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## **Groby Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Groby Parish Council held at 7.00 pm on Monday 23rd May 2005 at the Parish Council Chamber, Leicester Road, Groby.**

**Cou/028/05-06 Present.**

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

Clerk Mr J H Flower. County Councillor Fraser (Part). Members of the Public.

**Cou/029/05-06 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllrs. Coates and Yarwood.

**Cou/030/05-06 Declarations of Interest.**

Personal interests were declared by:

Cllr. Dickson – All items relating to the Groby Parish Residents Group.

Cllr. Beck – Planning Application 30 Markfield Road.

Cllr. Hollick – Allotments and Groby Village Hall.

Cllr. Kennard – Parish Plan.

Cllr. Emmerson – Allotments and Planning Application 30 Markfield Road.

Cllr. York – Allotments and Planning Application re 30 Markfield Road.

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

Cllr. Hodges – Public Open Space specifically Stamford Drive.

**Cou/031/05-06 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr. Allison read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office that the Clerk also signed.

Cllr. Hagan congratulated Cllr. Allison on being elected Chairman unopposed.

**Cou/032/05-06 Minutes of the Council Meetings held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005.**

The Chairman asked last for future meetings that if members had factual corrections to make to the minutes they could inform the Clerk in advance of the meeting so the Clerk could inform the meeting of those changes and if members wanted to propose a formal amendment to the minutes that they came to the meeting with the actual form of wording they would like to change so that it can be put to the Council

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, be agreed as a true record subject to the following amendment:**

**Minute Cou/004/05-06 – Election of Chairman – Insert after “Hodges” the words “and seconded by Cllr. Hagan” and add a new paragraph “Cllr. Hodges also felt it was time for a change in leadership; a point which the retiring Chairman thoroughly agreed with, as well as the request for a recorded vote made by Cllr. Hodges. Cllr. Hagan (in the Chair) stated he was saddened that he would not see an ideal opportunity for Cllr. Batty to preside and show his metal. After members consensus the decision of a show of hands as against previous process of ballot there being only one nominee the Chairman was delighted to retire and witness someone else in the “hot seat”. Insert after the resolution “(For Cllrs. Batty, Beck, Coates, Dickson, Emmerson, Hagan, Hodges, Hollick, Jones, Kennard, Lock, Marvin, Purves and York. Abstention: Cllr. Yarwood)”**

**Minute Cou/006/05-06 – Election of Vice Chairman** – Insert after the second sentence “**The Chairman in answer to the question from Cllr. Batty pointed out that this had been done by major party leaders in the May 5<sup>th</sup> Election. Members of this Council were at perfect liberty to vote for themselves.**”

**Minute Cou/007/05-06 – Representatives on Outside Bodies** – Insert at end of minute “**After the debate and the ultimate Chairman’s casting vote, the Vice Chairman to be absolutely accurate, Cllr. Coates the Vice Chairman of the Landfill Liaison Committee was not re-elected as the Council’s representative.**

**Cllr. Hagan expressed a desire to go back onto the Police Liaison Committee but said he would be happy to defer if Cllr. Batty wanted to continue”.**

**Minute Cou/014/05-06 - Matters Arising – Parish Plan** – insert a further paragraph “**After a protracted debate and intervention by the Vice Chairman, members restated that the minute referred to was factually correct; a point Cllr. Batty and others did not wish to accede to.”.**

**Minute Cou/014/05-06 - Matters Arising – Dog Warden Service** – After the penultimate sentence insert “**The Council felt that it was not receiving what should be the most professional services”.**

**Minute/013/05-06 – Police Report** – In the second paragraph delete “**Kelley**” and add “**Kelly**”.

**Minute Cou/017/05-06 – Borough Councillor’s Report** – Insert at end of minute “**Cllr. Batty challenged Cllr. Collins whether the comments he had made were yet part of legislation and had been challenged. Cllr. Collins answered no and no”.**

**Minute Cou/022/05-06 – Planning Applications** – Insert in the resolution after the words “**table above**” the words “**and its total dissatisfaction and bemusement at how planning decisions that have been taken which disregard due process and consultation in the strongest possible terms and also that Cllr. Collins takes this up with Officers at the earliest possible opportunity”.**

**Cou/033/05-06 Matters Arising.**

**Minute Cou/007/05-06 – Representatives on Outside Bodies** – Cllr. Hagan enquired what steps were being taken to secure a third seat on the Landfill Liaison Committee following Cllr. Coates’s failure to be re-elected; a matter that had been discussed at the last Meeting. It was agreed the Clerk would submit a request for a further seat on the Committee.

**Minute Cou/019/05-06 – Parish Plan Update** – Cllr. Hodges commented that at the last Meeting when the minutes were passed it was very damning of the Parish Plan and advised caution when producing minutes and possibly missing out some of the detail.

*The Meeting adjourned for Public Participation at 7.33 pm*

**Cou/034/05-06 Public Participation.**

The Chairman acknowledged that there were a large number of people in the public gallery who had come for the item on the Field Head Crossing and stated that having heard their views he would move the item on the agenda to the next item of business.

A number of residents spoke on the Field Head Crossing proposal. A number of points were made including the fact that there was not a more dangerous location for this crossing on the A50 between the Landfill and the Markfield islands and at its proposed location it was going to cause accidents as vehicles came off the Markfield Island at speed heading towards Leicester. A resident asked who gave Markfield Parish Council the right to move the crossing to the Markfield boundary and that there had been no consultation with the Field Head residents. Another resident pointed out that he had children who caught the bus on Ratby Lane which meant they had to walk all the way to the top of the road to cross over and walk down and the other thing was the shops are based on Ratby Lane and he felt that where the proposal for the crossing was totally nonsensical. Another resident stated children were breaking down the wire fence opposite Ratby Lane to cross to cross the A50 and that oneday someone would be killed. A resident referred to a letter he had received that stated that the permanent location of the bus stop would be consulted on as part of the consultation on the Toucan Crossing but felt that the location had already been settled.

County Councillor David Sprason stated that this was the start of the consultation and two sites had been identified, the location opposite the Coach and Horses Public House and the other at the Ratby

Lane/Leicester Road junction. The design work had been done on one and further design work was being done on the other. When the design work had been done on the second scheme this would also come to the Parish Council for comments. He confirmed that the Parish Council and the people of Field Head would be part of the consultation.

Cllr. Hagan sought clarification as to whether or not there had been consultation with the residents of Field Head. A resounding no came back from the public gallery.

A resident referred to the Parish Plan questionnaire and the fact that he had at the previous meeting listened to Mr Cartwright's argument that he had put forward and the varying degrees of apology that had been given on the night. He went on to say that at the meeting that had taken place in the Car Park with Mr Dorrell about the travellers he had returned his questionnaire that night; he handed it to a member of the Parish Council and his words to him were "You might as well chuck that in the bin". He then went on to say something along the lines of "it was a one man crusade and that was what had put the precept up". The resident found this absolutely disgusting that a member of the Parish Council, when the Council was trying to put forward things like that as a body can be said to an individual and a resident. What made it even more disgusting was that it was the then Council Chairman. He asked what the Council intended doing about it.

A resident made the point that the crossing was for the people of Field Head and felt that if a majority wanted it at the Ratby Lane location why it should be at the Field Head Island. A straw poll was taken of those in favour of the Ratby Lane location which was overwhelmingly in favour of that location. Cllr Batty referred to a petition that had been given to him that day containing 151 signatures totally rejecting the proposal that had been sent from the County Council.

The Chairman responded to the comments made by a resident about the Parish Plan. As the current Chairman he valued the Parish Plan and thought it was an important exercise for the future of the Village and he would be encouraging the Parish Council to take on board and listen to the views of what people had expressed in that document. He was not going to make any commitment until he had seen the results of the survey but he had been one of the greatest advocates of the process and he had his support in seeing that the process was completed properly.

Cllr Hagan comment was "no comment".

*The Meeting reconvened following Public Participation at 7.45 pm.*

**Cou/035/05-06 Consultation re Proposed Toucan Crossing and Bus Stop Location – A50 Leicester Road Field Head.**

Members considered the consultation document received from the Leicestershire County Council on its proposal to locate the Toucan Crossing and Bus Stop opposite the Coach and Horses Public House, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, together with a further letter from the County Council to Mr M Wilkinson, Editor of the Groby and Field Head Spotlight Magazine copies of which were circulated at the Meeting.

Cllr. Batty referred to a letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2004 from the Leicestershire County Council that had been received in response to the Clerk's enquiry re the bus stop and in particular the paragraph in the letter that stated "Since most people in Field Head live south of the A50 the positioning of a safe crossing point is critical in estimating walking distances to Leicester bound bus stops. I suggest that the best next steps are first to await the decision on the pedestrian crossing and then our staff can meet with your Council and with Mr Fraser your local County Councillor to review the whole situation with the bus stops and make sure we get the best solution overall". Cllr. Batty went on to say that when a meeting was requested in January 2005 this was declined as being pointless and the Clerk was advised that full consultation would take place by the end February. At the County Council Highways and Waste Management Scrutiny Committee Meeting in November 2004, which he had attended with Mr Gutteridge, when it was announced that the crossing was going to be put in place. One of the main reasons was the safety aspect and the fact that it was needed to provide a unifying effect to what is a divided community, very important points. At that Meeting, the Markfield Parish Councillor, Councillor Sprason spoke strongly for a location near the Field Head Roundabout as it would make his School Travel Plan work and also in his opinion it would help to deal with the congestion around the Field Head Island Hotel. To date the only drawings that have been done were for the crossing that Mr Sprason had asked for and Cllr. Batty noted no drawings had been done for the alternative location at the Ratby Lane junction. Cllr. Batty went on to refer to the Parish Council minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2005 (Minute 290) when he had enquired about the site meeting with the County re the bus

stop when the Clerk had informed him that the County had declined such a meeting and saw no value in meeting at this stage as there was to be full consultation with residents by the end of February. On the position of the crossing and the siting of the bus stop and shelter, the temporary bus shelter was due to be erected the following week. Six weeks later the bus shelter was erected. Cllr Batty then referred to Minute 308 at the same meeting when a discussion took place on the Temporary Bus Stop Field Head when he had made the point that this was a very contentious issue and that he had had a petition handed to him that weekend at that time signed by fifteen bus users strongly objecting to the siting of this temporary bus stop and a number of letters pointing out how dangerous that particular spot was for life and limb. Residents were of the same view as Cllr. Batty that it was part of an agenda to have the crossing sited at the Field Head Island location which would not benefit the residents of Field Head. There had been a number of accidents close to the bus stop and lorries pull up in the lay-by all the time. It was not a safe spot, it was an exposed location and the addition of a bus shelter would turn it into a shower cubicle in wet weather with spray from the road. Cllr. Batty referred to the comments made by Cllr. Alison that the Parish Council should be saying to the County Council that they should carry out effective consultation with all residents and take their decision in the light of the majority view. At that time Cllr. Batty had commented that only six people had been consulted on the temporary bus stop. The outcome of that discussion was that the Parish council had resolved that it expresses its acute concern to the County Council on the dangerous repositioning of this temporary bus stop and requests that the temporary shelter is not erected until full consultation has been undertaken by the County Council with the residents concerned. Cllr. Batty stated that none of that had happened and the point he wished to make was that the residents of Field Head are part of the Parish and members represented them and that they needed to be represented as they were getting the short end of the straw.

Cllr. Batty proposed that this Council puts its full support writing to Leicestershire County Council to request that immediate and urgent consultation is undertaken with all residents of Field Head with regard to their preferred location of the A50 Pedestrian Road Crossing and resiting of the Bus Shelter.

Cllr Hodges moved an amendment to the proposition that the Parish Council rejects outright the current site recommendation.

Members debated at some length the issues raised by the location of the crossing and bus shelter on the Markfield boundary and the unsuitability of the site particularly when there was overwhelming support from the residents of Field Head to have the crossing and bus shelter located near the junction of Rat by Lane/Leicester Road.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

**Resolved that the Parish Council rejects outright the current site recommendation and puts its full support writing to Leicestershire County Council to request that immediate and urgent consultation is undertaken with all residents or Field Head with regard to their preferred location or the A50 Pedestrian Road Crossing and resiting or the Bus Shelter near to the Ratby Lane/Leicester Road junction.**

**Cou/036/05-06 Payment of Accounts.**

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
Guardian Security (Leic) Ltd	Keyholding – Cemetery	528.75
Konica Minolta	Photocopies	35.11
MAP Waste	Waste collection	38.78
SFB Tyres	Tyre for John Deere	61.10
Thrust/Gulf Account cards	Fuel/Goods	291.66
Mkt Bosworth Farm Sales	Weed killer	29.38
George Walker Ltd	Rails	10.48

ESPO	Office stationery	87.07
Vipans (1960) Ltd	Various hardware	50.11
Wildwood	Steel fuel can	15.22
Henton & Chattell Ltd	Belt for mower	44.40
Mrs S Beck	Reimbursement for Groby In Bloom plants	28.77
British Telecommunications plc	Office bill	129.75
M Cartwright	Data Input Grant	1490.00
M Purves	Reimbursement for Groby In Bloom plants	111.40
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,951.98</b>

The Clerk answered members' questions thereon.

**Resolved the payment of the above accounts be approved.**

**Cou/037/05-06 Banking Signatories**

**Resolved that the Parish Council's signatories for the purpose of its bank accounts with HSBC pic. be as follows:**

**CIlr. Allison  
CIlr. Lock  
CIlr. Purves  
CIlr. Kennard  
CIlr. Marvin  
CIlr. Hodges**

**Cou/038/05-06 Renewal of Insurances**

Members considered the report of Cllrs. Lock Batty and Hodges, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, on the Policy and Renewal documents, the sums insured and the extent of the cover.

**Resolved that:**

- i) The Parish Council's insurances be renewed with Allianz Cornhill with effect from 1st June 2005 for one year.**
- ii) Further consideration be given to the issues identified in the report when more information is available.**

**Cou/039/05-06 Staff Annual Pay Award.**

The Clerk advised members that as part of a three year pay award an annual cost of living increase of 2.95% effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 had been agreed by the National Negotiating Body and this increase had been built into the budget for 2005/06.

**Resolved staff salaries, with the exception of the payments for opening and closing gates, be increased by 2.95% with effect from 1st April 2005.**

**Cou/040/05-06 Planning Applications.**

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Comments</i>
05/00428/FUL	74 Jacqueline Road Markfield	Extensions and alterations to dwelling	<b>No objection</b> subject to there being no other planning conditions outstanding.
05/00485/FUL	9 Chestnut Walk	Extension to dwelling	<b>No objection</b> subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning conditions outstanding.
0500491/FUL	23 Meadowcourt Road	Extensions and alterations to dwelling	<b>No objection</b> subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning conditions outstanding.

**Resolved that the Clerk informs Hinckley and Bosworth of the Parish Council's comments on planning applications as set out in the table above.**

*The Meeting was adjourned at 8.20 pm to enable County Council Fraser to address the Meeting on the Bradgate Landfill site.*

Cllr. Fraser referred to a letter he had received that day at 5.00 pm from Cllr. Batty and had three words to say about it "absolute utter rubbish". Cllr Fraser thanked the Council for allowing him to speak.

*The Meeting reconvened at 8.21 pm.*

Cllr. Hagan clarified with Cllr. Fraser that the letter he was referring to was the letter dated 14th May 2005 headed "Re: Landfill Site Serious Concerns".

Cllr. Batty commented that the Leader of the County Council did not have the same response as Cllr. Fraser; his response to Cllr. Batty when the Leader rang him was to say that he believed that Friends of the Earth were behind it and he was not totally convinced, until he had seen the results of a full investigation, what the actual situation was.

**Cou/041/05-06 Bradgate Landfill Site.**

Members considered the situation with regard to the alleged tipping of hazardous waste at the Bradgate Landfill Site.

Cllr. Batty explained that it was a difficult situation because the posters that was put through letter boxes and placed on the notice boards were anonymous and therefore it could not be given too much credibility . He also understood a number of complaints that had been made to the County Council that had been referred to the Environment agency for investigation. Cllr Batty reiterated that the Leader of the County Council had spoken to a couple of local residents who had assured him it was Friends of the Earth involved and basically it was all pure speculation.

Cllr Hagan commented that in view of the seriousness of the allegations in the letter he had telephoned the appropriate officer at the County Council but had not had a response back.

**Resolved that the Parish Council presses for a definitive answer from the Environment Agency re the ongoing investigation.**

**Cou/042/05-06 Lease of Car park Quarry Playing Field to Druck.**

The Clerk referred to the report that had been previously circulated to members setting out the issues with regard to this proposal and explained that the draft lease that was a key element had not been received from the Council's Solicitor and suggested that in view of this that the discussion and

decision be deferred until the Meeting on the 6th June 2005. However, the Clerk went on to say, if there were any issues that had come out of reading the report that members may wish to raise now and that could be clarified or cleared by the next meeting that would be helpful in progressing the proposal. And getting the matter resolved.

Cllr Hagan commented that an organisation that he was a member of was also trying to alleviate the parking problem although he did not believe it to be a conflict of interest he nevertheless left the Meeting.

Members identified a number of issues for clarification for the next Meeting. These included the accuracy of the site boundaries, the possibility of Druck reserving the additional car parking for those employees who participate in car sharing, the replacement car park surface and the costs that the Council would need to incur, the liability issue re contamination and the availability of an indemnity and the need to consult with the Scouts if any of the proposals would impact on their use of the Scout HQ. The Chairman commented that consideration would also need to be given at the next meeting to the objections that had been received and to the draft lease.

**Resolved consideration of this matter be deferred to the Meeting on the 6th June 2005.**

**Cou/043/05-06 Tenders re Footoaths Castell/Marina Park.**

Cllr. Kennard provided details of the tenders received which were as follows:

Premier Road Surfacing	£32,637.00
Leicestershire Highways	£34,698.00
Danaher & Walsh	£35,998.66
P M Harris	£39,681.00
Bardon Construction	£43,583.89
BDP Surfacing	£46,000.00

The Budget for the scheme was £35,000 with £20,000 included in the precept for 2005/06. £15,000 had been anticipated from grants and applications were in the process of being submitted to both WREN and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. Cllr. Hollick mentioned the availability of grants from FLAG.

Premier Road Surfacing had stated in its tender response that the final cost will be subject to re-measurement on completion which was an issue that needed to be clarified before accepting the lowest tender .

**Resolved that the tender of Premier Road Surfacing in the sum of £32,637 be accepted subject to the quantities used in its tender submission equating to the measured length/area of the proposed pathway etc. and confirmation of the availability of a minimum of £15,000 in grant aid for the Scheme. In the event of any doubt about the price of the Premier Road Surfacing tender, the tender of Leicestershire Highways be accepted.**

**Cou/044/05-06 Bluebell Drive Amenitv Area.**

In the absence of Cllr. Yarwood, who had taken a lead in this matter in obtaining quotations for the upgrading of the area, it was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting for Cllr. Yarwood to consider the two quotations and produce a recommendation. Cllr Purves mentioned the trees on the site that had been planted by Wilson Homes and had been removed at the request of the residents and this should be taken into account as one of the quotations included planting trees.

**Resolved this item be deferred to the Meeting on the 6th June 2005 and Cllr. Yarwood be asked to consider the two quotations and produce a recommendation.**

**Cou/045/05-06 Spinney Close Persimmon Tree Survey.**

Members considered a request from Persimmon Homes that the Parish Council takes on the long-term liability for the Managed Woodland areas following the completion by Persimmon Homes of the works identified in the Tree Survey Report.

The survey report indicated that of the 167 trees surveyed 132 required remedial work, 31 trees needed to be felled and 4 required no action.

Concern was expressed at the amount of work required and the ongoing maintenance costs that the Parish Council would be taking on if the request of Persimmon Homes was acceded to Cllr Batty suggested that a meeting with Persimmon Homes should take place to discuss the ongoing liability that the Parish Council would be taking and the contribution that Persimmon Homes would be prepared to meet those costs on the future.

**Resolved that:**

- i) **A meeting be arranged with Persimmon Homes to discuss the on-going liability the Parish Council would be taking on if it accedes to Persimmon Homes request and the contribution it would be prepared to make to meet these costs.**
- ii) **The meeting be attended by the Clerk and Cllr. Batty.**

**Cou/046/05-06 Proposed Definitive Footpath Modification Order .**

Members considered a consultation letter from the Leicestershire County, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, regarding the addition of a footpath from Markfield Road A50 to Quarry Playing Field.

Cllr. Hollick asked what had happened with the modification order with the footpath between 55 and 57 Markfield Road as he understood there was to be a Public Inquiry on this application.

Members discussed the proposal at some length.

It was proposed by Cllr . Hollick and seconded by Cllr . York that the Parish Council registers its objection to the proposal on the grounds that the path leads nowhere and the wear it could cause to the surface of the Playing Field and damage to the sports areas.

**Resolved that:**

- i) **The Parish Council registers its objection to the proposal on the following grounds:**
  - a) **The footpath does not lead anywhere apart from exiting onto the Parish Council's Playing Field.**
  - b) **The inclusion of this on the Definitive Footpath Map would encourage users to walk directly across the Playing Field to or from Forest View causing problems with wear to the surface of the Playing Field and damage to the sports areas used for organized team games.**
- ii) **The Clerk ascertains from the County Council the current situation with the Modification Order in respect of the footpath between 55 and 57 Markfield Road.**

*(In favour: Cllrs. Dickson, 'Beck, Hollick, Purves, Lock, Marvin, Kennard, Emmerson and York. Abstentions: Cllrs. Allison, Batty, Hagan and Hodges).*

*(Cllr. Jones left the Meeting during the discussion on the above item of business).*

**Cou/047/05-06 Proposed Groby Dispersal Order.**

Members gave consideration to Cllr Batty's proposal that the Parish Council makes a donation of £250 towards the administrative costs of implementing the Groby Dispersal Order. Cllr. Batty acknowledged that since he put the item on the agenda he had become aware that the Co-op had contributed £200 but still would like the parish Council to consider it as a goodwill gesture particularly as the Local Policing Unit had a new Inspector and had had a lot more support and activity locally. Cllr . Dickson seconded the proposal.

Cllr. York expressed concern at having to pay for this when local residents had already paid through the Council Tax which included the Police precept.

Cllr. Hagan suggested it would be better to agree the principle that the Parish Council makes up any shortfall in the budget which would then leave it open for the Police to come back with its precise requirement for the Council to consider. Cllr. Hagan put his suggestion as an amendment.

This was seconded by Cllr . Batty . The amendment was carried.

**Resolved that the Parish Council agrees in principle to provide some funding to help make up any shortfall in the budget for the Dispersal Order subject to it considering the precise details when these are available from the Police.**

**Cou/047/05-06 Use of Scout HQ for Band Practice.**

The Clerk reported on the outcome of the consultation with local residents on the use of the Scout HQ by the Glenfield Brass Band on Thursday evenings between 7.30 pm and 9.00 pm for band practice. Nine residents had been contacted and four had responded expressing various levels of concern re the proposed use mainly on grounds of noise.

The Chairman suggested that the members should be mindful of the need to make greater use of this building for community use, that out of the Parish Plan may well come a debate about the future use of this building and the fact that the Parish Council had agreed recently a weekly two hour use of the nearby Playing Field that had noise associated with it.

Cllr. Batty commented that the Band may have had similar problems in Glenfield with objections on noise grounds from residents as highlighted by one of the residents in their letter.

Cllr. Beck mentioned there had previously been dances and disco held in the Scout HQ which had generated more noise than the Band would.

**Resolved that permission be granted for the use of Scout RQ for use by the Glenfield Brass band on a Thursday between 7.30 pm and 9.00pm subject to the matter being reviewed in one month's time.**

**Resolved that the action set out in the above list be approved.**

**Cou/049/05-06 Heritage Wardens' Report.**

Due to the absence of Cllr. Coates discussed and was carried forward to the Meeting on the 6th June 2005.

**Cou/050/05-06 Quality Parish Council Status.**

Cllr Hodges submitted the report of the Quality Parish Council Working Group copies of which had been previously circulated to members.

**Resolved that:**

- i) **A Communications Working Party be established chaired by Cllr. Hodges with the other members being Cllrs. Beck, Purves and Hollick.**
- ii) **The Action Plan as set out in the Report be adopted in respect of internal communications.**
- iii) **The Clerk be supported in securing an appropriate qualification by agreeing a mechanism/timeframe to achieve this.**
- iv) **The Quality Parish Council format be followed with reference to Annual Reports to ensure Quality Parish Council status is achieved in this area.**

**Cou/051/05-06 Outstanding Council Decisions**

The Chairman asked if all members were now content with the list as produced. Cllr. Batty commented "nearly".

The Chairman suggested that members who wanted to assist with items nominated themselves with their items being forwarded to the Clerk. He and the Vice Chairman would then meet with the Clerk and look at the range of options that were available including prioritisation, providing extra capacity and reducing workload and the introduction of regular monitoring of the workload possibly in closed

session so members could raise any concerns they had with progress on any item. The Chairman would then come back to the next Council with some recommendations on how this issue is addressed.

Cllr. Batty mentioned that the notices that had been agreed re skate boarding and kite flying etc. did not appear on the list and had not been actioned. It was agreed to add this to item eight on the list.

Cllr. Hollick volunteered for items 1 and 15.

**Resolved that:**

- i) **The Chairman and Vice Chairman meet with the Clerk and report back to the next meeting with some proposals for the Council to consider.**
- ii) **Members notify the Clerk of items they are prepared to assist with by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2005.**

**Cou/052/05-06 Correspondence.**

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

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Received From</i>	<i>Summary of Contents</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Leicestershire and Rutland Playing Fields Association	<b>Annual Subscription</b>	Agreed to renew at a cost of £15.
2	Leicestershire County Council	<b>Partnership Funding for Rural Bus Shelters – 2005/06 Programme</b>	Cllr Lock to consider and report back at the next Meeting.
3	Rural Community Council	<b>Annual Subscription</b>	Agreed to renew at a cost of £25.
4	Cllr P Batty	<b>Litter and Dog Waste Bins – Field Head</b>	One additional dog bin to be provided at Field Head. The Clerk write to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to chase up additional litter bins.
5	Cllr P Batty	<b>Safety Concerns in respect of A50 Service Roads – Field Head</b>	Cllr Batty to submit a short report with a recommendation or Notice of Motion to the next Meeting.
6	The Trafalgar Weekend	<b>Participation in Trafalgar Weekend Events – 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2005.</b>	Note.
7	East Midlands Regional Assembly	<b>Consultation on Proposals for Review.</b> (Consultation Document available in Office).	Note.
8	Leicestershire County Council	<b>Graffiti Removal Project.</b>	Cllr Dickson to identify any locations within the Parish where graffiti requires removing.

9	National Playing Fields Association	<b>AGM 24<sup>th</sup> June 2005 Guildford</b>	No member to attend.
10	Leicestershire County Council	<b>Library Opening Hours.</b> (Copy of letter circulated with agenda).	Clerk to respond expressing the Parish Council's concern at the loss of opening hours.
11	Hinckley & Bosworth BC	<b>Request to Attend Parish Council Meeting by Anti-Social Behaviour Officer.</b>	Accede to request.
12	Hinckley & Bosworth BC	<b>Consultation re proposed enhancements 24 – 28 Ratby Road and Stone Wall at junction of Ratby Road/Fir Tree Lane.</b>	Note.
13	Stepping Stones	<b>Rothley Brook Meadows Green Wedge Strategy – Green Wedge Forum 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005</b>	Cllrs. Hollick and Batty to attend
14	Leicestershire Together	<b>Leicestershire Together Conference – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Bosworth Hall Hotel</b>	No member to attend
15	Hinckley & Bosworth BC	<b>Local Plan Review: Publication of the Local Development Scheme</b>	Note.
16	LRAPLC	<b>AGM – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2005 - Oakham</b>	Cllr. Hagan (Cllr. Allison unable to attend)

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

The Clerk submitted lists of correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, detailing correspondence received/actioned by him for the period 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005 to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2005. The Clerk answered members' questions thereon.

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

**Cou/053/05-06 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 6th June 2005 at 7.00 pm at the Council Offices.

The Meeting closed at 9.58 pm.

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