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Groby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Groby Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 3rd July 2006 at the Parish Council Chamber, Leicester Road, Groby.

Cou/073/06-07 Present.

Members: Cllrs Hagan (Chair), Cllr Cartwright, Cllr Lock, Cllr Dickson, Cllr Yarwood, Cllr Beck, Cllr Jones, Cllr Purves, Cllr York, Cllr Batty, Cllr Kennard, Cllr Marvin, Cllr Emmerson, Cllr Hodges, Acting Proper Officer: Sara Cowin

Cou/074/06-07 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Coates and Hollick
Cllrs Hodges, Emmerson and York for being late
P.C. Kelly for being late

Cou/075/06-07 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Batty – Groby Parish Residents Group, Any matters relating to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council as Borough Cllr, Item of Correspondence 16532, Public Open Spaces specifically Stamford Drive
Cllr York – Allotments
Cllr Emmerson - None
Cllr Kennard – None
Cllr Purves – Two items in the account, which Cllr Purves will decline on voting on
Cllr Beck – Allotments, Correspondence item 16532 personal interest
Cllr Jones – None
Cllr Dickson – Groby Parish Residents Group
Cllr Lock – None
Cllr Cartwright – Personal Interest Groby Parish Plan, Personal Interest in item 15, Personal Interest Groby Neighbourhood Watch.
Cllr Yarwood – Correspondence item 16521, 16534 personal interest and 16532, 16541 prejudicial interest
Cllr Marvin – None

Cou/076/05-06 Resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 19th June 2006, Enclosure A, be signed as a true record subject to the following amendment:

Minute Cou/053/06-07 Present, page 29, para 2, should read Clerk and Proper Officer.

Minute Cou/060/06-07 Planning, page 31, Branting Hill, the Chairman's interest should read personal and not prejudicial.

Minute Cou/060/06-07 Planning, page 32, Branting Hill, para 3, it should be added that all members returned to the chamber.

Minute Cou/060/06-07 Planning, page 32, Branting Hill, para 4, should read the Chair had been approached and not has been approached.

Minute Cou/060/06-07 Planning, page 32, Branting Hill, para 4, line 2, should read within the area referring to development which has propriety works which are already being carried out.

Minute Cou/060/06-07 Planning, page 32, Branting Hill, para 4, line 4, speech marks should be added to “that effectively there are pre application discussions taking place between the developers, land agent and planning department”.

Minute Cou/060/06-07 Planning, page 32, Branting Hill, para 4, line 6, should read Borough Councillor Batty.

Minute Cou/060/06-07 Planning, page 32, Chapel Hill, should read Cllrs Purves, Coates and Borough Cllr Batty.

Minute Cou/060/06-07 Planning, page 32, Chapel Hill, last para, should read Cllr Batty has already conveyed the Councils concerns on how this application progresses.

Minute Cou/060/06-07 Planning, page 32, Ratby Road Allotments, second sentence, should read Borough Cllr Batty reassured members that he has not heard anything about anyone being interested in purchasing the land or any planning application.

Minute Cou/061/06-07 Klondyke Legal Representation, page 32, Maroons should read Marrons.

Minute Cou/061/06-07 Klondyke Legal Representation, page 32, second sentence, should read the Solicitor and not he. Also replace that after Barrister with who.

Minute 062/06-07 Marina Park Update, page 32, line 2, take out Kate Nightingale and replace with A Representative.

Minute Cou/063/06-07 Allotment Society Grant Application, page 32, line 5, change a tenancy agreement to read for the 10 year tenancy agreement and then delete can then be put into place.

Minute Cou/063/06-07 Allotment Society Grant Application, page 33, remove the line which starts the following proposal ... and move proposal 1. Also add in with allotment holders abstaining on the vote.

Minute Cou/064/06-07, Revised Budget, page 33, para 4, adds in Etesia before the word mower.

Minute Cou/064/06-07, Revised Budget, page 33, para 5, should read It

Cllrs Emmerson and York entered chambers at 7.20 pm

Minute Cou/065/06-07 Correspondence, page 33, item 16506, line 2, add in after season for matches as to a fixtures list supplied. This request was agreed at a fee to be fixed and a permit would have to be signed in conjunction with a fixture list for they're under 17's team and matches. For further ratification at a future council meeting.

Minutes were agreed as an accurate record. A vote was taken with a unanimous decision.

Cou/077/06-07 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 19th June 2006

Minute Cou/063/06-07 Allotment Society Grant Application, page 32, Cllr Kennard informed members that he had received a phone call from a representative of the Allotment Society asking for some information on grant applications. He gave them a copy of last years form as they had never seen one before and also gave them details of tarmac companies recommended by HBBC, he reiterated that he had not given out any sensitive information. Cllr Batty felt that this should not be encouraged. The representative had also approached Cllr Purves and she suggested that Cllr Kennard might be able to help.

Minute Cou/061/06-07 Klondyke Legal Representation, page 32, Cllr Lock informed members that a letter to Maroons had been signed by the Acting Proper Officer and would be sent the next day.

Minute Cou/065/06-07 Correspondence, item 16490, Groby Youth Day, page 33, Cllr Batty informed members that it has now been set up for the 18th at Groby Pool Car Park and it has all been assessed by HBBC.

Cllr Batty declared a personal interest in this item.

Cllr Sprason entered the Chamber at 7.30pm leaving at 7.53pm

Minute Cou/065/06-07 Correspondence, item 16502, LCC Summer Youth Project, page 34, a letter has been sent to say that this would be acceptable as long as their insurance is suitable and a risk assessment is done. It has now been confirmed that they will be covered under LCC for both points.

Minute Cou/065/06-07 Correspondence, item 16506, Groby Juniors Football Club, page 34, a letter has been sent to them in relation to the second part of their request; to date no response has been received. The question was raised of how much would be charged for the use of the playing field. Cllr Batty had provided Cllr Kennard with a list of rates used by others. An amount of £10.50 was suggested, this would be the figure used but it will be open to some sort of revision and communication with them as the season progresses.

The Meeting adjourned for Public Participation at 7.31 pm

Cou/078/06-07 Public Participation

A member of the public asked about the planning application for The Old School. They had perused the plans and raised the question whether knowing that some of the extensions do not have footings, what would happen if when they start work they realise that they will not take the weight, would they have to pull it all down? Cllr Batty commented that Building Control usually resolves this sort of issue. He felt that this was a very valid point, as a building of that age would not have the footings to take such an extension. The question was also asked whether if they had to pull it down would they be made to re-use the materials. Cllr Batty said that this should be a planning condition. The Chair suggested that the officers come and address the Council at a future meeting.

The Meeting reconvened following Public Participation at 7.36 pm.

Cou/079/06-07 Borough Councillor Report

Concessionary Fares Scheme: As earlier reported Leicestershire County Council took the initiative and offered to provide a significant amount towards the cost of an improved scheme that is has also offered to administer if Borough and District Councils are also prepared to contribute. At last week's HBBC meeting the Chief Executive announced that positive progress was being made and that HBBC would make money available to make the enhanced scheme work but the Council was still in negotiation with the other Districts and Boroughs some of whom appeared reluctant to contribute the extra money that have been requested. Nevertheless, it was in his opinion more a question of when than if, now.

The Klondike Public Inquiry: The Public Inquiry into the appeal by travellers against the refusal of their planning application for the permanent caravan site at Groby Pool will be held in Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Chamber on 11th & 12th July 2006 commencing at 10.00am. Members of the public can attend and can request to speak or give evidence at the Inquiry.

HBBC Re-cycling Strategy: It is proposed to introduce a limited cardboard collection scheme during the latter part of 2006. Grey cardboard, i.e. cereal packets and other light domestic card will be collected along with the garden waste for composting. However, no arrangements other than disposal at civic amenity sites are currently programmed for the collection of heavier cardboard packaging. It is hoped to introduce a collection scheme for kitchen waste during 2008. Plastic bottle collection will continue by way of local collection banks for the foreseeable future.

Rural Summit – September 2006: Parishes should submit their input to the Borough Council for any issues/matters they may wish to be included. Contact Cllr Chris Boothby via HBBC.

Cllr Marvin raised her concern over the fortnightly collection of the bins. Due to the hot weather there have been numerous reports of maggots in bins. Cllr Batty felt that members of the public should write to the Chief Executive of HBBC to express their concerns. He could not see any immediate quick fix on the problem as schedules are fixed for the next year.

Cllr Cartwright raised the issue that at a previous meeting members of the public were looking for some support from both the Borough and the Parish Council in relation to the Klondike Public Inquiry, he asked who would be attending on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Batty will be attending on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Batty suggested that the Parish Council put notices on the notice boards making people aware that the Inquiry is next week and that they can attend. He has also been asked to attend a meeting as Ward Councillor, which has been organised by the residents of Groby just to give them some information about the Public Inquiry.

Cou/080/06-07 County Councillors Report

Concessionary Travel: There are a couple of Districts that are dragging their feet and saying that the money that they had is now not available which is no excuse. There is nothing more the County Council can do it is now all down to the Districts to put the scheme in place.

Police Regionalisation: Under the proposal the police precept must be the same across all the authorities, which means that the Police will have a £20m shortfall, which has not been addressed. The only authorities, who have agreed to amalgamate, are likely not to go ahead because of the precept amalgamation.

Field Head Toucan Crossing: The 500 leaflets have now gone out. Cllr Sprason asked to leave it at that, as there were members of the Parish Council who attended the meeting and should give feedback.

Cllr Batty raised the issue of the Klonydke; he had received an e mail from a resident who had concerns over questions they had asked not being responded to accordingly, Cllr Batty had replied accordingly. The Chair asked whether Council had received any support from English Heritage. Cllr Batty confirmed that they would not get involved and neither would CPE which is why the annual membership was not taken out again this year.

Cou/081/06-07 Payment of Accounts

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount £</i>	<i>Date Paid</i>	<i>Cheque No.</i>
Various	June Salaries	3,528.99	26.06.2006	105520/21/22 & 23
Inland Revenue	Tax and National Ins	1,469.40	26.06.2006	105524
HBBC	Office & Cemetery Rates	241.00		
P Barratt	Hanging baskets installation	110.00		
Wildwood	New Etesia Mower	3,037.37		
C M Purves	Refund of Groby in Bloom	34.27		
C M Purves	Refund of 12 High Visibility jackets	70.36		
Wildwood	Repair Honda Strimmer	93.22		
Total		£8,584.61		

Cllr Batty raised a query on the payment to Wildwood for the repair of the strimmer, he thought as this was relatively new it might be covered under the warranty? This would be looked into.

A vote was taken: A unanimous decision was reached. Cllr Purves abstained from voting on two specific payments to herself in reimbursement.

Cou/082/06-07 Planning

<i>Reference No</i>	<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	Public enquiry to be held 11th & 12th July 2006 @ 10.00am.

06/00608/FUL	120 Leicester Road	Erection of conservatory	No objection Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding
06/00663/FUL	7 Primrose Close	Loft Conversion	No objection Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding However there were two points raised: What was the reason for obscured glazing? Will the structure load bearing support such a large loft conversion?
06/00662/FUL	32 Woodlands Drive	Extension and Alterations to Dwelling	No objection Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding
06/00658/FUL	3 Willow Drive	Erection of conservatory	No objection Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding
06/00646/FUL	57 Leicester Road	Extension and Alterations to Dwelling, Erection of Double Garage with Games Room above and Creation of Access	See Comments Below
06/00681/FUL	4 Buttercup Close	Erection of Rear conservatory	No objection Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding
06/00671/FUL	Land Adj Groby Fish Bar Newtown Linford Lane	Change of use of Ground Floor Cafeteria to takeaway	See comments below
06/00704/FUL	224 Markfield Road	Demolition of Conservatory, Coalshed and outside toilet and extensions and alterations to dwelling	No objection Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding

06/00646/FUL 57 Leicester Road Extension and Alterations to Dwelling, Erection of Double Garage with Games Room above and Creation of Access

- 1) It is this Council understanding that this building was the original school house, dating back to approximately the 1700's and as such is part of Groby's heritage and must be retained and extended sympathetically and consideration be given to the original building becoming a listed building.
- 2) It is acknowledged that the original building requires renovation and this Council would wish to see a structural investigation.

- 3) A planning condition is requested for an archaeological report if any part of the building has to be demolished
- 4) As the premises are near the conservation area the extension and alteration to the dwelling to be in keeping with the original building. Confirmation is requested regarding the stone/brick and slate to be used in the construction as the building and garage.
- 5) It is acknowledged that Highways are no longer going to implement the introduction of new double yellow lines but an exception is requested in this instance, on the south bound side of the road from the existing double yellow lines to the service road. This request is made as there are concerns that if cars park outside these premises they would obstruct the road at a section where it starts to narrow with the brow of the hill making visibility limited. The proposed entrance is also opposite a bus stop.

Cllr Batty offered to ask for a site meeting with a Planning Officer and the Conservation Officer due to the above concerns expressed by Council and residents.

06/00671/FUL Land Adjacent to Groby Fish Bar Newtown Linford Lane

This Parish Council supported the original proposals for a Cafeteria as Groby did not have one and it was felt it might be an asset to the village. It was also thought that this type of facility was less likely to cause parking problems as people would more than likely walk to a cafeteria and due the opening hours of such an establishment (7 to 4pm) would not effect as such the amenities of the neighbours.

The Parish Council do not support another Takeaway due to the following:

- 1) As the opening hours would be longer.
- 2) The application does not state the proposed hours of operation, which could seriously affect the neighbours.
- 3) Parking is insufficient and the parking bays are near a very busy junction.
- 4) Two Takeaways next to each other would cause traffic congestion.
- 5) With decriminalisation of parking the Parish would have to rely on Hinckley and Bosworth Community Wardens. It has already been noted that the lorry delivering potatoes to the Groby Fish Bar parks on the junction and not in the delivery bay.

For Information

- 1) Chapel Hill: Planning has been approved and the notice with conditions is now in the file.
- 2) Letter from Graham Compton, Senior Management Officer Traffic Management Team: The Road Safety Unit had identified additional sites suitable for Mobile Camera Enforcement Team. These sites will be taken into use from mid-July 2006
- 3) . Report of the Head of Health and Environment H&BBC on recommendations made for car parking: Members advised the report is in the planning file and looks at future action regarding Groby Pool and the Village Hall Car Park which will be reviewed when the existing arrangements cease in 2009.
- 4) Report of Head of Culture and Development re Section 106 agreements: Existing contributions are 1850 and will now be linked to the Retail Price Index for any increases. Members advised to read report, which is in the planning file.
- 5) Other reports in the file include:
Report of Head of Health and Environment: Fixed Penalty Notes, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act-Report in the planning file.
Hinckley and Bosworth Workshop- Your Chance to influence the shape of Things to Come- invite to attend a meeting.

Cllr Purves thanked Cllr Batty for copies of the above reports

The Chair and Cllr Marvin declared an interest in the applicaton 06/00671/FUL, Land Adj to Groby Fish Bar, Newtown Linford Lane and left the Chamber at 7.59pm returning at 8.04pm.

Cou/083/06-07 Klondyke Legal Representation

Cllr Batty was asked by Maroons to provide detailed local proofs of evidence; he had provided Cllr Lock with a draft of this, amongst the evidence there are before and after photographs showing how much they have decimated the site. There are letters from residents giving details of the occupancy of the site and the history of the site. A former quarry supervisor whose job it was to remove people from the site before blasting has come forward and provided evidence. There are approximately 6 pages of evidence, which the Solicitors are happy with. As stated before Cllr Batty feels that we need to rely very strongly on the Minerals Planning Authority and the Highways Authority to make the case for us.

Cou/084/06-07 Determine Meeting Date with Staffing Consultant

Due to the holiday season it is getting difficult to get everyone together. Three dates were suggested and it was agreed that it would be held on 1st August 2006 at 7.30pm.

Cou/085/06-07 Revised Budget

Cllr Lock tabled a spreadsheet that had been circulated at a prior meeting. This spreadsheet now included more realistic figures. At the budget meeting it was decided that no new items would be added onto the list.

Cllr Hodges entered the Chamber at 8.30pm

Cllr Lock projected that there should be approximately £50,000 available to spend; this is after £30,000 contingency has been taken out.

Cllr Batty confirmed what Cllr Purves had already said; if we provide more bins there is an additional on cost to this for the emptying of them, which has not been added into the budget.

It was agreed that monies for the following items from the wish list would be ring fenced: - seats, dog bins, litter bins, Sycamore Drive DDA gate, locking cycle points, room hire for youth club, salt bin, war memorial, Stanford Arms memorial, re-surfacing of Marina Park car park.

Cou/086/05-06 Parish Plan

Cllr Cartwright declared a personal interest in this item and as such did not take part in any debate or vote.

This has now been completed and the final document has been produced, everyone should have received a copy. There is an action plan contained within the report, which lists amongst other things that can fix it. It is only a broad idea of who can fix it. The next stage is for the service providers, of which the Parish Council is one, along with County Council, HBBC, Highways and anyone else who has an interest in the Village to report back with what they have taken from the action points. Members have already seen the response from County Council; it was circulated in January 2006. HBBC have now come back with what they are able to do. It only leaves the Parish Council to come back with their comments. Cllr Cartwright was concerned that the Parish Council have not had chance to look at any of the action points and asked that comments are made at the earliest convenience. Cllr Batty has two representatives from HBBC who would like to come out and meet with the Council to see where they can assist in putting some of these things into place. It was agreed that a working party would be set up to discuss this and report back to Council. Cllrs Batty (as Borough Councillor), Hodges, Cartwright, Purves volunteered to be on the working party.

P.C. Kelly and CSO Flavell entered the Chamber at 9.02pm.

Cou/087/06-07 Police Report

Crime	Number – Groby
Burglary –Dwelling	4
Burglary – Other	2
Robbery	0
Vehicle – Taking	0
Vehicle – Taking From	1
Vehicle – Damage	2
Non-Domestic Assaults	3
Total Crimes	12
Crime	Number – Field Head
Vehicle – Taking from	4
Total Crimes	4

Cllr Hodges asked who records the figures/details of accidents that occur on the Island on the A50; P.C. Kelly informed members that he would be able to pass on the details of the people who would provide those details. He will pass them onto Cllr Hodges.

Cllr Batty reported children using mini motos around the Village. They are getting up to high speeds and are very dangerous. It seems that the problem is at its worst during the weekends. He has made investigations

with Sgt Starbuck about placing an article in the Spotlight asking residents to report people using them to Crime stoppers, so that the police can speak them to.

PC Kelly and CSO Flavell left the Chamber at 9.14pm.

Cou/088/06-07 Correspondence – Appendix D

16510 – Letter from LCC Passenger Transport Unit was very abrupt and did not answer any concerns raised. Cllr Lock has e mailed the resident copying her in on Tony’s letter. Roll over to next meeting.

16513 – Noted

16517 – Cllr Emmerson to attend, Cllr Beck will attend as Cllr Coates is on holiday

16519 – Cllr Hodges raised concern over the length of time it had taken to receive it. Noted

16521 & 16534 – The cheque has now been received from Wilsons. Execution of the transfer of deeds has not been done yet as they are still debating over some additional pieces of land. Cllr Batty raised concerns that Council have cashed the cheque for £10k, which is an acceptance that the transfer will be accepted; he feels that they could say we agreed to the transfer as we cashed the cheque. Cllr Lock read out a letter, which had been sent to Wilsons, which clearly sets out what the payment covers and is not an acceptance of anything other than. Cllr Yarwood will speak to a representative from Wilsons and explain the situation, he will also speak with Solcitors to try and move things on.

16522 – Noted pass to Cllrs Sprason and Fraser and acknowledge receipt to the resident

16528 – Noted

16529 – Noted

16532 – Closed

16541 – Letter to say can not possible at this time

16543 – Noted, residents have organised a site meeting organised for 26th July 2006, Cllrs Batty, Cartwright and Purves will attend.

Cllr York declared an interest in item 16543 and left chamber at 9.38pm returning at 9.43pm.

Correspondence – Appendix E

Cllr Batty expressed concerns in relation to where it states ref Clerk, more information should be made available to members.

Cllr Emmerson offered to look at any correspondence in relation to the cemetery.

Cllr Batty suggested that the correspondence file should be placed in the Chamber before the meeting starts, to give members who work the opportunity to look at what has come into the office.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Lock for his hard work in helping out with office matters.

Cou/089/06-07 Date of Next Meeting

The Chair suggested that the next meting should be held on Monday 7th August 2006.

A vote was taken For: 12 Abstentions: 2 (Cllrs Batty and Yarwood)

Members of the public left the meeting at 9.49 pm.

The Council moved into closed session at 9.49 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Closed Session of 3rd July 2006

Resolved that the minutes of the closed session of the meeting held on 19th June 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to all members, be signed as a true record subject to the following amendment:

None

A vote was taken to accept the minutes, a unanimous decision was reached. Cllrs Emmerson and Marvin refrained from voting, as they were not present at the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2006.

Groby in Bloom

Cllr Purves has passed a copy of the work that she would like the operatives to do in relation to Groby in Bloom to Cllr Lock and Cllr Cartwright. It was suggested that Cllr Purves is co-opted onto the Staffing Committee and the Committee is given temporary delegated powers to deal with issues, which arise in the absence of a Proper Officer. This was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Lock. A vote was taken and a unanimous decision reached.

Staffing Matters:

The Chair asked for an update on the recruitment of a Proper Officer. Cllr Yarwood informed members that they had received 3 replies to date. The advertisement has already run in the Leicester Mercury and Loughborough Echo and it is running in two others over the new few days and it is also on most of the recruitment websites. The cost of the advertisements is £1088.00. Cllr Emmerson will organise for the advertisement to be put onto the Parish Council website.

The Chairman moved suspension of standing orders under standing order 82 to extend the meeting for a further 5 minutes after 10pm. Members agreed.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.