

## Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brassington Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 February 2008

**Present:** Cllr P Horrocks (in the Chair), Cllrs J. Allsopp, D. Ede, J. Grant-Nicholas, D. Rippon, the Clerk and 3 members of the public

### 1. Public Participation

- (a) Two members of the public, Mr Peter Lansley and Mr Mark Crosby, raise the issue of the proposed recreation field and asked if it would be possible for people from the village to be involved in the project. They were invited to remain at the meeting until this item was discussed on the agenda.
- (b) Mr Brian Barry, Chairman of the Village Hall Project Committee read a statement to the meeting which informed the Parish Council of planning issues surrounding the proposal to develop a new village hall and the lack of consensus between interested parties, including the Management Committee. It had been decided to postpone activities for several months until agreement can be reached. It was noted and agreed that this would be placed on the agenda for the March Parish Council meeting, with a copy of Mr Barry's letter being circulated to the Parish Council members with the agenda.

### 2. County/District Council Representation

Cllr Lewis Rose (Derbyshire Dales District Council)  
Cllr Irene Ratcliffe (Derbyshire County Council)

Cllr Rose raised the issue of grass cutting at the Dale. It was noted that this was last undertaken in 2006. Although it was a County Council responsibility, the work was undertaken on an agency basis by the District Council. Cllr Rose undertook to raise this with the appropriate officers at the District Council.

### 3. Police Representative

None were present

### 4. Monthly Meeting (non-exempt items)

1. 02/08 Apologies received from Cllr D Massey, Cllr D. Brown and J Dales (Police Community Support Officer)

2. 02/08 Declarations of members interests None

3. 02/08 Minutes It was resolved (proposed Cllr Grant-Nichols, seconded Cllr D Rippon, all in favour) that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2008 be accepted as a true record subject to two amendments approved and signed by the chairman.

#### **4.02/08 On-going matters**

(a) Play area wall Cllr Allsopp reported that the contractor has informed him that the work could be undertaken within 2 weeks. Cllr Horrocks was awaiting news regarding a grant for the work to the wall. It was agreed to defer this pending news on the potential grant award.

(b) Village Pond This was all but completed but might need some planting to form a habitat for wildlife. It was agreed to let the pond settle for a season to see how it developed naturally. It was agreed that thanks be given to Cllrs Allsopp and Rippon for the work they had undertaken on developing the pond.

(c) Wirksworth Dale, Access to High Peak Trail Cllr Allsopp has obtained a signed paper from Mr ColincSpencer stating that he had agreed access over his land, from Wirksworth Dale to Manystones Lane at a cost of £500, with legal fees of around £500. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe offered to pay a contribution from her Community Leadership fund towards the costs and informed the Council that Derbyshire County Council should pay all the legal fees. The Parish Council would need to fund the balance.

The problem of litter at Wirksworth Dale was also discussed. Cllr Horrocks undertook to speak to Mr Postlewaite and Cllr Rose would organise DDDC to deal with fly-tipping. It was agreed that Traffic and Fly-tipping at Wirksworth Dale would be on the agenda of the next meeting.

(d) Notice Boards Cllr Allsopp undertook to follow up the proposed repair/replacement notice boards as appropriate.

(e) Meadow Rise parking and access The problems faced by residents of Meadow Rise were discussed. The Parish Council expressed concern that they should be consulted formally on the proposals by Dales Housing which were going through the planning process. This also applied to the tenants of Meadow Rise.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Dales Housing regarding the loss of car parking to tenants and asking for new car parking to be offered as a matter of urgency.

#### **5.02/08 Highways/Traffic**

(a) Cllr Grant-Nichols had been in touch with Simon Tranter at DCC in respect of the speed constrictions. He had asked for a letter from the Parish Council to progress this matter. Cllr Grant-Nichols undertook to provide the Clerk with the necessary information for a letter to be drafted.

- (b) In respect of the entry portals, this had to go to the environmental officer at DCC for approval for the spacing and distance from the road for any proposal. It was agreed that plans would be drawn and submitted to a future meeting.
- (c) The entry to Greenway at Wash Hills was raised. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take no action until the matters surrounding the Recreation Field had been determined, after which the County Council could act quite quickly.

#### **6.02/08 State of the Parish**

- (a) Issues surrounding the developments at Meadow Rise were again raised. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Rob Loggins at DDDC and the Nottingham Housing Association regarding tenants parking, and also West Lea Homes (Leicester) asking their contractor to park elsewhere. Cllr Rose undertook to look into the possibility of providing parking restrictions in favour of the tenants with DDDC and Cllr Horrocks undertook to speak to Jo Dales.
- (b) Flooding on some of the parish roads was discussed, particularly Ryder Point and near the Vicarage. The maintenance of drains to prevent flooding was again a County Council responsibility undertaken by the District Council as agents
- (c) The telephone box in Church Street now displayed a large advertisement which was not considered appropriate for the village surroundings, especially as it was sited on the edge of the conservation area. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to BT, asking that the advertisement be removed.

#### **7.02/08 Nominee to village Hall Management Committee**

It was agreed that Cllr D Rippon would be the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.

#### **8.02/08 Planning Decisions**

- (a) Decisions; 07/00943/FUL – single/two storey extensions – School View/Dragon Hill, Town Street, Brassington. Granted with conditions.
- (b) Development off Meadow Rise – It was noted that some changes to the levels were required and the Parish Council had been consulted on the proposed numbering of the new houses. It was agreed that the form would be returned to DDDC stating that the Parish Council preferred “1,2,3 and 4, School Close, Meadow Rise , Brassington.” Cllr Rose undertook to be consistent with this in his own response.

#### **9.02/08 Recreation Field**

- (a) Cllr Rose informed the meeting that the solicitors needed the Rights of Easement document but the transfer of ownership was not far off

completion. There was no definite completion date as yet but the Parish Council could still get their contractors to look over the land in the meantime.

It was agreed, proposed by Cllr Rippon, seconded by Cllr Ede, that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be authorised to execute the Deed of Grant.

- (c) It was agreed that, in response to some rumours circulating around the village, the Chairman would circulate a letter as agreed by the Council to the parish and to be delivered with the Peak Advertiser, inviting interested parties to attend the Annual Parish meeting on 8 April. In addition she would send a separate letter to organisations in the parish to send a representative to the meeting.
- (d) Cllr Rose recommended that Les Warren at DDDC be contacted for grant assistance for the recreation field at the appropriate time
- (e) Nominations for a Sub Committee for the Recreation Field project would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **10.02.08 Correspondence**

- (a) SACRE Annual report – circulated and noted
- (b) DDDC Parish Council Conference – 26 February. Cllrs Horrocks and Grant-Nichols to attend.

#### **11.02/08 Finance**

- (a) The Clerks expenses/salary payment of £180.66 was approved. The Parish Council wished to extend their thanks to Simon Clough for undertaking the role of Clerk and it was noted that he would still be active on the Recreation Field project.
- (b) It was agreed that replacement recording equipment be purchased at a cost of approximately £50
- (c) It was noted that there was a remaining balance of £3320 and it was agreed that £2000 would be placed in the reserve account pending work necessary on the playing field wall.
- (d) It was noted that payment of the Council's insurance for the current year remained outstanding and should be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.