

GREASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 9th December, 2013.

PRESENT: Cllrs M.Brown (Chairman), R.D.Willimott, Mrs M.A.Barry, Mrs B.Willimott, Mrs J.Layton, Mrs M.Handley, J.W. Handley, A.Bettinson, P.E.Pickering, A.Limb.

Also in attendance: Cllrs P and Mrs J.Owen, Rev'd D.Marvin, PCSO Barsby and one member of the public.

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

ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY: The Chairman introduced Mr Steffan Saunders, BBC's Planning Policy Manager, who provided a resume and update on the current consultation process which was due to end on January 10th. Responses would be examined after this date followed by a further period of consultation containing specific sites by the end of next year. He said it was not essential to respond on the official consultation form and advised that an original, well-thought out letter would be better than a petition. Members queried numerous issues such as the housing needs figures, take up of existing residential planning permissions, use of brown field sites and many challenged the fairness of the consultation exercise which they felt was needlessly over technical and off-putting for lay people. The Chairman thanked Mr Saunders for his attendance.

(13/67) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PRAYER: The Chairman welcomed Rev'd Dave Marvin of Greasley Parish Church who led the Council in the traditional December prayer.

POLICE REPORT: PcSO Barsby reported that although the quarterly figures showed a decrease in crime in many areas, drug related offences had risen with the onset of Christmas so had house and shed burglaries.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No questions were posed by the member of the public present .

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Chairman had attended the switching on of the Brinsley Christmas lights and also the St Mary's Civic Carol Service in Eastwood.

(13/68) MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting of 11th November were approved. Under Matters Arising it was agreed a dialogue is to be opened with the Parish Church in connection with a proposed World War 1 commemoration this year.

(13/69) CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were placed before the meeting and the contents noted: A letter from a parish resident thanking the Council for the use of the parish hall for a McMillan Nurses coffee morning; information from REMIT on IT apprenticeships. A former member of staff had applied to be reinstated. In view of the urgency of the situation at the centre it was agreed his request be considered under Staffing Matters.

(13/70) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The schedule of accounts was presented and it was RESOLVED that the list of accounts paid be approved. It was agreed the status of the council's bankers should be monitored by the F&GP committee.

(13/71 COMMITTEE REPORTS: The reports of the Environment and Finance committees were both accepted. The Clerk reported that the memorial bench had been ordered and Cllr Handley confirmed that Notts CC had placed the order for a new pedestrian bridge at the Greenhills Road recreation ground.

(13/72) REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES: None.

(13/73) COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS: Cllr Handley said a check on the condition of the Valley Drive footpath was to be held. Cllr Owen added that resurfacing works on Oak Drive and Woodside Road were under way. He also outlined the threat to the Green Belt from proposed open casting works at Cossall.

(13/74) DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS: Cllr Mrs Handley outlined a public meeting re proposals in the Local Plan and Cllr Mrs Owen added that many residents were upset over the lack of notice on the Core Strategy proposals.

(13/75) FUTURE AGENDA: Make progress with WWI commemorations.

(13/76) 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

(13/77) STAFFING MATTERS: The Duty Manager reported on the difficulties of running the centre in the absence of three experienced members of staff and with a rota having to be filled by three full time staff and two part-time. He hoped that inductions for the new Relief Attendants could be held later in the week but in the meantime himself and the Asst Manager were covering the extra shifts. It was agreed that in view of the circumstances the former employee should be re-instated but on the same terms and conditions as the other Relief Attendants. The Duty Manager said he had tightened up on the completion of staff time sheets. A local company had offered an alternate solution to the problems of the parish hall roof and its suggestion of repair rather than renewal would be examined in more detail.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Chairman.