

GREASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 21st October, 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, Mrs M.Handley, J.Handley.

Also in attendance: Cllrs P and Mrs J.Owen.

There were five members of the public present.

APOLOGIES: The apologies of Cllrs I.Coupland, A.Limb, R.Wing, P.Chambers and Pc Spalding were accepted.

(13/45) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

POLICE REPORT: Pc Spalding had supplied a written comparison of local crime figures for 2012 and 2013. Overall there were 10 fewer crimes this year, a decrease of 8.7% and of these crimes 34% have been detected. The biggest drops were in relation to vehicle crime and theft but burglary and criminal damage had risen.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: Standing Orders were suspended. A resident expressed his disappointment that the Council had chosen not to be professionally represented at the Aligned Core Strategy (ACS) hearings. He felt changes in the plan needed to be monitored. If development was allowed to take place on Greasley it would almost inevitably be on green belt land. Cllr Willimott replied not all councils were represented. At this stage the hearings were mainly about strategic matters. When specific sites and a further consultation period were known the Council could then review its stance. He confirmed that the parish council had been invited to give evidence at a later stage. Standing Orders were resumed.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Chairman offered his apologies for non-attendance at a CAT meeting.

(13/46) MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting of 9th September were approved.

(13/47) CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were placed before the meeting and the contents noted: Memorial to Cllr J.D.Taylor - Mrs Taylor felt a bench would be appropriate. She added that she was willing to continue serving as the Council's representative on the Rolleston and Mansell Trust. Brinsley PC had requested details of the Council's agreement with Peninsula - the Clerk to forward them. Grant Thornton, the Council's external auditors reported no concerns with the annual return which was in accordance with proper practices.

(13/48) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The schedule of accounts was presented and it was RESOLVED that the list of accounts paid be approved.

(13/49) COMMITTEE REPORTS: (The apologies of Cllrs Mrs Wing for both committees were recorded). Environment: Cllrs Mrs Barry was concerned that expansion plans by one tenant of the Giltbrook Retail Park would lead to the loss of 110 parking spaces. The Chairman would make enquiries.

Finance: Members were invited to suggest a suitable site for the memorial bench..

Both reports were accepted.

(13/50) REPORT OF THE CENTRE MANAGER: None.

(13/51) REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES: Cllrs Mrs Fletcher joined a FoCW working party to clear space for an equipment container.

(13/52) 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.