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Groby Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Groby Parish Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 21st February 2005 at the Parish Council Chamber, Leicester Road, Groby.**

Cou/347/04-05 Present.

Members: Cllr Hagan (Chairman), Cllrs. Allison, Batty (part), Beck, Coates, Hollick, Jones, Kennard, Lock, Marvin, Purves, and York.

Clerk Mr J H Flower, Ms Lucy Ashworth, LANDshapes and Martin Cartwright, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group.

The Chairman expressed his personal condolences to Cllr. Yarwood on the very sad demise of his wife and spouse at this trying time for both him and his family.

Cou/348/04-05 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs. Dickson, Emmerson, Hodges and Yarwood

Cou/349/04-05 Declarations of Interest.

Personal interests were declared by:

Cllr. Beck – Allotments (Husband and Son Allotment holders and Allotment Society Committee Member) and Planning Application Land adjacent 30 Markfield Road (near neighbour).

Cllr. Kennard – Parish Plan.

Cllr. Batty – All items on the Agenda as Chairman of the Groby Parish Residents Group.

At this point Cllr. Batty declared he would have to give his apologies. He was very disappointed, despite the fact that the Chairman that given his personal condolences in respect of the demise of Cllr. Yarwood's wife, that the condolences of the whole of the Parish Council had not been expressed. He offered his apologies and stated he had not the stomach for taking part in the Meeting.

The Chairman stated he had not asked members to observe a minutes silence because of the correspondence he had received from Cllr. Batty.

At this point it was verified that there were sufficient members present to constitute a quorum.

The Chairman at this point informed those present that he had received a request to cancel the meeting, it was not within his power to cancel the meeting and having taken instructions from the Clerk, who concurred the meeting should take place, the meeting had been legally convened.

At this point Cllrs. York and Lock joined the Meeting.

Personal interests were declared by:

Cllr. York – Allotments (Holder and Allotment Society Committee Member).

Cllr. Lock – Planning Application re 31 Farr Wood Close.

Cou/350/04-05 Minutes of the Meetings held on the 24th January 2005, 31st January 2005 and 7th February 2005.

Copies of the minutes of the Meeting held on the 31st January 2005 were circulated to members immediately prior to the Meeting.

The Chairman referred to a document that had been circulated by the Clerk that set out a number of amendments suggested by Cllr. Batty to the minutes.

In view of the absence of some members the Chairman said there were now two choices. Either defer all three sets of minutes to the next meeting or approve them now and go through the amendments. The consensus was to approve the minutes and deal with any amendments.

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th January 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, be agreed as a true record subject to the following amendments:

Minute Cou/301/04-05 Matters Arising – Correspondence Item 5 – Delete first sentence and insert “Cllr. Batty understood that it had been agreed that the Parish Council would come up with an alternative scheme and keep the residents advised, not for the Clerk to write to the residents asking them to come up with a scheme. He was appalled by this and was of the opinion that this did little credit to the Council.”

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on the 31st January 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, be agreed as a true record.

Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th February 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, be agreed as a true record subject to the following amendments:

Minute Cou/327/04-05 Public Participation – In fifth paragraph at the end of the fifth line insert “Cllr. Batty offered to check the relevant Parish Council file with Mr Buckley to establish the actual position. Cllr. Batty and Cllr. Yarwood expressed concern that insufficient priority was being given to respond to issues, concerns and complaints that had been notified to the Council by residents.”

Minute Cou/329/04-05 Correspondence – Item No 1 – Insert in Action column “Cllr. Batty pointed out that he had considerable direct experience of such matters and that he could not accept that the necessary quotes could not have been obtained within six months and expressed his concern that the level of attention given to this matter was not satisfactory.”

Minute Cou/340/04-05 Quality Parish Council – Insert after the first paragraph “The Chairman stated that he did not think that the Council should even consider taking on any more responsibility as it appeared that it could not cope with its present workload, given the proffered opinions of some.”

Minute Cou/343/04-05 Playing Fields Committee – In the resolution amend the second reference to “Forest Rise” to “Forest Close”

The Chairman asked for it to be recorded that it had been deduced from the written comments of Cllr. Batty on the minutes of the 7th February 2005 that he (Cllr. Batty) was not entirely happy with the contents of Minute Cou/340/04-05 Quality Parish Council.

Cllr. York commented that no reference had been included in the minutes regarding the support expressed at the previous meeting for the work that the Clerk was doing.

Cllr. Allison joined the Meeting during the discussion on the above item of business.

Cou/351/04-05 Matters Arising.

Minute Cou/333/04-05 Correspondence Continued - Cllr. Hollick referred to a letter he had received from Richard Robinson, Prospective Labour Party Candidate for Charnwood that incorrectly stated that the Parish Council was intending selling the Car Park at Quarry Playing Field to Druck and felt that the Council should respond to set the record straight. The Chairman reiterated his view that the Parish Council should not get involved in party politics.

Minute Cou/327-04-05 Public Participation – Cllr. Lock referred to Cllr. Batty’s written comment. Cllr. Batty had met Mr Buckley prior to this meeting in the Council Chamber to inspect the relevant files. Cllr. Batty had also arranged, along with Cllr. Dickson to visit Mr Buckley’s home and report back in more detail to the Council in respect of Mr Buckley’s complaint.

Minute Cou/336/04-05 Shrub Beds Beacon Field – Cllr. Purves reported on the site meeting that had taken place on Saturday 12th February 2005 at 10.30 am with local residents. There appeared to be two points of view being put forward. One was to have raised beds with shrubs; the other was to have something more simplified. The residents would be happy with anything the Council came up with although they did express a major concern that children could roam across the area. The other concern was to ensure that access was retained for the grass mowing contractor. Cllr. Purves suggested putting in some plants that were tolerant to

clay/heavy/waterlogged soil and had identified six or seven varieties that would be suitable providing they were set at the right time and given a good start with some manure. It was agreed Cllr. Purves and Cllr. Coates would look at this suggestion and come back with a costed action plan.

The Meeting adjourned at 7.46 pm for Public Participation.

Cou/352/04-05 Public Participation.

Martin Cartwright, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group referred to the item on the Agenda regarding the Budget and Precept Leaflet for 2005/06 and stated he was concerned about references in the draft document to the Parish Plan. The Chairman stated Standing Orders by agreement with members present would be suspended when this item was reached on the Agenda to allow Mr Cartwright to speak, given that this matter was very much exceptional and reflected the position of Chair of the Parish Plan Steering Group.

No other member of the public wished to address the Council.

The Meeting reconvened at 7.48 pm following Public Participation.

Cou/353/04-05 LANDshapes Presentation

The Chairman welcomed Ms Lucy Ashworth, LANDshapes Community Officer to the Meeting and invited her to give her presentation on how the Parish Council could become involved in the LANDshapes Project.

Ms Asworth explained that she was employed by the National Forest Company on the LANDshapes Project; a Heritage Lottery funded three year project that was due to end in June 2006 although it was anticipated it would continue beyond that date. Ms Ashworth was part of a small team based at Moira. The project was about the creation of a website to record and make available heritage information about the area of the National Forest. There were over seven hundred parishes within the area of the National Forest, and indeed, half of Groby Parish was within the National Forest.

The archive of information was up and running; it was interactive and information was being collected on the heritage of the National Forest. Work already done could be preserved e.g. work done by a local heritage group or parish records could be stored electronically or a reference could be included on the website to signpost people to the information. The website could also be used to promote local heritage.

The archive information was freely accessible to all. She added, to make a contribution it was necessary to register and follow a very simple thirteen step process.

Contributors own audio/video tapes could be digitised and included on the archive. Funding was available for heritage projects. These could be research projects or sculptures that depicted the local heritage or one-off ideas. Funding could not be available for employing staff.

Ms Ashworth was visiting as many groups as she could to encourage their involvement, and she had spoken to Cllr. Coates about the involvement of the Local Heritage Group.

Ms Asworth answered members' questions.

The Chairman thought it would be a good idea to have a link to the Parish's own website and suggested Ms. Ashworth liaise with the Clerk on this matter.

Members expressed the view that the project had great potential for recording and preserving the local heritage. In order to gather information it was suggested an article in Spot Light and on the Goby Directory Website would be worthwhile. A local meeting was discussed.

The Chairman thanked Ms Asworth for her presentation and wished her every success with the LANDshapes Project.

Cou/354/04-05 Correspondence.

The Clerk submitted a list of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, for the action to be determined by the Council:

Item No.	<i>Received From</i>	<i>Summary of Contents</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	Quarry Playing Field - Potential Contamination Issues. (Copy of letter attached).	Noted and inform Council's insurers of outcome of investigation. Also noted that HBBC would continue to monitor the site. Although drainage system was in a poor condition it was considered to be adequate unless the usage intensified.
2	The National Forest	Parish Paragons in The National Forest. (Copy of letter attached).	Place an article in the Spot Light Magazine seeking suitable nominations.
3	Office of Deputy Prime Minister	Citizen Engagement and Public Services: Why Neighbours Matter and Vibrant Local Communities. Comments invited.	Noted. Documents to be placed in the Office for members to view if they so wish.
4	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Membership Renewal	Renew at a cost of £25.
5	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	Campaign for Fairtrade Borough Status - Support for campaign.	When ever possible and practicable goods be secured from a "fairtrade" source.
6	Stepping Stones	Annual Stakeholders' and Members' Meeting - 27th April 2005 at 5.30 pm at County Hall.	Any member wishing to attend to inform Clerk.
7	Charnwood Borough Council	Charnwood Development Framework - Statement of Community Involvement and Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Documents.	Noted. (Cllr. Allison reviewed the documents during the course of the Meeting).
8	Rural Community Council	2005 Best Village Competition	Agreed not to enter.
9	Peter Gibb	Use of Council Chamber 20th April 2005	Request acceded to subject to a donation of £50 being received.
10	Defra	Environmental Stewardship - Invitation to Launch Meeting	No member nominated to attend.

Resolved that the actions set out in the above list be approved.

The Clerk submitted a list of correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, detailing correspondence received/actioned by him for the period 31st January 2005 to 14th February 2005. The Clerk answered members' questions thereon.

Members referred to the letter from Inspector Ball, copies of which had been previously circulated to all members, and concluded nothing further could be done at the present time.

Cllr. Hollick asked if any progress had been made with the Notice Boards. The Clerk stated he was having difficulty getting local carpenters to quote for the refurbishments and was now looking at whether it would be cost effective to buy all new boards.

Cllr. Kennard referred to the two letters (15648 & 15649) received from Cllr. Batty, copies of which had been circulated to all members and suggested they had not appeared on the Agenda as they had probably missed the cut-off date. The Clerk commented that correspondence should not generally be used as a device by Members to place items on the Agenda. The Parish Council's own Standing Orders set out the prescribed procedure.

The Chairman referred to the letter from Cllr. Batty (15651) and sought clarification. The Clerk explained that a letter addressed to Cllr. Batty and marked "Private and Confidential" had been received with the Parish Council post and had been inadvertently opened. The Clerk stated the matter had not yet been resolved. He also stated that whilst he had opened the letter, which was from the Standards Board, he had not read the contents. Members empathized how easily this can occur and felt such correspondence from official bodies would be better directed and addressed to a Councillor's residence.

Resolved the list of correspondence received/actioned by the Clerk be noted.

Cou/355/04-05 Notice of Motion – Grounds Maintenance Staff

Cllr. Allison proposed and Cllr. Purves seconded:

- i) To carry out a work study of existing grounds maintenance operations including the locking and unlocking of gates at a cost up to £10,000.
- ii) To compare the results of the work study to recognised data to enable the Council to come to an informed view on whether it is currently achieving value for money and a good service.
- iii) In the light of the results of the study and the comparator information identify the best method of providing the grounds maintenance service including the option of externalisation.
- iv) Inform the staff of the Council's decision and seek their support to the process.

Resolved:

- i) To carry out a work study of existing grounds maintenance operations including the locking and unlocking of gates at a cost up to £10,000.**
- ii) To compare the results of the work study to recognised data to enable the Council to come to an informed view on whether it is currently achieving value for money and a good service.**
- iii) In the light of the results of the study and the comparator information identify the best method of providing the grounds maintenance service including the option of externalisation.**
- iv) Inform the staff of the Council's decision and seek their support to the process.**

Cou/356/04-05 **Payment of Accounts.**

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Inland Revenue	Tax & N.I.	1599.96
Konica Minolta	Photocopies	23.41
George Walker	Rails for steps at Castell Park	52.88
MAP Waste	Waste Collection	35.25
Vipans (1960) Ltd	Wheelbarrow & hardware	62.80
ESPO	Stationery	40.64
Granart	Rose Plaque	39.00
George Walker Ltd	Posts & Nails - Castell Park steps	27.07
Thrust/Gulf Account Cards	Fuel & Goods	160.86
Parish Dog Warden Services	Dog Warden	221.00
Leicestershire Footpath Asscn	Annual Subscription	5.00
Martin Cartwright	Parish Plan - Reimbursement of cost of ink cartridge £14.98 and telephone and postage costs £68.00	82.98
	Total	£2,350.85

Cllr. York requested confirmation that the Granart Rose Plaque costs were recharged. The Clerk confirmed they were.

Cllr. York asked about the Dog Warden service and what the Dog Warden was doing. Cllr. Marvin felt she was doing an excellent job and had been approaching dog owners to explain who she was and to ensure they were aware of their responsibilities as a dog owner. The Clerk explained that at the present time she was unable to issue fixed penalty notices as the appropriate authority from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council had not yet been received. It was felt anyway that initially warning notices should be issued. It was also suggested a suitable article should be included in the Spot Light Magazine.

Resolved the payment of the above accounts be approved.

Cou/357/04-05 **Website Hosting Renewal**

The Clerk requested authority to extend the website hosting arrangements with Greenwave Technology for a further twelve months.

The Chairman asked if there were any other alternatives that would be more cost effective. The Clerk explained there were a number of other alternatives but he had not had the time to evaluate them.

Resolved that:

- i) **The website hosting arrangements with Greenwave Technology be renewed for a further twelve months.**
- ii) **In six months time work be commenced on researching the other options available.**

Cou/358/04-05 Use of Quarry Playing Field

Cllr. Kennard summarised the outcome of the consultation that taken place with residents in Forest Rise, Forest View and Forest Close. 76 letters had been delivered by hand on Tuesday 8th February 2005. Six responses had been received, five for and one against. The comments made were; “agree if cars stick to speed limits”; “yes, like the idea as long as parking is orderly”; “yes as long as cars park on the Car Park” and “no, already more than enough traffic on weekdays from school traffic, also scouts in evening and could be more than twenty cars”.

Cllr. Kennard went on to say, that should the Parish Council agree to the request of Groby Juniors Football Club, it should be pointed out to them that the agreement for them to use the Playing Field will be monitored and any complaints received regarding traffic volume, speed or inconsiderate parking by anyone participating in the matches, players or spectators, will be investigated by the Parish Council and if proven could result in the withdrawal of the agreement.

Cllr. Kennard, in the absence of the other members of the Playing Fields Committee, felt the use should be granted.

Cllr. Lock enquired about the status of the minutes of the Playing Fields Committee that had met on the 31st January 2005. The Clerk reminded members that Cllr. Kennard had given a verbal report at the last meeting but the actual minutes had not yet been produced. Cllr. Lock’s concern was to ensure that what ever had been discussed at that meeting and agreed was included in the agreement. Charges had been discussed and it had been recommended that a charge of £10 per match would be made. The Clerk clarified this would not be subject to VAT.

It was suggested a clause should be included in the agreement to the effect that any breach of conditions may result in the immediate cancellation of the agreement.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lock and seconded by Cllr. Hollick that a permit to use Quarry Playing Field is granted to Groby Juniors Football Club.

Resolved that permission be granted to Groby Juniors Football Club for the use of Quarry Playing Field on the terms set out in the Clerk’s letter dated 25th January 2005 but also to include a charge of £10 per match and a cancellation clause in the event of a breach of any of the conditions subject to the Permit for Use being approved at the Meeting on the 7th March 2005.

Cou/359/04-05 Allotments.

The Clerk requested delegated authority to issue notices to quit to tenants of allotments for non payment of rent or other breaches of the Tenancy Agreement.

Resolved the Clerk be granted delegated authority to issue notices to quit to tenants of allotments for non payment of rent or other breaches of the Tenancy Agreement.

(Members who were allotments holders abstained from voting)

Cou/360/04-05 Internal Audit 2004-05.

Members considered the appointment of Mr Ian Fraser to carry out the Internal Audit for the 2004 - 05 financial year.

Resolved that Mr Ian Fraser be appointed to carry out the Internal Audit for the 2004-05 financial year.

Cou/361/04-05 Mowing Equipment.

Members considered the report of Henton & Chattell, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, on the condition and suitability of the John Deere Tractor/Mower for grass mowing.

Members noted that the report confirmed the view that had been previously expressed that the mower was not the right mower for the job it was expected to do. The report confirmed the mower was in excellent condition for its age, was well maintained and was properly set up.

Cllr. Lock considered there were three options available to the Council. Firstly, it could continue to run the existing mower without servicing and run the risk of it failing. Secondly continue to use the existing mower but have it serviced in accordance with the quotation already received. Thirdly investigate the cost of a replacement mower of the type suggested by Henton & Chattell (John Deere 1445 Rotary). This to include new with a trade-in and second hand with a trade-in. Cllr. Lock went on to say that doing nothing was not an option.

Cllr. Allison reminded members that they had agreed to undertake a review of the grounds maintenance operations and if the outcome was that this element of the work was contracted out would purchase of a new unit now be the most cost effective solution. He suggested that contract hire should also be explored as an option and costs obtained for a twelve month period.

The Clerk informed members that a new machine would be in the region of £13,745 before trade-in, the figure quoted by Henton & Chattell, whilst a second hand machine would be in the region of £6,000 net of trade-in value. He was aware of two such machines that were currently available. Before committing to any purchase a demonstration would be required and the machine would need to be inspected.

Members were of the view that the second hand option should be pursued with the final decision being taken by the Council at its next Meeting. A demonstration would be arranged to which members would be invited and figures would be obtained for the contract hire option to enable an informed decision to be made.

Cllr. Kennard stated that unfortunately Cllr. Batty was not present but his letter of the 27th November made some very snide and unwarranted comments about the Clerk and Grounds Staff. His view was that the Clerk and the Grounds Staff deserved a public and fulsome apology for the comments in his letter.

Resolved that:

- i) The report of Henton & Chattell be noted.**
- ii) The option of purchasing a second hand John Deere 1455 Rotary Mower be pursued.**
- iii) A demonstration be arranged to which all members are to be invited.**
- iv) Costs be obtained for short term contract hire.**
- v) The matter be considered further at the next Meeting.**

Cou/362/04-05 Meeting with Markfield Parish Council re Play Equipment for Field Head.

Members considered the report of the meeting that had taken place on Tuesday the 8th February 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated to members.

Resolved the report on the meeting with Markfield Parish Council be noted.

Cou/363/04-05 Budget and Precept Leaflet 2005-06

The Clerk referred to the item that had been included in the revenue budget for the provision of a Police Outreach Worker at a cost of £5,000. Unfortunately although this item had appeared in the budget detail it had not been included in the expenditure total and was not therefore in the Precept figure. As the Precept could not now be altered the alternatives were to leave this item out of the budget, fund it by reducing another scheme or fund it from the reserves. Members were of the view that as this was a budget commitment it should be left in the budget and funded from reserves.

At this point it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Martin Cartwright to address the Parish Council about his unease with the leaflet.

Mr Cartwright expressed his apprehension about the references in the original draft to the Parish Plan and the way the Precept increase had been explained; he did not want to see the Parish Plan process, which was completely independent of the Parish Council, adversely affected by the comments in the leaflet or the comments to be misconstrued and discourage residents from returning their forms. Mr Cartwright had received a copy of a second draft, copies of which had been circulated to all members on the night, which he was happier with. He suggested some minor amendments which members were agreeable to. It was clarified that there would not be a conflict of timing on delivery of the leaflet and the questionnaire.

Members suggested some minor amendments to the text and the collaborative exercise concluded.

At this point the agreement to suspend Standing Orders was rescinded.

Resolved that:

- i) **The provision of a Police Outreach Worker in the sum of £5,000 be retained as an item in the Budget to be funded from reserves.**
- ii) **The amendments as discussed be made to the draft leaflet.**

Cou/364/04-05 Planning Applications

<i>Reference Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Comments</i>
05/00006/FUL	31 Farr Wood Close	Extensions and alterations to dwelling.	No objection subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning applications or conditions outstanding.
05/00008/FUL	258 Leicester Road, Markfield	Extensions and alterations to dwelling.	Object. Over development. Not in keeping with the surrounding area.
05/00049/FUL	3 Warrington Drive	Extensions and alterations to dwelling.	Object. Over development. Not in keeping with the surrounding area.
05/00096/FUL	41 Farr Wood Close	Erection of Conservatory	No objection subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning applications or conditions outstanding.

Cllr. Lock left the Council Chamber during the discussion on the planning application relating to 31 Farr Wood Close.

Cllr. Purves reported on a site meeting that had taken place that day re the planning application for 13 units on land adjacent 30 Markfield Road. Cllr Purves together with Cllrs. Batty and Coates had met with four representatives of the Planning and Regulatory Committee of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council together with two Borough Council officers and the Architect from the Developer. Cllr. Purves stated that all the original concerns that had been raised by the Parish Council were discussed. Before the Borough Council representatives had arrived there had been an opportunity to speak to the Architect and he saw no reason why the farmyard scenario was not feasible; he thought it was a very good idea, he liked the windows in the conversion and it had to be done that way. It was vociferously stressed by the Parish Council representatives that a farmyard conversion was totally inappropriate to Groby, and no way in keeping. It was pointed out that the development was in the Conservation Area but it was accepted that the application would probably not be refused so it was a matter of damage limitation. It was therefore stated that all the large and velux windows were inappropriate as were the Georgian doors. Concerns were raised about sewage and the water. Sewage would have to be pumped off site to the main sewer and surface water had not been thought about but would possibly have to go into soakaways. A six foot high fence was proposed to counter noise from the A50. This surprised members as the Wilson Development was required to provide an earth bund. It was pointed out to the Hinckley and Bosworth representatives that the noise monitoring had been carried out at a time when the traffic volumes were low and they were asked to confirm that they still adhered to their conservation policies and they confirmed they did.

It was agreed that a strong detailed objection letter be sent to the Chairman of the Planning and Regulatory Committee of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council prior to the consideration of the application at the Meeting on the 22nd February 2005.

Cllr. Hollick asked if was known what was happening with the Klondyke site on Newtown Linford lane. As the enforcement officer at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council had been involved it was agreed to initially seek some clarification from that source.

Cllr. Lock referred to the papers that had been prepared by Cllr. Batty on 53-55 Markfield Road and having gone through it, was concerned about the issues it raised and also, as Cllr. Batty was not present, that it was not lost sight of. Members considered what the best way to deal with this issue was. Cllr. Allison felt the Parish Council was losing confidence in Hinckley and Bosworth as a Planning Authority; either the Parish Council did not fully understand the constraints under which the Planning Authority was working or it was not doing its job properly. Members were alarmed and felt action needed to be taken. The discussion focussed upon sending an immediate letter to the Chief Executive at Hinckley and Bosworth. However, in view of the pending decision on the application in respect of the development adjacent 30 Markfield Road, it was agreed that Cllr. Batty's letter should be an item on the next agenda.

Resolved that:

- i) The Clerk informs Hinckley and Bosworth of the Parish Council's comments on planning applications as set out in the table above.**
- ii) The Clerk sends a letter to the Chairman of the Planning and Regulatory Committee reiterating the Council's severe misgivings with the application in respect of the development adjacent 30 Markfield Road.**
- iii) Cllr. Batty's letter re 53-55 Markfield Road be an item on the next agenda.**

Cou/365/04-05 Mowing Equipment Continued.

The Clerk requested authority to dispose of the surplus Clearway Mower that was no longer in use. He also requested authority to dispose of the old skate board ramps, the metal goal post netting that had been removed for safety reasons, and a small trailer that was no longer used.

The Clerk informed members that Wicksteed Leisure had started work on installing the play equipment on Marina Park and this had highlighted a problem with access as the barrier could not be removed without lifting gear. The Clerk requested authority to have the barrier modified to enable it to swing open.

Resolved that:

- i) The Clerk be authorised to dispose of the Clearway Mower, the old skate board ramps, the metal goal post netting and the small trailer.**
- ii) The Clerk be authorised to have the barrier at the Marina Drive entrance to the Park modified to enable it to swing open.**

Cou/366/04-05 Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 7th March 2005 at 7.30 pm at the Council Offices.

The Meeting closed at 10.03 pm.

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