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## **Groby Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Groby Parish Council held at 7.00 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at the Parish Council Chamber, Leicester Road, Groby.**

### **Cou/432/04-05 Present.**

Members: Cllr Hagan (Chairman), Cllrs. Allison, Batty, Beck, Dickson, Hodges, Hollick, Kennard, Lock, Marvin, Purves, Yarwood and York.

Clerk Mr J H Flower. Members of the Public.

### **Cou/433/04-05 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllrs. Coates, Emmerson and Jones. Borough Councillor Collins.

### **Cou/434/04-05 Declarations of Interest.**

Personal interests were declared by:

Cllr. Dickson – Groby Parish Residents Group.

Cllr. Allison – Funded by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister the Government Department responsible for the Quality Parish Council Scheme.

Cllr. Batty – Chairman of the Groby Parish Residents Group.

*The Meeting adjourned at 7.30 pm for Public Participation.*

### **Cou/435/04-05 Public Participation.**

Mr Cartwright, Chairman of the Groby and Field Head Parish Plan Project stressed the importance of not only having a Parish Plan in place to ensure that any grant applications were looked at most favourably but also as more and more councils had these in place and their benefit was diminished that quality parish council status was attained. The early indications from the Parish Plan questionnaires that had been returned was that residents would not be prepared to be involved in fundraising or pay extra council tax to improve facilities in Groby and Field Head. This reinforced the need to be in the best possible position when applying for grants.

The Brewer referred to the fact that to be a Quality Parish Council the Clerk needed to hold one of two qualifications and asked if to the knowledge of this Council, had any applications ever been received from persons with the appropriate qualification. Mr Brewer was informed none had. Mr Brewer went on to say that the incumbent Clerk should receive training, and there was help available and unless that happened Groby would not be able to attain quality parish council status. He wondered what steps had been taken by the Council to bring this about. Cllr. Hollick referred to a seminar he and Cllr. Purves had attended in 2003 where all the necessary working documentation had been obtained to enable the Clerk to apply for the appropriate qualification. The present Clerk had unfortunately not had the time to pursue this yet.

### **Cou/436/04-05 Quality Parish Council Status.**

Members considered at some length the current position of the Parish Council regarding its objective of achieving Quality Parish Council status, the issues that had prevented it from making any significant progress towards that objective, the issues that still existed and needed to be addressed and how best to move the process forward to achieve Quality Parish Council status. A full and frank discussion and exchange of views between members took place.

**It was unanimously resolved that:**

- i) Groby Parish Council supports and embraces the Quality Parish Council accreditation process and establishes a Working Party to produce an Action Plan to achieve accreditation.**
- ii) The members of the Working Party be Cllrs. Allison, Purves, Batty, Beck and Hodges.**
- iii) The first meeting of the Working Party is held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber.**

The Meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

Signed.....Date.....  
Chairman