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## Groby Parish Council

**Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Groby Parish Council held at 7.00 pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at the Parish Council Chamber, Leicester Road, Groby.**

**Cou/076/07-08 Clerk Appointment.**

In the absence of a Proper Officer it was proposed by Cllr. Beck and seconded by Cllr. J. Smith that Mr. Ron Simpson be appointed Clerk to the Council for this meeting. **Resolved:** Mr. Ron Simpson be appointed Clerk for this meeting - unopposed.

**Cou/077/07-08 Present.**

Members: Cllrs Batty (Chair), Cllr. Purves, Cllr Trant, Cllr J Smith, Cllr Marvin, Cllr Lindsay, Cllr Cartwright, Cllr Emmerson, Cllr Hodges, Cllr Jones\*, Cllr Beck, Cllr. Brierley, Cllr. Coates.

\*Cllr. Jones joined meeting at 7.35 pm

**Cou/078/07-08 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllrs. L. Smith, Yarwood & Hollick

**Cou/079/07-08 Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Batty – Any matters relating to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council as Borough Cllr. & Personal Interest in item 14

Cllr Hodges – Public Open Spaces specifically Stamford Drive.

Cllr Cartwright - Personal Interest Groby Parish Plan, Personal Interest as Secretary, Groby Neighbourhood Watch and Committee Member of the Rutland and Leicestershire County Neighbourhood Watch Association, all items on the Agenda as HBBC Groby Ward Councillor

Cllr Beck – Personal Interests – Druck & Allotments, correspondence item 17052

Cllr J Smith – Personal interest in Druck

Cllr Lindsay – Personal Interest Open Spaces.

**Cou/080/07-08 Minutes.**

**RESOLVED:** That the signing of the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007 are accepted subject to the following amendments:-

The meeting held was a **Parish Council Meeting** and not the **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish Council as stated.

**Cou/031/07-08 Police Report** - due to the donation of Inspector Andy Sharpe of Leicestershire Constabulary and M.C. Cartwright of Alliance Home Limited.

**Cou/036/07-08 Health & Safety Consultancy** - Clerk instructed to write to H&S Consultants to advise of outstanding issues.

**RESOLVED:** That the signing of the minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007 are accepted subject to the following amendments:-

**Cou/049/07-08 Declarations of Interest** - Item 12a should read "Fencing Covenant".

**Cou/053/07-08 Vice Chairman's Report** – Delete line 2 (duplicated).

**RESOLVED:** That the signing of the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007 are accepted subject to the following amendments:-

**Cou/072/07-08 Correspondence** – 17049 Correct spelling; Hollick not Hoolick, 17050 Refer to Emergency Committee

**Cou/081/07-08 Matters Arising.**

**From the Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007:**

**Cou/036/07-08 Health & Safety Consultancy** - No record of Clerk having written to H&S Consultants as instructed. Council left exposed with lack of alternative renewal quotes. Should be obtained in plenty of time for next year.

**From the Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007:**

**Cou/056/07-08 Planning and Development Committee** - Cllr. Cartwright advised that HBBC Planning Committee met 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 and refused the Newtown Linford Lane planning application for 2 barns.

**Cou/057/07-08 Office Security** - Cllr. Cartwright expressed ongoing concerns that security needed to be improved and suggested a future agenda item to discuss this in more detail. In the meantime, he advised members that the Emergency Committee had arranged for the locks on the entrance to the Parish Council Office to be changed.

**From the Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007: –**

**Cou/072/07-08 Correspondence** – 17061 Cllr. Beck reported on the tree inspection carried out by herself and Cllr. Jones. 170\*\* In addition to the names put forward by Age Concern, Cllr. Cartwright offered to submit an article to the Groby Spotlight for the Pride Alarm scheme. 170\*\* Cllr. J. Smith reported back that the footpath at the entrance from the A50 to Quarry Playing Field had been strimmed back.

*\*At 7.41pm the Chairman suspended Standing Orders and adjourned the meeting for Public Participation*

**Cou/082/07-08 Public Participation.**

A member of the public questioned whether Druck should be referred to as GE Druck Sensing.

No further questions were asked.

*\* At 7.43pm the Chairman re-instated Standing Orders and re-convened the meeting.*

**Cou/083/07-08 Planning and Development Committee.**

Cllr. Purves, Chair of the committee advised that no new applications had been received in the period and therefore no meeting had been held.

**Cou/084/07-08 Quarry Playing Field Update.**

The Chair provided a brief update. **Resolved:** The Council apply for a grant to employ a project consultant to maximise the potential of the site and \$106 monies available.

**Cou/085/07-08 C.C.T.V.**

Councillors briefly debated the complexities of the issue and the limitations on the Council.

**Resolved:** That a working group be formed comprising of Cllrs. Beck, Brierley, Cartwright and L. Smith, to prepare an interim report for Parish Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

**Cou/086/07-08 Druck Lease.**

The Chair updated members and confirmed that a number of amendments needed to be inserted into the Lease and that the Council's Solicitors had been instructed accordingly.

**Cou/087/07-08 Tree Maintenance Policy.**

The Chair drew members' attention to the need for a policy that could be published on the Council's website which could then be applied in conjunction with the Council's qualified tree consultants in a consistent and fair manner. **Resolved:** That a tree policy working group be formed consisting of Cllrs. Beck, Brierley and Lindsay.

**Cou/088/07-08 Correspondence.**

17052 - **Resolved:** That Council supports the principle of height barriers to the allotment entrances subject to liaison between Emergency Committee and Allotment Society (Cllr. Beck declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the chamber).

(correspondence continued):

- 17063 - **Resolved:** Council write back clarifying what it can deal with.
- 17068 - Letter to be forwarded to tree consultants for comment.
- 17071 - Write back to insurers to clarify that the building is actually brick store.
- 17072 - **Resolved:** That the Council contact former Councillor who is a qualified accountant to see if he is interested in quoting or can recommend suitable firms.
- 17078 - Check to see if covered by insurers, pass letter to LCC tree consultants for report.
- 17079 - Visit by Cllrs. Beck and Emmerson to report back, letter to be referred to insurers.
- 17080 - **Resolved:** That Council write back and apologise for the delayed reply and advise that the Council does not own the land. Land adoption issue to be brought back as a future agenda item.
- 17083 - “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
- 17082 - Council to respond that it should have been included on list for speed cameras.
- 17084 – **Resolved:** That Chair and Vice Chair meet with FLAG to pursue possible projects. Also to confirm that Council agrees to opening ceremony for path project when all outstanding issues are resolved.

**Cou/089/0708 Staffing.**

Cllr. Cartwright reported on correspondence backlog, website updates and office water cooler update. **Resolved:** That Emergency Committee be authorised to negotiate appropriate alternative contract.

*\*continued in closed session*

**Cou/090/07-08 Date of Next Meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> August 2007 as per agreed schedule (subject to availability of a Clerk)

*Members of the public left the meeting at 9.30pm*

*Following a “comfort break” the Council moved into closed session at 9.35pm.*

*The meeting closed at 10.08pm.*

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....

**Cou/080/07-08 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the closed session minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007 are accepted as an accurate record.

**RESOLVED:** That the closed session minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007 are accepted as an accurate record subject to the following amendments:-

**Cou/061/07-08 Staffing Matters** - Line 1 in 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph should read Cllr. Trant

**RESOLVED:** That the closed session minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007 are accepted as an accurate record .

**Cou/081/07-08 Matters Arising**

**From the Closed Session Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007:** None

**From the Closed Session Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007:** None

**From the Closed Session Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007:** None

**Cou/089/07-08 Staffing (cont.)**

Clerk Recruitment, Cllr. Trant provided an update on the progress of the recruitment process.

Members updated on developments and issues to arise since departure of former Clerk. **Resolved:** That the services of a minute Clerk were no longer required – Abstentions, Cllrs. Beck, Coates, Emmerson and Jones.

**Cou/091/08-08 Landscape Consultant.**

**Resolved:** That the invoice not be paid and appropriate item to be put on agenda of next Council meeting for full debate.

*(\* to allow the discussions in respect of the above items to be completed Standing Order 82 was moved by the Chairman at 10.00pm to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue for a further 10 minutes.)*

**Cou/092/07-08 Scout Lease.** Due to insufficient time this item was deferred to the next Council meeting.

*The meeting closed at 10.08pm.*

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....