

## **Minutes of the monthly meeting of Brassington Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 September 2007**

**Present:** Cllr P Horrocks (in the Chair), Cllr J Allsop, Cllr D Ede, Cllr J Grant-Nicholas, Cllr D Massey, Cllr D Rippon, District Cllr Lewis Rose, the Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

### **1. Public Participation**

Ms Jane Perkins addressed the meeting briefly to outline the planning application referred to at 5.09/07 below, and asked for the Parish Council's full support.

### **2. District Council Representative**

Cllr Rose reported that the refusal of planning consent for the proposed wind turbines at Carsington Pastures was to be appealed. A public enquiry was inevitable. Cllr Allsop expressed the hope that, should the appeal prove successful, the community might derive some benefit.

### **3. Monthly Meeting**

#### **1.09/07 Apologies**

No apologies had been received.

#### **2.09/07 Declarations of Members' Interests**

There were none.

#### **3.09/07 Minutes**

Cllr Allsop (who had not been present at the last meeting) sought clarification of the minute numbered 4.08/07. The Clerk acknowledged that, in striving for conciseness, he had inadvertently implied that Cllr Grant-Nicholas had volunteered the comment reported in the 1st sentence. This was not the case: the comment had in fact come in response to a question posed by the other councillors present. Cllr Allsop asked if it were possible for him to be told in writing what he was required to apologise for, but it was pointed out to him that an apology was no longer required, as the matter had been otherwise resolved at the previous meeting, as recorded in the minutes.

It was resolved (proposed Cllr Massey, seconded Cllr Rippon, all - of those who had been present at the previous meeting - in favour) that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 August be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. 09/07 Ongoing Matters**

#### **a) Play Area**

The Clerk reported that, in consultation with Cllrs Allsop and Rippon, he had the necessary information to prepare a specification to invite tenders for the proposed new perimeter wall. The Council concluded that this should be formally displayed on the Notice boards, and backed up by publicity in the local newspapers if possible.

It was noted that the bark chippings had become depleted, and Cllr Rippon speculated that it would be better replaced with cushioned asphalt. However, the consensus was that this would prove prohibitively expensive.

Cllr Allsop wondered whether the installation of a CCTV surveillance system might prevent vandalism and other anti-social behaviour at the play area. The Clerk undertook to approach a specialist firm in Matlock, to see if it would be possible

to obtain a no-obligation estimate of the costs of setting-up and running such a system.

The shelter had been vandalised to the extent that it was a risk to the health and safety of those for whose benefit it had been installed. The Council agreed that the shelter should be temporarily removed so that it could be restored to its original condition before being reinstalled.

b) Village Website

The Clerk was asked to congratulate Anna McGuire on her efforts, thank her for setting up the Parish Council link, and offer the Council's support and assistance should it be required.

c) Additional Handyman

Jade Torr has settled in well, and all parties are working well together.

d) Cemetery

Cllr Rippon was concerned that the number of available plots in the cemetery was rapidly running out. Cllr Horrocks stated that the District Council (whose responsibility the cemetery is) had been to inspect, and as far as she knew had a budget for expansion as and when this was necessary. Cllr Allsop was concerned that relatives were being required to pay for the removal of soil from the cemetery, when there was every likelihood that soil would need to be imported for levelling in the near future. He also thought, as did others, that maybe there should be an area for the burial of ashes. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to ascertain its response to the matters discussed.

### **5.09/07 Planning**

Application 07/00704/FULL – Two storey extension at The Cottage, Hillside, for Mr C Gorman and Miss J Perkins

The Council was unanimous in its support of the application.

The Council requested that, in future, the Clerk arrange site visits prior to the monthly Council meeting, in respect of significant applications, and have the plans available for inspection before the monthly meeting.

### **6.09/07 Correspondence**

a) Wirksworth Care Centre

The Clerk was asked to reply that the Council had a policy of not supporting such projects financially, but would recommend the project to fundraising groups within the parish.

It was agreed that the Clerk should forward suitable items of correspondence for display on the website.

### **7.09/07 Finance**

Proposed Cllr Rippon, seconded Cllr Grant-Nicholas (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 8:40pm

Signed: (Sgd.) **P E HORROCKS** (Chairman) Date: **2 October 07**