

GRINGLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 31st October 2007

Present: Councillor J. E. Hargreaves, Chairman. Councillors Chambers, Daniels, Taylor, Foreman, Foster, Hilton, Hargrave, P. Baines, Clerk, and 3 members of the public

The Chairman reported the sad death of Joyce Rennison on 11 October and asked for a few moments silent reflection.

07/08/136 TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Dunkley – Away. The apology was approved.

07/08/137 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

07/08/138 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: That the Minutes of meeting of the Council, held on 19th September 2007, be approved as a correct record.

07/08/139 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

07/08/140 CRIME STATISTICS AND POLICING / SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

- PCSO Stephanie Jones gave a report on the crime statistics available for October:
 - 05/10/07 – Theft of Lead – Gringley School
 - 12/10/07 – Distraction Burglary – Windsor Close x 3
 - 14/10/07 – Theft from Vehicle – Laycock Avenue
 - 10/10/07 – Theft – High Street
 - 25/10/07 – Theft of Animal – Lancaster Rd
 - 26/10/07 – Burglary – Gainsborough Rd.
- PCSO Jones summarised the recent safer neighborhoods meeting.
- Councillors were informed of the next safer neighbourhoods meeting in Misson.
- A Member reported that vehicles parked on the pavement were a problem to pedestrians. PCSO Jones undertook to monitor the situation.

07/08/141 BELLVIEW

The Clerk advised that he had not been able to contact the representatives of Bellview. A Councillor stated that the property had been vacated, which supported the report that the company had gone into liquidation.

07/08/142 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
101585	SP Rose Ltd	P3 Grass Cutting	441.51
101586	Hacker Young	2007 Audit	334.88
101587	North Notts Landscapes	Grass Cutting	627.45
101588	BCVS	Website Management Oct	20.00
101589	NALC	Local Council Review	13.50
101590	Powergen	Electricity- Changing Rooms	47.39
101591	P Baines	Oct Net Salary, Sept Expenses	412.30
101592	Post Office Ltd	Clerk Tax & NI	105.34
101593	LC Printing Services	Printing Agendas Etc October	13.70
101594	The Poppy Appeal	Wreath for cemetery	16.50

07/08/143 BANK RECONCILIATION

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

07/08/144 BUDGET MONITORING

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

07/08/145 YOUTH CLUB SURPLUS FUNDS

The Chairman reported that there were some funds, circa £200, left over from the Youth Club that was no longer in existence. The Parish Council had been asked if they would take the funds. It was resolved that the money would be banked and ring fenced until such time as they were needed again for a youth club or similar venture.

07/08/146 MONTHLY RISK ASSESSMENT

- It was reported that the Christmas tree on the Fairpiece is in poor condition. It was resolved to replace it with a fresh specimen.

07/08/147 DETENTION CENTRE SITE - UPDATE

It was reported that there was a lot of activity at the site, but nothing further had been received from the Home Office or Bassetlaw District Council.

07/08/148 GRINGLEY WHARF

The Clerk advised that he had included the furniture on the Parish Council's insurance policy. Councillor Foreman undertook to check with Nottinghamshire County Council about funds and completion.

07/08/149 CEMETERY AND PLAYING FIELDS

- a) The Clerk advised that the notice board for the cemetery had been ordered as requested. The Chairman stated that it could be delivered to his home when ready.
- b) It was reported that the cemetery shrubs and hedge needs cutting. The Clerk was requested to check the maintenance contract.
- c) The chairman advised that he intended to trim some areas around the playing field.
- d) It was resolved to instruct Wicksteed to undertake an annual inspection and risk assessment of the play equipment at a cost of £65.

07/08/150

HIGHWAYS

- a) The foul water evident in West Wells Lane was discussed again. The adjacent resident had passed a letter, from Severn Trent Water to John Mann MP, to the Chairman. Severn Trent had advised that the public sewers were satisfactory and it was a private matter. The Clerk was requested to write to Severn Trent.
- b) Various street matters were discussed.
- c) The members were advised that Mr. Wood had repaired the bus shelter roof. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.
- d) A Councillor reported that Middlebridge Rd was narrow and that large vehicles had damaged the verge and a hedge. The Clerk was requested to write to Nottinghamshire County Council highways.

07/08/151

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

The formal meeting was suspended for the duration of the public forum.

- A member of the public asked how much it would cost for the Gringley Parish Council to dig up West Wells lane to investigate the foul water problem. The Chairman advised that the Gringley Parish Council had no remit to do that.
- A member of the public asked if Gringley could become fireworks free. The parish council has no jurisdiction over the matter as long as the fireworks legislation permitted them. It was agreed that residents should be considerate of the animals in the village when using fireworks.
- A member of the public suggested making leys Lane a one-way road. It was agreed that the idea was good but was unlikely to get approval.

07/08/152

ALLOTMENT PROVISION

The Chairman advised that an article had been placed in the Beacon Magazine asking for those who had requested allotment provision in the past to re-iterate their interest. The Clerk reported that NALC legal team had advised that no special permissions were needed to set up allotments.

07/08/153

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

- It was reported that a garden had been extended over the public footpath at the rear of Laycock Avenue and that some way markers had not been replaced after ploughing.
- Councillor Daniels undertook to ensure gaps remained open
- The Clerk had not heard further from Nottinghamshire County Council about obtaining a footpaths notice board.

07/08/154 HANDYMAN STATUS

The members were advised that an application had been received for the post. It was resolved that Mr. R Skelton be appointed with effect from 1st November 2007. The members discussed the hourly rate for the job and it was resolved to set the rate at £6.50 per hour. The Clerk undertook to purchase gloves and a high visibility vest.

07/08/155 OLDER PEOPLE IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The members discussed the letter from Nottinghamshire County Council about the closure of certain care homes including St. Michaels in Retford. The Clerk was requested to write a letter of objection to the proposed closure.

07/08/156 PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN

The members discussed the previously circulated model emergency plan. It was resolved that the Gringley Parish Council would participate. Clerk to advise Nottinghamshire County Council. The Chairman undertook to contact a village resident that was involved in District Council Emergency Planning, for advice.

07/08/157 SIGN FOR HORSEWELLS POND.

The Chairman reported that he was investigating the history and writing an appropriate inscription. It was agreed to continue with the design and purchase of the sign, similar to the one on the market cross.

07/08/158 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- A letter from John Mann MP acknowledging the Clerk's letter about West Wells Lane. – Noted
- A letter from Bassetlaw District Council Environmental department in response to the clerk's letter about West Wells Lane. - Read out by the Chairman.
- Request from NALC Area Committee for information on income/expenditure for dual taxation working party. – Clerk has forwarded the information.
- Confirmation from Allianz that Gringley Wharf furniture on the policy. – Noted
- Letter from Nottinghamshire County Council in response to the clerk's letter about car trailers being accepted at Daneshill and disposal policy. – Noted.
- Letter from Anglian Water in response to the Clerk's letter about low water pressure in the village. – Noted.

07/08/159 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

- Councillor Taylor advised that he had reported the appalling state of the Beacon Hill grass verge to highways.

07/08/160 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no special items to add


07/08/161 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/07/00022 – Maple Lodge, Finkell St – Reconstruct boundary walls to Finkell St and Pitt Lane. Resolved No Objection.

07/08/162 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

23/07/00017 – Buttercross Cottage, High St. – Erect Side & Rear Extension - Refused

The meeting closed at 9:28pm.

Signed.......... Dated..... 28/11/07.....