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Groby Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Groby Parish Council held at 7.00 pm on Monday 4th June 2007 at the Parish Council Chamber, Leicester Road, Groby.

Cou/025/07-08 Present.

Members: Cllrs Batty (Chair), Cllr Yarwood, Cllr Trant, Cllr L Smith, Cllr J Smith, Cllr Purves, Cllr Marvin, Cllr Lindsay, Cllr Cartwright, Cllr Hollick, Cllr Emmerson, Cllr Hodges, Cllr Coates, Cllr Jones, Cllr Brierley, Cllr Beck
Mr A Ellis – Proper Offices
Mrs S Cowin – Minute Clerk

Cou/026/07-08 Apologies for Absence.

Cou/027/07-08 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Batty – Any matters relating to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council as Borough Cllr, prejudicial interest in the Fencing Covenant
Cllr Hodges – Public Open Spaces specifically Stamford Drive, which may relate to Item Big Lottery Funding
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 Groby Ward Councillor
Cllr Beck – Personal Interest in the Druck Lease
Cllr L Smith – Correspondence Item 17024
Cllr Hollick – Groby Village Hall
Cllr J Smith – Personal interest in the Druck Lease
Cllr Trant – Co-Ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch
Cllr Emmerson - Allotments
Cllr Lindsay – Public Open Spaces
Cllr Yarwood – Prejudicial Interest in the Fencing Covenant
Cllr Coates – Prejudicial Interest in the Fencing Covenant

Cou/028/07-08 Minutes

RESOLVED that the signing of minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2007, are accepted after the following amendments:-

Cou/003/07-08 Declarations of Interest, page 1 – Include personal interest in all items on the agenda as Groby Ward Borough Councillor under Cllr Cartwright's declarations.

Cou/004/07-08 Election of Chairman and Cou/006/07-08, page 1 details of voting should be included.

Cou/004/07-08 Election of Chairman, page 1 – Include that Cllr Beck took the opportunity to thank the previous chairman.

Cou/008/07-08 Planning Applications, page 2, Quarry Car Park – should read “request by White Young and Green to carry out investigative works”

Cou/008/07-08 Planning Applications, page 2, The Klondyke –should read “Cllr Batty as Borough Councillor”.

Cou/008/07-08 Planning Applications, page 2, Fishing Lodge – should read “Pooltail Bungalow”.

Cou/010/07-08, County Councillors Report, page 3 – insert “Cllr Sprason agreed to this” at the end of the sentence.

Cou/010/07-08, County Councillors Report, page 3, A50 40mph Speed Limit - Reduction insert “from existing 40mph limit at Field Head down to approximately near Lena/Wallace Drive”.

Cou/010/07-08, County Councillors Report, page 3, Groby Community College - insert “inspect of the Ofsted Report”.

Cou/010/07-08, County Councillors Report, page 3, Direct Payments – insert “care in the home”.

Cou/012/07-08, To Appoint Representatives on Outside Bodies, page 3, Thomas Herbert Smith Trust, it was felt that this may be a 4 year appointment; the Clerk will look into this matter.

Cou/013/07-08, Appointment of Standing Committees, page 4, the Planning Committee and Grants Committee were new Committees and therefore should be headed as “Newly Formed Committees”.

Cou/017/07-08, Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 16th April 2007, comment made by members of the public should be recorded

Cou/017/07-08, Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 16th April 2007, page 5, change heading to read “Discussion of minutes from the Council Meeting held on 16th April 2007”.

Cou/017/07-08, Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 16th April 2007, page 5, voting numbers should be included in the resolution.

Cou/017/07-08, Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 16th April 2007, page 5, Minutes of the Meeting of Groby Parish Council, voting numbers should be included, it should also be added that the Chairman declined to vote or use his casting vote.

Cou/018/07-08, Payment of Accounts, page 5, insert the word “previous” before Chairman.

Move “The meeting closed at 10.10pm” to before “Date of Next Meeting”

Cou/019/07-08, Date of Next Meeting, page 5, add “was not agreed” at the end of the sentence.

RESOLVED that the signing of minutes of the Meeting held on 29th May 2007, are accepted after the following amendments:-

Cou/020/07-08, Declarations of Interest, page 6, Include personal interest in all items on the agenda as Groby Ward Borough Councillor under Cllr Cartwright’s declarations.

Cou/025/07-08 Cemetery Matters, page 6, change wording to read “in line with the Council reviewing the Deed of Grant it was decided amendments were needed to be made, these were agreed at the Council meeting and the Deed of Grant has been amended accordingly”.

Cou/029/07-08 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 14th May 2007

Cou/012/07-08, To Appoint Representatives on Outside Bodies, page 4, Allotment Society Committee, the Clerk informed members that the protocol requires changing as you can only be on the Committee if you are an allotment holder, Cllr Hollick has given his up and therefore if the protocol is changed he will be able to sit on the Committee. A vote was taken with a majority decision reached. Cllr Emmerson abstained from voting.

Cou/030/07-08 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported on the following issues:-

White Young and Green have carried out test examinations at Quarry Park, they have left a mess and Druck will be rectifying and keeping an eye on the situation.

Cllr Sprason was not able to attend the meeting but he had provided a written report prior to the meeting. Copies where available for the Public.

The Chairman asked Members to suspend standing orders to allow Public Participation and the Police Report to this point of the meeting so that members of the public can speak.

The meeting adjourned for Public Participation at 7.43pm reconvening at 7.59pm

Cou/031/07-08 Police Report

	Groby	Field Head
House Burglaries	1 Attempted – 2 Actual	1 Actual
Garages, Sheds & Out Building Burglaries	0 Attempted – 1 Actual	0
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	0	1
Theft From Motor Vehicle	5	0
Damage To Motor Vehicle	2	0
Non-Domestic Assaults	2	0
Robbery	0	0
Crimes That Don't Affect Residents	7	0
Total Groby and Field Head Crime figures	20	1

Cllr Cartwright informed members that the Neighbourhood Watch had purchased new signs for the Parish; this was possible due to the donation of monies from Leicestershire Constabulary.

Cllr Cartwright was congratulated for his work with the Neighbourhood Watch

The Chairman re-instated standing orders.

Cou/032/07-08 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that payments of accounts accepted with the exception of the previous Chairman's Allowance and the payment for the Village Hall which will be dealt with in closed session. A vote was taken with a unanimous decision reached.

Cou/033/07-08 Planning and Development Committee

a. 07/00515/FUL- 136 Leicester Road, Groby

No Objection: Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding

b. 07/00490/FUL - 24 Anstey Lane, Groby

No Objection: Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding

c. 07/00578/FUL - 15 Castle Rise, Groby

No Objection: Subject to neighbours not being inconvenienced and there being no other planning application outstanding

Cllr Yarwood declared an interest in the application for Markfield Road and left the Chamber at 8.12pm, returning at 8.13pm

d. LCC Groby (Markfield Road) - Tree Preservation Order 1974

Noted

e. Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council – Request for expression of Interest – Land for Development

RESOLVED that a letter would be sent to HBBC stating that the Council are not interested in selling any Parish Council land or putting forward any Parish Council land for development. A vote was taken with a majority decision reached with 1 abstention (Cllr Trant).

f. LCC – Proposed Cycle Track Scheme – Ratby Road, Groby

Noted

g. LCC – Bus Stop Improvements, Route 117/118 – Proposed Socketed Bollards

Noted

Cou/034/07-08 Fencing Covenant – Woodland Heights

RESOLVED that this item would be dealt with in closed sessions. A vote was taken For: 11, Against: 1
Cllr Jones, Abstentions 4, Cllrs Emmerson, Hollick, Coates and Beck

Cou/035/07-08 Big Lottery Funding for Play

Cllr Batty gave members details of the short time scale under which HBBC want submissions for this funding.

RESOLVED that the Council do not pursue this any further as there is little chance that conditions can be complied with by 8th June 2007. A vote was taken with a majority decision reached. There were 2 abstentions (Cllrs Becks and Coates).

Cou/036/07-08 Health and Safety Consultancy

The Clerk gave members an update on this matter. The Clerk had obtained quotes for a 1 year contract and also for a 3 year contract.

RESOLVED the contract will be renewed for a further 12 months subject to Councils concerns being relayed to them and addressed. A vote was taken with a majority decision being reached.

Cou/037/07-08 Druck Lease

Cllr Purves raised numerous issues with the schedule and lease that had been circulated and wanted to know whether this was the previous one that was agreed and signed by the former Chairman or whether it was one that had got into the system somehow. Cllr Purves also raised an issue with the payments schedule and numerous dates which appeared on the contract. She suggested that this needs to be looked into and very quickly by a couple of people with the Solicitor present. Cllr Batty reminded Members that this needs to be looked at by the District Valuer before anything can happen with it.

RESOLVED that a working party is put together to work with the Solicitors to resolve the issues. A vote was taken with a majority decision reached with 1 abstention (Cllr J Smith)

Cllr Coates proposed that Mr Lock (previous Cllr) joined the working party. A vote was taken For : 5 (Cllrs Jones, Hollick, Beck, Coates, Emmerson), Against: 6 (Cllrs Marvin, Cartwright, Purves, Batty, Hodges, Yarwood), Abstentions 5 (Cllrs L Smith, J Smith, Brierley, Trant, Lindsay). Therefore the motion was lost.

RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Vice Chairman work with the Clerk to resolve this matter. A vote was taken with a majority decision reached with votes against 1 (Cllr Coates) and 2 abstentions (Cllrs Beck, Hollick)

Cou/038/07-08 Insurance Claim

The Clerk informed members that he had filled out claim forms for the vandalised notice boards opposite Budgens and for the damaged roof at Marina Park. Due to time restraints this had to be done without a Council vote.

Cou/039/07-08 Correspondence

17001 – Re; Marina Car Park - **RESOLVED** quotes would be obtained.

17012 – Request for memorial - **RESOLVED** the Clerk will respond stating that the Parish Council fully support the provision of a War Memorial but is prevented to provide one by statue.

17016 – Campaign to Protect Rural England - **RESOLVED** that the annual subscription would be renewed.

17019 – National Playing fields Association - **RESOLVED** that the annual subscription would be renewed.

17032 – Request to use Chamber - **RESOLVED** that this would be declined as there is the possibility that Council will not have a Clerk on the date in question.

17024 – Vehicle Parking Ratby Rd/Rookery Lane - **RESOLVED** the Clerk will write back to the resident and inform them that it is not within the Parish Council jurisdiction and therefore they should write to LCC.

Cou/040/07-08 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED that the schedule circulated by the Clerk is accepted. A vote was taken with a majority decision reached with 3 abstentions (Cllrs Jones, Coates, Emmerson).

Members of the public left the meeting at 9.27pm

The Council moved into closed session at 9.27pm.

The meeting closed at 10.08pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Closed Session of 4th June 2007

The Clerk left the Chamber at 9.27pm returning at 9.42pm

Staffing Matters

Clerks Resignation

The Chairman informed Members that the current Clerk had handed in his Resignation and would be leaving on 22nd June 2007. A discussion took place on his resignation.

RESOLVED that the current Clerk would be thanked for his service and wish him well in his new post and that a Recruitment Working Party would be put in place. A vote was taken with a unanimous decision reached.

RESOLVED that members of the working party would be Cllrs Trant, Lindsay and J Smith. A vote was taken with a unanimous decision reached.

RESOLVED that an advertising budget with a maximum of £2,000 would be set. A vote was taken with a unanimous decision being reached.

To consider the Minutes from the Staffing Committee Meeting of 21st March 2007.

RESOLVED that the closed session minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2007 had now timed out. A vote was taken with a unanimous decision reached.

Operatives

RESOLVED that a Working Party is put together to work with Ron Simpson to move matters forward.

RESOLVED that the Working Party would be made up by Cllrs Hodges, Yarwood and Lindsay.

The Chairman moved suspension of standing orders under standing order 82 to extend the meeting for a further 10 minutes after 10.00pm. Members agreed.

Fencing Covenant – Woodland Heights

Cllrs Batty, Yarwood and Coates declared interests and left the Chamber at 9.54pm returning at 10.07pm. Cllr Purves took the Chair in the absence of Cllr Batty.

Cllr Purves tabled correspondence in relation to this issue. A discussion took place on the way forward, it was felt that there were two ways to go, one was to pay the costs of £2,000 and draw a line under the situation or two dispute the payment which would mean more Solicitors costs.

RESOLVED that the £2,000 payment is made in full and final settlement without prejudice through Councils Solicitor to Mr Yarwood's Solicitor. A vote was taken with a majority decision reached with 1 against and 3 abstentions.

RESOLVED that Council bring to a future agenda to explore the possibility of suing our existing Solicitors for the inconsistent advice and recovery of costs in this matter. A vote was taken with a majority decision reached with 2 abstentions.

The meeting closed at 10.08pm.