

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brassington Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 January 2008

Present: Cllr P Horrocks (in the Chair), Cllr J Allsop, Cllr D Brown, Cllr J Grant-Nicholson, Cllr D Massey, Cllr D Rippon, the Clerk, and 4 members of the public.

1. **Public Participation**
No matters were raised.
2. **County/District Council representatives**
None were present.
3. **Police Representative**
None were present.
4. **Monthly Meeting – Non-exempt items**

1.01/08 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Ede and District Councillor Rose.

2.01/08 Declarations of Members' Interests

There were none.

3.12/07 Minutes

It was resolved (proposed Cllr Grant-Nicholas, seconded Cllr Rippon, all in favour) that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4.01/08 Ongoing Matters

a) Play Area Wall

Two quotes had been received, and the Clerk opened them at the meeting. Mr Mark Allcock tendered an inclusive price of £2,150.00, and Mr Paul Cooper £1,650.00.

It was agreed that both were capable of doing the work to the Council's satisfaction. The Council resolved (proposed Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Massey, all in favour) that Mr Cooper's quote be accepted.

It was agreed that school holidays would be the best time to undertake the work, if at all possible.

Cllr Horrocks undertook to investigate what grants were, or might shortly become, available, and to pass the information on to the new Clerk.

The Clerk would write to the two gentlemen to confirm the Council's decision, and would explain the anticipated timescale to Mr Cooper, with a request for his estimate of how long the work would take.

b) Village Pond

No response had been received from the Brownies or the school, and it was decided not to pursue those avenues. Cllr Allsop confirmed that he and Cllr Rippon would ensure that the work was done at a cost within the £300 available from the May Heathcote Trust for this purpose. Cllr Rippon agreed to get the work under way as soon as convenient.

c) Wirksworth Dale access to High Peak Trail

The Clerk had circulated to councillors the e-mail received from Mr Coombs, which was very discouraging. It was felt that the Council should take steps to advance the matter without the support/help of Mr Coombs if necessary. Cllr Brown would approach Mr Ken Parker at the Peak Park for advice, and it was hoped some progress might be made at the next meeting.

d) Notice Boards

Cllr Allsop and Cllr Horrocks had both made enquiries, and even simple boards could cost up to £1,300 each. Cllr Allsop suggested approaching Mr Stephen Wheeldon to see if he could produce something suitable at a more reasonable price, and the

Council approved this course of action. It was felt that the Board on the Play Area was most urgently in need of replacement, and the one behind Pinfold Cottage probably in the following year. The Board by the Gate Inne is currently satisfactory. The question of further boards elsewhere in the village (near the cemetery and/or at Longcliffe, for example) was left open for future consideration.

5.01/08 Planning Decisions

07/00859/FUL – Erection of two storey dwellinghouse and garage (modifications to planning permission 06/00913/FUL) at land adjoining Shellboards Farm, West End, Brassington for Mr C Sowter

This application had been granted with conditions.

6.01/08 Recreation Field

The Clerk updated councillors on the latest situation: there was a question to be resolved concerning a purported right of way granted over the land the Council was to enquire.

After a lengthy discussion as to what action was required, and how to prioritise, it was decided that a site meeting with Pugh-Lewis should be arranged as soon as possible, so that a revised quotation for the necessary drainage and levelling work could be provided, possibly to include fencing and hedging, at least on a temporary basis. It was felt that Cllrs Horrocks, Allsop and Brown would be best placed to attend, if possible. Cllr Horrocks would set the wheels in motion, and the Clerk would write to Mr Lewis Rose to inform him of the decision.

7.01/08 Highways/Traffic

Cllr Grant-Nicholas presented a résumé of the possibilities for improving matters, and all agreed that Items 1 & 2 on the list (“acceptable options”) should be acted on as soon as possible. These were the construction of “portals” at the entrances to the village, and the painting of markings on the roads at the same points, to give the appearance of road narrowing.

The Clerk would write to Mr Simon Tranter at DCC, to ask him to communicate with Cllr Grant-Nicholas on these matters, and also to seek an update on plans to extend the pedestrian footpath outside the Village Hall.

8.01/08 Correspondence

- a) The Clerk circulated some DALC circulars.

It was agreed that the new Clerk should attend DALC’s New Clerks’ Induction Course at the first available opportunity.

- b) DCC Rights Of Way Improvement Plan. Cllr Grant-Nicholas had scoured the relevant part of the County Council’s website, but found only “bureaucratic drivel”, and no summary. It was felt that the information provided was most unhelpful

- c) Textile Bank. A brief discussion concluded that the recycling bank could be much better organised, with or without the addition of the textile bank. Cllr Horrocks would liaise with Mr Hollinshead in this regard.

9.01/08 Finance

It was resolved (proposed Cllr Horrocks, seconded Cllr Massey, all in favour) that the accounts as set out on the Agenda be paid.

It was resolved (proposed Cllr Horrocks, seconded Cllr Grant-Nicholas, all in favour except Cllr Allsop, who abstained) that suitable recording equipment be purchased for the recording of future meetings. The Clerk would investigate the cost and report back to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:35pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: