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Groby Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Groby Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 2nd July 2007 at the Parish Council Chamber, Leicester Road, Groby.

Cou/064/07-08 Clerk Appointment.

In the absence of a Proper Officer it was proposed by Cllr. Lindsay and seconded by Cllr. Marvin that Cllr. Hodges be appointed Clerk to the Council for this meeting – motion passed unopposed.

Cou/065/07-08 Present.

Members: Cllrs Batty (Chair), Cllr Yarwood, Cllr Trant, Cllr L Smith*, Cllr J Smith, Cllr Marvin, Cllr Lindsay, Cllr Cartwright, Cllr Hollick, Cllr Emmerson, Cllr Hodges, Cllr Jones, Cllr Beck

*Cllr. L. Smith joined meeting at 7.55pm

Cou/066/07-08 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs. Brierley, Coates, Purves – Cllr. L. Smith for late arrival.

Cou/067/07-08 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Batty – Any matters relating to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council as Borough Cllr, Personal Interest in Correspondence Item 17062
Cllr Hodges – Public Open Spaces specifically Stamford Drive, Correspondence Items 17045 & 17062
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 Interest – Allotments and Correspondence Item 17052
Cllr Hollick – Personal Interest Correspondence Item 17052
Cllr J Smith – Personal interest in Druck
Cllr Emmerson – Personal Interest – Allotments and Correspondence Item 17052
Cllr Lindsay – Personal Interest Correspondence Item 17045
Cllr Yarwood – Personal Interest in Correspondence Item 17060

Cou/068/07-08 Cheque Signatories.

Revised procedures for the Council's new cheque signatories were explained to members.

**At this point the Chairman suspended Standing Orders and adjourned the meeting for Public Participation*

Cou/069/07-08 Public Participation.

No questions were raised by members of the public.

** At this point the Chairman re-instated Standing Orders.*

Cou/070/07-08 Payment of Accounts

Payment of accounts as per the schedule provided was proposed by Cllr. Cartwright and seconded by Cllr. Jones – the motion was passed unanimously.

Cou/071/07-08 Planning and Development Committee

Minutes of the committee meeting held on 30th June 2007 were received and were discussed in some detail. Approval of the minutes was then proposed by Cllr. Lindsay, seconded by Cllr. L. Smith and passed.

Cou/072/07-08 Correspondence

- 17019 - N.P.F.A. Subscription approved by Council but not actioned by Clerk
- 17024 - Council to write to resident.
- 17040 - Council to write to resident – unable to accede to request
- 17043 - Smoke Free England - Resolved
- 17044 - Closed Session
- 17045 - “ “
- 17046 - “ “
- 17048 - Agenda item – 16.7.2007
- 17049 - Cllr. Hollick to check whose responsibility – Also Cllrs. Hoolick & Emmerson to follow up Markfield Road resident’s tree issue
- 17050
- 17051 - Cllrs. Beck & Jones to inspect and report back, Council then to write to residents.
- 17061 - “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
- 17052 - Agenda item 16.7.2007
- 17054 - Noted.
- 17055 - Working Party
- 17057 - Council to request Spotlight article & details passed on to Groby branch Age Concern.
- 17058 - Noted. GPC will not support any further reduction of service. Council to accept offer to attend Council meeting and fully explain the implications of the proposals.
- 17059 - Cllr. Cartwright explained application recommended for refusal at planning meeting on 3.7.2007 by HBBC planning officers.
- 17060 - Cllrs. Lindsay, J. Smith and Hollick to report back, Council then to respond.
- 17062 - Council to agree to request and support event, HBBC & LCC to promote in the Spotlight.
- 17063 – Agenda item 16.7.2007
- 17064 - “ “ “

Cou/073/07-08 Date of Next Meeting

16th July 2007 as per agreed schedule (subject to availability of a Clerk)

Members of the public left the meeting at 9.27pm

Following a “comfort break” the Council moved into closed session at 9.32pm.

The meeting closed at 10.07pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Cou/074/08-08 Correspondence.

17044 – An aggressive letter from a resident pointedly referring to individual councillors in respect of the Council’s submission with regard to a contentious planning matter was discussed in some detail. Councillors affirmed that any response by the Council was a corporate one and that members and employees should be entitled to protection from such aggression. Councillors resolved not to respond directly but to contact the provider of the Council’s Legal expenses policy with a request for Solicitors to be instructed.

Cou/075/07-08 Druck Lease.

Councillors were updated with regard to the current position in respect of the Druck Lease and a number of important concerns in respect of outstanding issues were highlighted. Councillors agreed that in view of the imminent expiry of the planning permission for the proposed new car park that an urgent meeting with Druck was needed. Cllrs. Batty, Jones and Marvin were appointed to represent the Council at this meeting with delegated authority to move matters forward.

(to allow the discussions in respect of the above item 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.)*

The meeting closed at 10.08pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date