

GREASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 12th May, 2014.

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

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

APOLOGIES: The apologies of Cllrs I.Coupland, A.Bettinson, Pc Spalding, PcSO Barsby were accepted.

(14/1) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr J.Handley: Agenda Item 10.

POLICE REPORT: None.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No residents present.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Cllr Mrs Handley said she was looking forward to the year ahead - a year of openness and transparency in which the Council made every effort to consult with parishioners to learn what they felt was needed in the parish.

(14/2) MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting of 10th March 2014 were approved with the addition of Cllr Chambers' apologies.

(14/3) CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were placed before the meeting and the contents noted: Field Work and Countryside Voice from the CPRE. Broadleaf from the Woodland Trust. A letter and photograph was also received from the Greasley Guides thanking the Council for its support of their London trip.

(14/4) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The schedule of accounts was presented and it was RESOLVED that the list of accounts paid be approved.

(14/5) COMMITTEES: The reports of the Finance & General Purposes and Environment committees were presented.

(14/6) REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES: None.

(14/7) COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS: Cllr Handley commented that Newthorpe footpath issue was likely to be the subject of court proceedings sometime before the end of the year. Cable laying from Holly Road to the Engine Lane sub station was likely to cause several months of disruption. Cllr Owen added that Moorgreen Corner would be excavated and it was important to check the reinstatement works were of the necessary standard.

(14/8) DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS: Cllr Mrs Handley said 106 monies would be used to improve the Smithurst Road play area. An upcoming meeting with interested parties would hopefully agree remedial measures to protect properties on Thorn Drive from flooding. In a shake up of committee structures Greasley matters would be referred to the Eastwood Advisory Committee.

(14/9) FUTURE AGENDA: Use of 106 monies. Boundary Commission review. Installation of the beacon.

(14/10) OPERATION OF THE COUNCIL: Numerous amendments to the way in which the Council operates were put forward.

1. When finalised, the new terms of reference for committees to be submitted to full Council for approval.
2. An invitation be sent to the new Eastwood police commander to attend a meeting.
3. Notice of meetings to continue to be sent to the police - if attending their report to be presented in public questions.
4. The Clerk and Centre Manager to provide a brief written report every month.
5. Committee chairman to report as well as present minutes at Council meetings.
6. Correspondence to be part of Clerk's report.
7. Confidential matters to be minuted separately from normal business matters.
8. When response time is limited, delegated authority to comment on planning applications be given to the Environment Chairman, Chairman of the Council and Clerk.
9. Under normal circumstances contact with Peninsula be channelled through the Clerk.
10. Committee meetings be held on separate nights with Environment on the same night as the full Council.

Approval for the above items was unanimous.

(14/11) CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT: Repairs to the vending store roof were being undertaken as a matter of urgency. It was AGREED Abbeygrey Ltd should be contacted to express the Council's disappointment that the need for these repairs had not been picked up by the company's earlier inspection of the roof. It was also AGREED that the Manager be authorised to update the centre's telephone system with a new switchboard on a five year lease from BT.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Chairman.