GREASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 9th September, 2013.

PRESENT: Cllrs M.Brown (Chairman), R.D.Willimott, Mrs M.Fletcher, Mrs M.A.Barry, Mrs B.Willimott, Mrs J.Layton, Mrs B.A.Wing, P.Chambers, A.R.Limb. Also in attendance: Cllrs P and Mrs J.Owen. There were five members of the public present.

APOLOGIES: The apologies of Cllrs J and Mrs M.Handley, I.Coupland, R.Wing and Pc Spalding were accepted.

(13/35) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

POLICE REPORT: None.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: Standing Orders were suspended. Residents asked whether Greasley would be professionally represented at the Aligned Core Strategy hearings. The possibility of linking up with a neighbouring parish council to jointly fund a planning consultant will be considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Residents also reported that a Giltbrook pub was currently up for sale. They believed it to be an asset of community value and appealed to the council to register its interest as a potential buyer which would give a local group extra time to try and put together a rescue package. This would also be referred to F & GP. Standing Orders were resumed.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Chairman had attended an open Day and Beauvale Priory. He had also presented all the medals at the Beauvale District Scouts Duke of Edinburgh awards evening.

(13/36) MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meetings of 8th July were approved. Members heard that an application had been submitted for a farmers market on the Giltbrook retail park where British Land had recently won permission for food sales - a change which Members felt could seriously impact on Eastwood, Hill Top and Kimberley.

(13/37) CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were placed before the meeting and the contents noted: SLCC - agm notice. Woodland Trust magazine Broadleaf. Clerks and Councils Direct. CPRE magazine Countryside Voice. BBC invitation to civic service. Corte Strategy - hearing timetable. Moorgreen Residents Association - speed watch update and thanks for Corner facelift.

(13/38) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The schedule of accounts was presented and it was RESOLVED that the list of accounts paid be approved. The percentage mark up on vending supplies was to be examined.

(13/39) COMMITTEE REPORTS: The reports of the F&GP, Environment and Centre Management Team were accepted.

(13/40) REPORT OF THE CENTRE MANAGER: Initial quotes for the renewal of the flat roof had been obtained - the matter to be referred to F&GP. Equipment in the gym had been serviced and necessary repair works put in hand. Cllr Chambers and the Manager were to meet staff to consider the new rotas. Arrangements for cash collection and card services were to be reported to F & GP.

(13/41) REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES: Cllrs Mrs Fletcher reported that Colliers Wood had again been awarded the prestigious Green Flag status. The Shakespearian evening had been a great success. The FoCW had some spare bat boxes.

(13/42) COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS: Cllr Owen reported on the efforts of county officers together with Severn Trent to resolve drainage and flooding problems in the Watnall area.

(13/43) DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS: Cllr Brown gave a resume of the summer borough/parish liaison meeting.

(13/43) EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS: The Council RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

(13/44) CENTRE MATTERS: Members were given an update on the on-going measures to drive the Centre forward to fulfil the Council's remit of a more efficient and sustainable operation. The meeting re-affirmed its support for the Centre Management Team and the Centre Manager in working towards these targets.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Chairman.