

GREASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 20th January, 2014.

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, A.Limb, Mrs M.Fletcher, P.Chambers, R.Wing and Mrs B.A.Wing.
Also in attendance: Cllrs P and Mrs J.Owen, PCSO Barsby and two members of the public.

APOLOGIES: The apologies of Cllrs I Coupland, P.Pickering and Pc Spalding were accepted.

(13/78) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

POLICE REPORT: PcSO Barsby reported that although crimes were at all time low, the police were not complacent. New "Safer Neighbourhood" posters would be available for parish notice boards.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: Standing Orders were suspended. The meeting heard of resident's dissatisfaction at the level of local Christmas bus services followed by the Doyle's decision to cease trading. Cllr Handley commented that a temporary service was to be introduced for the time being aimed primarily at people going to work. Cllr Brown added that the situation needed to be monitored.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Chairman announced that former councillor Mr N.Hutchinson had responded well to treatment for his illness and Members sent him their best wishes for a complete recovery. Cllr Brown had presented the "secret" cheque to the Greasley Guides for their forthcoming trip to London. The Chairman reminded everyone of the WWI meeting on Thursday.

(13/79) MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meetings of 9th December and 7th January were approved.

(13/80) CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were placed before the meeting and the contents noted: Clerks and Councils Direct; The Clerk; Kimberley Academy governors review; Broxtowe Women's Project newsletter; CPRE Field work and Countryside Voice magazines A resident had written in commenting on the decline in local bus services. The Local Government Boundary Commission had written with news of an electoral review of Broxtowe BC. Cllr Handley was concerned that some areas of the parish would be subsumed into Eastwood to which Cllr Mrs Handley warned that some residents could find themselves allocated to a ward with which they had no affinity. With guidance from the borough councillors the Clerk was to draft out a response.

(13/81) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The schedule of accounts was presented and it was RESOLVED that the list of accounts paid be approved.

(13/82) CONDUCT: The Chairman reminded everyone to be mindful of the code of conduct when conducting Council business and debate. Members were asked to re-examine Standing Orders in light of the annual review. Cllr Willimott added that the Code of Conduct has been approved in August 2013.

(13/83) COMMITTEE REPORTS: The reports of the Environment and Finance committees were accepted. Cllr Chambers reported that four candidates had been shortlisted for the job of Centre Manager. Cllr Handley suggested that Cllr Pickering and a Broxtowe leisure officer could assist the recruitment/appointment process if required. Cllr Chambers added that a H&S check had been booked and a contractor appointed for roofing repairs.

(13/84) CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT: The Duty Manager reported:-

1. Five Relief Attendants have been recruited and inducted.
2. Lone working reduced.
3. Up to date time sheet system introduced.
4. December takings up 3.5% over last year.
5. Quotes for plumbing works being sought - also the heating system.
6. A H&S compliance review booked.
7. Access measures reviewed to permit safe pollarding of centre trees.
8. Teen Party policy to be reviewed when booking policy circulated.
9. All gym equipment operational.
10. Membership drive had brought in 35 new members.
11. To cure condensation problems in the gym staff installing insulated ceiling tiles.
12. Recent rush of enquiries re netball availability - new posts ordered.
13. Sports Hall and MUGA bookings up on last year.
14. Committee room being re-decorated by staff. Its future use to be reviewed.

The Duty Manager was thanked for his report.

(13/85) REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES: Cllr Mrs Fletcher said the FoCW were in need of more help to organise and supervise their events.

(13/86) COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS: Cllr Handley gave an update on the Newthorpe footpath issue. Cllr Owen added that Watnall Spinney had been cleared of debris. Cllr Brown reported that all the road grates through Moorgreen were blocked.

(13/87) DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS: Cllr Mrs Owen reported on the reduced grant to the parish council from Broxtowe. Cllr Brown said it amounted to a £2,374 loss.

(13/88) FUTURE AGENDA: Peninsula contract.

The meeting closed at 9.42pm.

Chairman.