S. Parker

Demolish existing garage, erect detached dwelling and relocate vehicular access at North Beeches, High Street, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Refused

**23/05/25**

Mr. & Mrs. L. Hopkinson

Erect garage/store/playroom at Valley Farm, Middlebridge Road, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Refused

**23/05/26**

Ms. K. Dobb & D. Eaton, Esq.

Erect two storey and single storey extension and carry out alterations at Jasmine Cottage, Little Lane, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Refused

Letter was also submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/181 of October, 2005, stating that the Parish Council's request for an adjournment of the

determination of this application was received shortly before the meeting commenced and was discussed with the Chairman of the Planning Committee, who chose to exercise his discretion and to proceed with the determination.

The letter also contained an apology for the late arrival of the invitation to speak, stating that it was not clear how this had happened. However, in order to reduce the chances of similar problems occurring again, future invitations would also be sent out by Email.

Whilst appreciative of the proposed improvement in procedure, Members expressed disappointment over the fact that the Planning Committee was not told of either the Parish Council's request for an adjournment or the decision of the Chairman of the Planning Committee to refuse that request.

**23/05/27**

Mr. M. L. Hopkinson  
Erect stable block at Valley Farm, Middlebridge Road, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Refused

**23/05/28**

Mr. & Mrs. P. M. Noble  
Convert and extend redundant barn to form dwelling and garage and alter existing access at Woodlands Farm, Carr Road, Gringley on the Hill

Permission Refused

**05/06/212 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

Resolved: That, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be excluded, and they are requested to withdraw.

**05/06/213 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE – HANDYMAN**

Consideration took place as to the duties carried out by the Handyman and whether any changes or new duties were desirable.

Resolved: That the matter be further discussed at the next meeting.

**05/06/214 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/161 of October, 2005, the Clerk reported that North Notts. Landscapes Ltd. had offered an extension to their contract, based on the following:

Mow Playing Field – main area	£52 per cut
Strim Playing field – other areas	£30 per cut
Village Maintenance cut	£82 per cut
Cemetery Maintenance	£90 per cut
Cemetery Hedge Cutting	£250 per cut

Resolved: That, on the basis that value for money was being obtained and the standard of work was known to be excellent, the contract with North Notts. Landscapes be extended to cover 2006.

**05/06/215 CEMETERY**

The Clerk submitted a report relating to a matter concerning the Cemetery. He also informed Members that the decision taken in 2001/02 to cease the practice of granting advance rights of burial had not been minuted.

Resolved:

- (a) That, with regard to the matter reported by the Clerk, the action proposed by the Clerk be agreed.
- (b) That, notwithstanding the fact that the Cemetery Regulations permitted the Parish Council to grant advance rights of burial, it be confirmed that it be the Parish Council's current policy not to grant such rights.