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Groby Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Groby Parish Council held at 7.00pm on
Monday 25th September 2006 at the Parish Council Chamber, Leicester Road, Groby.**

Cou/139/06-07 Present

Members: Cllr Hagan (Chair), Cllr Lock, Cllr Dickson, Cllr York, Cllr Batty, Cllr Kennard, Cllr Hodges, Cllr Hollick, Cllr Jones, Cllr Beck, Cllr Emmerson, Acting Proper Officer – Mrs S Cowin

Cou/140/06-07 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Marvin, Cartwright, Yarwood, Coates and Purves

Cou/141/06-07 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Batty – Groby parish Residents Group, Any matters related to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council as Borough Councillor, Public Open Spaces: Stamford Drive
Cllr York - Allotments, Correspondence 16581, 16552/16598/16621/16625
Cllr Emmerson – Allotments
Cllr Hodges – Public Open Spaces specifically Stamford Drive
Cllr Kennard – Correspondence
Cllr Hollick – Groby Village Hall
Cllr Beck – Allotments, Correspondence
Cllr Dickson – Groby Parish Residents Group
Cllr Lock – None
Cllr Jones – None

Cou/142/06-07 Minutes

The Chairman formally proposed that closed session minutes of the meeting of 26th June 2006 as previously issued are added to the agenda and discussed in closed session. A unanimous decision was reached.

The meeting adjourned for Public Participation at 8.40pm.

Cou/143/06-07 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to address the Council.

The meeting reconvened following Public Participation at 8.40pm.

Cou/144/06-07 Staffing Matters

Cllr Yarwood was absent from the meeting but a general update was given by Cllr Batty on the recruitment of a Proper Officer. It was therefore deferred to the next meeting.

Cou/145/06-07 Groby Junior Football Club

Cllr Kennard gave all members an update on this issue, this has been split into two sections and he reported on both issues.

Quarry Fields

Resolved that Groby Parish Council agree as previously that Quarry Fields is to be used by Groby Junior Football Club under 17's to the same terms and conditions as previously, subject to rate revisions.

The following amendment was to be added to the Resolution – To notify Groby Juniors that any other activities such as training and friendly matches also require a permit to be issued by the Council.

A vote for the amendment was taken – For: 6, Against: 2, Abstentions: 1 (Cllr Kennard)

A vote for the full resolution was taken – For: 9, Against: 1, Abstentions: 1 (Cllr Kennard)

Concern was raised over the issue of the goalposts being left on the site. A letter will be written to Groby Juniors stating that they are in breach of the conditions of use and request that they remove the goalposts when not in use in line with public liability conditions.

Marina Drive/Stamford Drive

Consultation letters need to be issued to residents.

Cllr Batty raised concerns over the warranty with the Contractor; he felt that if activities took place on this area then the warranty would be invalid.

Resolved that a letter will be sent to the Contractor to ask the question as to whether any use of this ground by the football team has any conflict on the Councils re-instatement clause?

A vote was taken with a majority decision reached, Cllr Batty abstained from voting.

Cou/146/06-07 Office Computer Equipment

Cllr Lock informed members that there is currently no maintenance agreement in place and there are currently no regular back ups taking place.

Resolved to purchase two 300Gb USB connected external hard drives and relevant software up to a value of £500.00.

A vote was taken and a unanimous decision reached.

Resolved that Council accepts the supplier of the original equipment as best value and therefore give the on site maintenance contract to them.

A vote was taken and a unanimous decision reached.

Cou/147/06-07 Correspondence

16552- Defer to closed session

16557 – Defer to closed session

16564 - Defer to future meeting

16577 – Defer to future meeting

16581- Letter to be sent to LCC querying the recommendations and points F to G and asking for a site meeting.

16590 – Defer to closed session

16595 – Defer to closed session

16596 – Defer to closed session

16598 – Defer to closed session

16603 – Refer to Highways and HBBC

16605 – Scheduled for discussion at October meeting

16606 – Noted

16612 – Acknowledge receipt of letter and explain the situation in relation to Byelaws etc

16617 – Continue on the Terms and Conditions agreed previously

16618 – Council to contact Police as it is a matter for them to deal with

16619 – Forward letter onto experts for their comments and solutions to the problems

16620 – Dealt with under Minute Number Cou/146/06-07

16621 – Defer to closed session

16622 – Defer to future meeting

16623 – Noted

- 16624 – A letter will be sent to LCC asking when proper action will be taken at this Island
- 16625 – Defer to closed session
- 16627 – No detailed plan/sketch included as per Council policy – Deferred to future meeting

Cou/149/06-07

Date of Next Meeting

The Chair suggested that the next meeting should be held on Monday 2nd October 2006. (Subject to a Proper Officer).

Members of the public left the meeting at 8.59pm

The Council moved into closed session at 8.59pm.

The meeting closed at 10.04pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Closed Session of 25th September 2006

Resolved that the minutes of the closed session of the meeting held on 3rd July 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to all members, be signed as a true record subject to the following amendment:

No issues were raised with these minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the closed session of the meeting held on 7th August 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to all members, be signed as a true record subject to the following amendment:

Grobby Junior Football Club

First line should read Cllr Kennard and not Cllr Hollick.

We note that there was a resolution which does not regrettably appear and the Council has rectified this situation by discharging the business this evening Minute Cou/145/06-07.

Resolved that the minutes of the closed session of the meeting held on 14th August 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to all members, be signed as a true record subject to the following amendment:

Para 3 is to be deleted in total and replaced with “a firm and heated debate took place with no consensus being reached”.

The completion of agreeing the Minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2006.

No matters were arising from these minutes.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2006.

No matters were arising from these minutes.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2006.

No matters were arising from these minutes.

Cllr York left the Chamber at 9.13pm returning at 9.15pm

Cllr Hodges left the Chamber at 9.16pm returning at 9.18pm

Quote for work identified in ROSPA report

Cllr Lock updated members of the details included in the ROSPA report.

Resolved that the issues raised at Highfield play area would be deferred until quotes from another Contractor had been received.

Resolved that the parallel chinning bars at Marina Drive play area would be removed. A vote was taken For: 5, Against: 3 (Cllrs Kennard, Jones, Hollick), Abstentions: 2 (Cllrs Lock and Beck)

Cllr Jones left the Chamber at 9.28pm and did not return.

Resolved that the identified work at Marina Drive play area would be carried out in line with the cheapest quote.

A vote was taken and a unanimous decision reached.

Resolved that whilst the work was being carried out that the Contractors were asked to seal the edges of the surface up to a limit of £600.00.

Correspondence

16590 – It was agreed that one tree would be possible as it could replace one of the ones that has died.

Cllr Beck declared a personal interest in the below items of correspondence, Cllr Batty declared a prejudicial interest

Cllr York left the chamber at 9.46pm returning at 9.55pm

16552/16598/16621/16625

Resolved that the fencing covenant/16640 is deferred to the next meeting.

16557 – Noted

16555 – Noted for further debate and discussion. Council would like to invite Mr Birch and Ms Oliver to attend a future meeting and answer questions.

The meeting closed at 10.04pm.