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Groby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Groby Parish Council held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday, 3 October 2005 at the Parish Chamber, Leicester Road, Groby

Cou/183/05-06 Present

Members: Cllr Hagan (Chairman), Cllrs. Coates, Kennard, Dickson, Yarwood, Cartwright, Marvin, Beck, Batty, Purves, Jones, Emerson, Hollick, Hodges
Cllr York arrived at 7.30 p.m.
Acting Clerk – Cllr. Lock
County Councillor Mr. D. Sprason arrived at 8.00 p.m.
Several members of the public were in attendance

Cou/184/05-06 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dickson - All items relating to Groby Parish Residents Group
Cllr Yarwood- Item 5 – Druck Plan, a personal interest in any items of correspondence that may pertain to his property or surrounding area
Cllr Beck – A personal interest in Druck Plan and the Allotments
Cllr Cartwright – A personal interest in all items relating to Groby Neighbourhood Watch and the Groby Parish Plan
Cllr Hollick – Allotments
Cllr Purves –
Cllr Kennard – Parish Plan
Cllr Coates – Possible interest in an item of correspondence
Cllr Emerson – Allotments, Druck Plan, Village Plan
Cllr Batty – All items on the Agenda as Chairman of the Groby Parish Residents Group, an interest in the bi-election candidate and any other matters that might arise in correspondence that he is not yet aware of
Cllr Hagan – interest in the bi-election candidate

The meeting adjourned for public participation at 7.05 p.m.

Cou/185/05-06 Public Participation

Mr. David Taylor, Field Head introduced himself. Cllr Batty explained that residents of Field Head had received notification that a planning application for alterations at The Field Head Hotel was available for inspection at the Parish Council office. As yet the planning application has not been received. In view of the short consultation time Cllr Batty had consulted with Cllr Purves and suggested that this item be discussed under Agenda item - Planning Applications. This action was agreed by the Chairman.

The meeting reconvened following Public Participation at 7.07 p.m.

Cou/186/00-06 Payment of Accounts

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>
		£
Various	Salaries	3286.03
Inland Revenue	Tax & N.I.	1174.36

ESPO	First Aid / Stationery / Parks Hardware	148.84
HBBC	Office & Cemetery rates	229.00
Mkt Bosworth Farm Sales	Weed killer	32.31
Powergen	Cemetery charges	72.31
Thrust/Gulf Account cards	Fuel	231.32
MAP Waste	Waste collection	38.78
Groby Contractors	Weld trailer (replacement chq -prev not rec'd)	88.12
Office Angels Ltd	Minute Clerk for x 1 meeting	214.32
Parish Dog Warden Services	September Invoice	184.17
	Total	£5,699.56

Cllr Kennard asked whether when the cheques to Groby Contractors was cancelled did the Parish Council have to pay a charge? Acting Clerk Cllr Lock replied that he had taken the decision not to cancel the original cheque because it would cost £25.00 and as all Council cheques are returned to the office he did not believe the charge was justified.

Cllr Batty referred to the account for weed killer. He did not query the cost but said the Council should be aware of current legislation on the use of weed killer in public play areas. The Council needs to comply with the legislation.

Discussion took place regarding the account from Office Angels. The total charged was higher than anticipated. The work produced was substandard. The Parish Council had asked for an experienced minute taker – the person supplied by Office Angels was inexperienced.

It was agreed to ask Office Angels to justify the account.

Councillor York arrived at this point.

Cou/187-05-06 Planning Applications

Members considered and commented on planning applications as set out below:

Reference No	<i>Location</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Comments</i>
05/00366/COU	Allotment Gardens, Newtown Linford Lane	Change of use of land to permanent residential	To be updated at Council meeting
05/00366/COU	Allotment Gardens, Newtown Linford Lane	Enforcement Notice	To be updated at Council meeting
05/00739/FUL	Druck Ltd	New CO2 & Associated pump house	Application withdrawn

05/00955/FUL	Broom Croft, Bradgate Hill	Extensions and alterations to dwelling including swimming pool	No Objection Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding.
05/00984/FUL	5 Beaumont Green	Alterations and extensions to dwelling	No Objection Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding.
2005/0738/04	Bradgate Landfill Site	Letter from LCC	Letter to be sent in response
05/00908/FUL	The Old School	Erection of Conservatory	No Objection Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding
05/01022/LBC	The Old School	Erection of Conservatory	No Objection Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding
05/00988/TPO	7 Spinney Close	Works to trees	No objection subject to the work being carried out in accordance with BS 3998
	Allotment Gardens, Newtown Linford Lane Appeal	Lodged by Mr J. A. McDonough	
Comments			
Letter to be sent to Case Officer (Julie Lumb) at Temple Quay House, Bristol with a copy to our M.P. raising concerns about the appeal being held in camera and the appellant having copies of any objections. It is felt that the travellers would have an advantage if they were to receive copies of any objections in advance. It is the Councils view that on this point of procedure residents are unlikely to write in and raise their concerns. Residents have expressed concern regarding intimidation or the perceived threat of intimidation and it was suggested that anyone wishing to send in a			

letter of objection do so via our M.P. Stephen Dorrell.			
Reference No	Location	Description	
05/00992/DEEM	Land Fronting 24-28 Ratby Road	Creation of disabled access and granite wall	
Comments			
<p>Objection:</p> <p>1) The plan does not take account of the disabled access being of a width to allow two wheel chairs to pass each other.</p> <p>2) In the light of existing problems the village is experiencing with young people the Council does not wish to have a stone wall near the foot way as litter will gather behind it and it will add yet another place for young people to gather.</p> <p>3) In relation to the planters the Council will agree to these if they are of stone construction.</p> <p>4)The project being subject to consultation with the shop owners and land owner.</p>			
05/00831/OUT	142 Leicester Road	Erection of dwelling	
Comments			
<p>A site visit is requested with Cllr Collins and an Officer from H&B P.D. to discuss:</p> <p>1) Reservations about approving outline planning application without more detail e.g. bungalow, one storey, two storey</p> <p>2) This is a sensitive area overlooked and adjoining several properties and residents are concerned about the impact on their properties.</p> <p>3) Application does not, it is believed, correspond to point of access which is off Marsden Road.</p> <p>4) The length of the drive would appear to require passing areas.</p> <p>5) Emergency access is questioned due to width of the drive.</p>			
05/01017/FUL	Druck Ltd 20 Fir Tree Lane	Erection of CO2 Tank & Associated Pump House	
Comments			
<p>This is the second application to increase the number CO2 Tanks. The Council request a site meeting as there are concerns about:</p> <p>1) the number of CO2 tanks</p> <p>2) to address concerns raised by residents</p> <p>3) To receive explanation about the volume of the tank which appear excessive.</p>			
05/00936/FUL	26 Castell Drive	Extensions and alterations to dwelling (Revised Scheme)	
Comments			
<p>Concern regarding new application and written confirmation is requested regarding:</p> <p>1) Original application was refused regarding the number of parking spaces and this has not changed. Has the guidance changed?</p> <p>2) Has the rule changed regarding the protrusion of a 2 storey extension at the rear of a property as this does not appear to comply?</p>			

05/01030/ADV	Field Head Hotel.	Amendments to Signs	
Comments			
<p>A resident of Field Head drew to the Councils attention that part of this hotel is a listed building and has had alterations made to it that they believe do not meet the existing planning permission that was a jointly draw up by Charnwood Borough Council and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council as the property falls within both boroughs jurisdiction. On September the 16th an entrance that was originally made as a fire exit and had a notice on it stating such for the last 15years, had the notices removed and new ones put up saying it was the entrance to a beer garden. Charnwood B.C. have been informed and said they would investigate within the next 10 days. There have also been 2 pipes (believed to be stove pipes) that have been put through the wall of the old barn. In addition H&B B.C. had sent out letters regarding the change of the signs and when the resident contacted them regarding seeing the plans they said they could be viewed at the Parish Council office. On enquiring Groby P.C. had not received the plans. Note this received by fax 4th October.</p> <p>Agreed to ask for a site meeting with H&B and Charnwood Borough Council Officers and residents to discuss the concerns raised.</p> <p>Cllr Batty, Dickson and Lock to attend on behalf of the Parish Council</p>			

County Councillor: Mr. D. Sprason entered the meeting at approximately 8.00 p.m.

Cou/188/05-06 Recruitment Working Party Report

It was agreed to discuss this item in the Closed Session.

Cou/189/05-06 Hanging Baskets

A Health & Safety issue had been identified regarding the hanging baskets. It was agreed that the staff should, as high priority, tomorrow morning take down the 10 hanging baskets on beams and check for safety the 5 on brackets. The property occupiers to be informed of the reason for this action.

Cou/190/05-06 Flooding issues in the Marina Drive Area

Acting Clerk Cllr Lock referred to a site visit attended by Cllr Batty and residents. The main area of concern is from water coming down Castell Drive said and also the possible lack of drainage at Marina Drive.

Cllr Batty said that at meeting held with the residents they accepted that the main problem in dispute is not directly from the Parish Council property but it has contributed to it. Operatives carried out a thorough clean out of the Parish Council drain. The drain was not clear and also contained concrete. The volume of water passing through the drain in itself would not cause the problems encountered in the Marina Drive area. A number of problems had been identified at a site meeting held with representatives from Severn Trent and the County Council. There are still some minor problems to be addressed by the Parish Council. The main problem needs action by Severn Trent and other contributory ones need referring to the County Council. Ideally the three parties should meet again.

Cllr. Kennard said that he had heard of two other areas that have flooded during storms. He is endeavouring to obtain details.

Cllr Hollick reported that last week and the previous week he saw a tanker and drain cleaning equipment at the bottom of Marston Drive.

Cllr Batty said that there seems to be severe problems with drains in the Marina Park/Drive area. The Parish Council needs to ensure these are dealt with by the relevant authorities.

Resolved: Councillors Batty and Kennard would continue to deal with this item.

Cou/191/05-06 Association for Public Service Excellence

Acting Clerk Cllr Lock confirmed that he had spoken to the staff and a further meeting will be held on Thursday morning, 6 October.

The Chairman congratulated Acting Clerk Cllr Lock for the many hours he worked voluntarily for the Parish Council. This was endorsed by all members.

Cou/192/05-06 2005/06 Budgets

Acting Clerk Cllr Lock informed members that he estimates there will be an under spend of £73,000 this financial year.

It was proposed by Cllr Kennard that up to £5k be transferred to the notice board budget. This was seconded by Cllr Dickson and agreed unanimously.

It was proposed by Batty that up to £2k be transferred to the Groby and Blue budget. This was seconded by Cllr Hollick and agreed unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr York and seconded by Cllr Purves to transfer £10k to the Parks budget. This was agreed unanimously.

Acting Clerk Cllr Lock reminded members that at the first meeting in November consideration should be given to the next financial year's spending.

Cllr Cartwright gave an update on the Parish Plan budget. The Parish Plan Group has £600.00 left to print the final document. Cllr. Cartwright showed examples of publications produced by other Parishes which varied in quality and cost. He had obtained prices for the publishing 3000 copies of the Groby Parish Plan in various forms. The lowest price quoted was £550.00 for a photocopied version. An A3, folded and stapled in the middle, black and white printed version could be produced for £780.00-£800.00. To do the same in part-colour would be £1500.00 and in full colour would be £1960.00.

Cllr Hodges proposed that the Parish Council commits £1400.00 from reserves towards the publication costs of the Groby Parish Plan to enable a full colour copy to be produced. This was seconded by Cllr Coates and a vote was taken:

7 voted in favour

1 voted against (Cllr York)

The following abstained:

Cllrs Kennard, Hollick, Beck, Dickson, Hagen, Cartwright

The resolution was therefore carried.

Cou/193/05-06 Emergency Decisions Committee

Advice had been obtained from LRAPLC regarding the taking of decisions in the absence of the Clerk in accordance with the Clerk powers under standing orders.

It was proposed by Cllr Dickson that 3 members be elected to an Emergency Decisions Committee to take decisions in the absence of the Clerk, in accordance with the Clerk powers under standing orders. This was seconded by Cllr Kennard and agreed unanimously.

Cou/194/05-06 Representatives for the Emergency Decisions Committee

It was agreed that Cllr Kennard, Cllr Hollick, Cllr Cartwright would serve on the committee. Cllr Lock would also serve on the committee if a member was not available.

Cou/195/05-06 Delegated Powers of the Emergency Decisions Committee

It was agreed that all members be circulated with a copy of paper given to the Clerk prior to further discussion of this item.

Cou/196/05-06 Tree Survey

Cllr Hodges proposed that the Clerk be given authority to instruct Leicestershire County Council Forestry Department to survey the remaining trees on Parish Council land. This was seconded by Cllr Dickson and agreed unanimously.

Cou/197/05-06 Contract with Leicestershire County Council for Tree Maintenance Contract

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges that the Clerk be given authority to arrange an on-going maintenance contract with Leicestershire County Council Forestry Department to complete the recommendations of the tree survey on Cowpen Spinney and the Mineral Railway Line. This was seconded by Cllr Hollick and agreed unanimously.

Cou/198/05-06 Correspondence

The Clerk had submitted a list of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated to members for the action to be determined by the Council.
Cllr Kennard asked if an item on the list of correspondence could be removed and taken in Closed Session to prevent a member of the public's personal details being disclosed. The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes for members to discuss Cllr Kennard's request. The meeting reconvened and it was agreed to accede to Cllr Kennard's request - Correspondence Item 16167 be removed from the Agenda and to be reissued.

Item No	From	Summary of Contents	Suggested Action
16149	Cllr Beck	Letter re Standards Board	Council 17/10/05
16160	Cllr Coates	Apology letter	Council 17/10/05
16175	Cllr Batty	Standards Board findings	Council 17/10/05
16154	Harvey Ingram	Lease Quarry Playing Field	Acting Clerk to contact Druck and Harvey Ingram
16157	LCC	A50 Field Head Toucan Crossing	Cllr Batty happy to accept the 40mph on the understanding that the LCC conduct a speed survey when the agreed position for the crossing is decided. Acting Clerk to write to LCC on the other comments within the letter
16158	Mrs Edwards	Letter re football damage	Write to sympathise with her but there is little the Council can do

16165	Mr Barfield	Letter re trees	Write to inform them that we are meeting with the LCC forestry department to arrange for them to act as our agents for all Parish Council woodland regarding the ongoing maintenance of it
16170	Mr & Mrs N Stokes	Boundary 41 Oakmeadow Way	
16166	Underwood Homes	Amenity Area - Foxglove drive	Arrange a site meeting with them and Cllrs Batty, Dickson Yarwood and Lock
16172	Scouts	Work to be carried out	Noted
16174	Groby Allotment Society	Proposal of change to tenancy	Agreed to the proposal
16176	Cllr Batty	Flooding Marina Drive	Discussed under item 8 Cllr Batty to draft a letter to be submitted to the relevant parties
16184	LCC	Bus stop improvements 27/28	Noted
16186	Karen Burbidge (rec'd 25/9) E mail	Proposed Bus Shelter	Noted
16191	Cllr Batty	Bradgate Landfill concerns	Write to LCC

Cou/199/05-06 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 17 October 2005 at 7.00 p.m. at the Council Offices.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

Signed Date
Chairman