

## Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brassington Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 October 2007

**Present:** Cllr P Horrocks (in the Chair), Cllr J Allsop, Cllr D Brown, Cllr D Ede, Cllr D Massey, Cllr D Rippon, Police Community Support Officer Jo Dales, the Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

### 1. Public Participation

There was no comment.

### 2. Police Community Support Officer

Jo Dales reported that she was not aware of any problems concerning the Play Area, but would keep it under observation.

### 3. Monthly Meeting

#### 1.10/07 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jonathan Grant-Nicholas and from District Cllr Lewis Rose.

#### 2.10/07 Declarations of Members' Interests

There were none.

#### 3.10/07 Minutes

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

### 4. 10/07 Ongoing Matters

#### a) Play Area

It was reported that Cllr Allsop had removed the damaged shelter and made the site safe.

The Chairman's enquiries into the possibility of replacing the bark chippings with springy asphalt or mats were ongoing.

Cllr Brown was concerned that the removal of the shelter might not eradicate antisocial behaviour but merely move it elsewhere, as teenagers had now taken to hanging around the school porch. He also responded to Cllr Rippon's enquiry about security lights at the school. These had been included in the plan for the new extension, but were still under negotiation.

The general consensus was that the situation should be monitored and reviewed at the next meeting.

#### b) Village Pond

The Clerk was asked to write to the school and the organisers of the Brownies, to see if they would be interested in a "Pond Puddling" session.

#### c) Access to High Peak Trail

- i. Wirksworth Dale – Cllr Allsop reported that he had spoken to Chris Coombes, who confirmed that negotiations with Colin Spencer were progressing. It was confidently thought that Hoben Quarries could be persuaded to make land available in exchange for the removal of the footpath through their works, and the resultant benefit to them might encourage them to provide funding. The County Council's engineers were already looking at costing. The Council was divided as to whether or not it was necessary to consider funding at this stage, but the majority view was that it was more important to obtain an agreement in principal as soon as possible.

The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Coombes, asking him to report formally as to the present situation, and stressing the priority for getting agreement in principal.

- ii. Longcliffe – The Clerk was asked to write to Longcliffe Quarries, thanking them for their co-operation, and enquiring whether they intended to hold an official opening – if not, the Council would organise one at a time convenient to them.
- d) New Sports Field  
The Chairman reported that Lewis Rose had submitted a contract to The Trustees of the late Peta Jordan. They, in turn, had failed to obtain instructions from Mr Ian Cannon, but if they were unable to do so by 9 November, the Council could complete the purchase of the land in exercise of its option in any event.
- e) Grass Heap, Wirksworth Dale  
The Chairman reported that she had arranged with Vital Earth to remove the grass cuttings and dispose of them ecologically at no cost to the Council. However, in the meantime, the contractors working on Kings Hill (Morgan Est) had contaminated the site by dumping rubble.  
It was resolved (proposed Cllr Massey, seconded Cllr Brown, all in favour) that the Clerk should pursue the contractors with appropriate vigour, to get them to remove both their rubble and the grass cuttings.  
The discussion moved to the verges along Wirksworth Dale, which are badly in need of attention. Cllr Allsop felt that the village handymen should be able to deal with the matter, but the other councillors took the view that the County Council was responsible and should be encouraged to carry out the work. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department accordingly.
- f) Traffic Calming  
Mr Simon Tranter of the County Council Highways Department had agreed to attend a site meeting to discuss the possibilities for improving safety at the junction of Greenway and Town Street, and in the village in general. The suggested date was the morning of 9 October, the time to be fixed at short notice (to fit in with a visit to Wirksworth that morning by Mr Tranter and Cllr Irene Ratcliffe). The Clerk would co-ordinate the meeting and arrange for the attendance of as many councillors as wished to, and were able to, attend.

#### **5.10/07 Planning**

- a) Application 07/00283FUL (Proposed New Brassington Village Hall)  
This application has been withdrawn.
- b) Application 07/00747/FUL – Single storey side extension at Somerville Cottage, Town Street, Brassington for Ms June Baldwin  
All the councillors were in favour of this application.
- c) Application NP/DDD/0807/0806 – Installation of flue for wood burning stove at The Old Barn, Pikehall for Mr & Mrs McDougall  
There were no objections.

#### **6.10/07 Correspondence**

The Clerk presented a number of items, mostly circulars and such like.

#### **7.10/07 Finance**

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

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed:

**P E Horrocks**

(Chairman)

Date: **13/11/07**