

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 30th May 2007

Present: Councillor J. E. Hargreaves, Chairman. Councillors Chambers, Daniels, Taylor, Foreman, Foster, Hilton and Hargrave. P. Baines, Clerk, and 2 members of the public

07/08/027 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved unanimously: that Councillor Hargreaves be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor Hargreaves stated that as the oldest member he was happy to continue but for probably only another year.

07/08/028 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Hargreaves signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman, which was then countersigned by the Clerk (Proper Officer).

07/08/029 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Dunkley – on holiday

07/08/030 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

07/08/031 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Resolved unanimously: that Councillor Foreman be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

07/08/032 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 25th April 2007, be approved as a correct record.

07/08/033 MATTERS ARISING

- The Clerk reported that Middlebridge Construction had declined to do the P3 work.
- The Clerk reported that Carole Turner would attend the June meeting to discuss the Housing Needs Survey Report.
- The Clerk reported that Stan White Farms could not attend the meeting to advise of the wind farm proposal after all.

- The Clerk reported that he had informed the website manager of the decision not to accept anonymous articles.
- The Clerk confirmed that Trisha Gregory from Bellview would attend the June meeting.
- The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Nottinghamshire County Council about the library van parking on the verges.

07/08/034 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

07/08/035 BANK RECONCILIATION

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

07/08/036 BUDGET MONITORING

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

07/08/037 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

The Clerk submitted the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March, 2007, which included the following documents:

- Receipts & Payments Summary including year-end Bank Reconciliation
- Summary Receipts and Payments Account
- Supporting Notes to the Accounts
- Annual Return - Sections 1 (Statement of Accounts) with explanation of significant variations & Section 2 (Statement of Assurance)

Resolved:

- (a) That the Accounts be approved.
 - (b) That all elements of the Statement of Assurance be answered in the affirmative
- The Chairman completed section 2 and signed the form.
 - The Clerk confirmed that the accounts had been satisfactorily returned from internal audit and there were no matters to report.

07/08/038 REVIEW FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006, the Council's financial assessment of risk and internal controls was reviewed. It was resolved that the document covers all elements of risk and no changes were required.

07/08/039 SANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND – NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

The model code of conduct, made under the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, having been previously distributed, was discussed. It was

resolved to adopt the code including paragraph 12(2). This code supersedes all previous codes of conduct.

07/08/040 MONTHLY RISK ASSESSMENT

- The Chairman undertook to revise the asset inspection schedule.
- It was noted that someone had attempted to repair the bus shelter window. The Clerk reported that he had an estimate provided by Middlebridge Construction for the repairs but had not instructed him to proceed. It was resolved that the Clerk asks Middlebridge Construction if he had done the work. It was noted however that the work should be done before the judging of the BKVC.

07/08/041 DETENTION CENTRE SITE - UPDATE

The Chairman reported that he and a number of Councillors had met with school governors, who considered that the Community Centre should be sited at the school. The Parish Council suggested that if the proposal were for a Community Centre off site, members of the village would decide its location not the Parish Council, not the School Governors nor the Village Hall Committee.

The Home Office has now submitted an outline planning application for the development of the whole site along the lines of the pre-application document submitted in early January. This document was given full support of the Council at our January meeting. See planning below.

07/08/042 GRINGLEY WHARF

Councillor Foreman reported that a number of bird nesting boxes had been delivered to his home, for putting on trees at the Gringley Wharf site.

07/08/043 CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS

- It was reported that there were an umber of memorials fallen in the Cemetery. The Chairman stated that he had been to the cemetery that day and didn't think there were any additional ones.
- It was reported that some of the bushes need trimming. This cannot be done until after birds have finished nesting.
- It was noted that people are not depositing spent flowers in the bins. It was suggested that a sign is needed.
- The Clerk undertook to obtain a sign for the playing field warning of prohibition of BMX cycling.

07/08/044 HIGHWAYS

- It was noted that the grass on the dual carriageway needs cutting urgently. The Clerk to advise Nottinghamshire County Council.
- It was reported that the debris from the burnt out van was still in the highway. The Clerk to advise Nottinghamshire County Council / Bassetlaw District Council



- It was noted that the foul water is still evident outside "Fairfield" on West Wells Lane. The Clerk to pursue with relevant authorities.
- A damaged sign on Wood Lane was reported. Clerk to report to Bassetlaw District Council.
- A hedge on Finkel Street is overhanging the highway and needs cutting back. Councillor Taylor undertook to have a word with the owners.

07/08/045 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

- A member of the public reported that theft of lead and other metals was still prevalent in the area. Residents should be vigilant to look out for suspicious activity.
- It was reported that burglaries are becoming audacious and being carried out in daylight.

07/08/046 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Clerk reported that the Nottinghamshire County Council has indicated that the P3 grant will be £893.16, with more available following a pending site visit by the footpaths officer. Clerk to arrange the visit. The Clerk reported that the first grass cut was undertaken on 24th May. Councillor Chambers asked if this was too late and may affect nesting birds. The Clerk explained that there had been delays contacting the contractor but it could be done earlier in future. The Clerk passed out a leaflet of the type that Nottinghamshire County Council was recommending. It was suggested that plans showing the footpaths could also be put on the website.

07/08/047 HANDYMAN STATUS

There had still been no response to the advertisement for a handyman. The Council will keep looking. Parish Council members and the public present were encouraged to put forward anyone they thought might want the post. It was asked if the salary offered was sufficient. It was also suggested that the advertisement should stress the community involvement aspect.

07/08/048 CRIME STATISTICS AND POLICING

There had been no report received from PC Gregson.

07/08/049 CPRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Clerk reported that the entry form had been submitted. It was up to everyone to do their best to ensure that Gringley has a chance of winning this year.

07/08/050 CORRESPONDENCE AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED

- Notification of amended times for the library bus were passed to Councillor Hilton for the Post Office.
- Agenda for NALC meeting on 21 May received. Noted.

07/08/051 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

It was reported that workmen were removing asbestos from the former detention centre site. They appear to be taking the appropriate precautions. Noted.

07/08/052 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following additional items to be included in the June agenda:
Bellview
Housing needs survey report

07/08/053 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

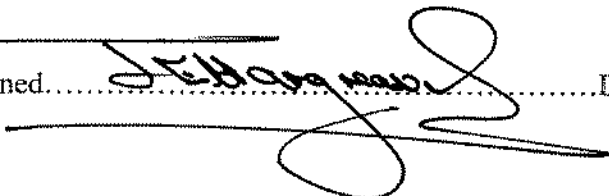
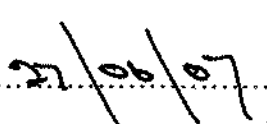
23/07/00008. Former Detention Centre Site. Residential Development And Erect Community Building And Construct New Access.

This application is in accordance with the pre-application discussed previously and fulfils all the aspirations that the Parish Council has for the development of the site. Resolved: Support the application.

07/08/054 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

There were no determinations to report.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed.......... Dated..........