



**MINUTES OF THE GREASLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
11th FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs J Layton (Chairman), A Limb, Mrs M Barry, M Brown, R Willimott, Mrs B Willimott, P Pickering, J Handley, Mrs M Handley

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs L Murphy (Clerk & RFO), Mr A Bone (Sports & Community Centre Manager), Cllrs P Owen (Borough & County Councillor), Mrs J Owen (Borough Councillor)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr R Jones

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
18/153	<u>Declarations of interest</u> None	
18/154	<u>Suspension of Standing Orders, public question time, reinstatement of Standing Orders</u> No members of the public present	
18/155	<u>To approve the minutes of the previous meeting 14th January 2019</u> The minutes had been previously circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
18/156	<u>Chairman's announcements</u> The Chairman advised that she had represented the Parish Council at Broxtowe Borough Council's Holocaust Memorial Day on 28 th January 2019 and the Eastwood Chapter and Verse Groups award presentation to local school children on 15 th February 2019.	
18/157	<u>Report of the Centre Manager</u> A written report had been previously circulated. The Centre Manager advised that the ongoing refurbishment works to the Centre were currently still due for completion around 26 th April 2019 but problems had been encountered with the external wall to the Parish Hall store room which would need to be demolished and rebuilt and a roof truss in the new Parish Office which had been cut through and would require additional strengthening. Cllr Limb joined the meeting at 7.45pm The Centre Manager went on to explain that additional prices were currently being prepared for these works by the contractor but he was hoping that the project would still be on budget as some cost savings had been identified. Some of the new supporting beams had been priced in the original tender as steel but wood was actually needed. He also advised members that a van had been accidentally reversed into the Parish Hall kitchen wall by a member of the public which appeared to have caused considerable damage and some movement. An insurance claim had been submitted to the Council's Insurers and the Loss Adjuster had already visited the site and requested a Structural Engineers report. Once this was received a tender document would need to be written by a Quantity Surveyor and 3 prices sought. The contractors currently working on site had been invited to submit a price by the Loss Adjuster. Following a discussion re the additional works required and possible costs, it was agreed that the matter would be further discussed at an Extraordinary Council meeting which would take place on the 25th February 2019 after the Committee meetings. The Centre Manager left the meeting at 7.55pm	AB/Clerk
18/158	<u>Correspondence</u> None	
18/159	<u>Report of the Clerk & RFO including accounts for payment</u> A written report had been previously circulated. The accounts for payment were approved.	

18/160	<p><u>Report of the Chairman of Environment & presentation of minutes</u> Cllr R Willimott advised that planning applications 18/00687/FUL – Land off Thorn Drive – Enhanced drainage/bio diversity attenuation storage infrastructure works and 18/00791/FUL – Land off Long Lane Watnall (solar farm) – Installation of a natural gas energy facility and associated infrastructure would both be discussed at Broxtowe Borough Council’s Planning Committee meeting on 13th February 2019. Officer recommendations were for approval of both applications. Councillor J Handley advised that Nottinghamshire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority had initially raised some concerns with the Thorn drive application and asked for additional information and clarification. They considered that insufficient information had been provided to demonstrate that the pond would not increase the flood risk elsewhere or pose a risk. They also did not consider the applicants had given sufficient consideration to the future use of the site for flood alleviation works to address the issues in the wider area.</p>	
18/161	<p><u>Report of the Chairman of F&GP & presentation of minutes</u> Cllr R Willimott advised that a revised Internal Financial Control Statement and updated Asset Register had been discussed by the F&GP Committee and then been recommended for Full Council approval. Both documents were approved.</p>	
18/162	<p><u>Reports of representatives on outside bodies</u> None</p>	
18/163	<p><u>Report of County Councillors</u> Cllr P Owen advised that residents will see an increase in their Council Tax bills in 2019/20 of 3.99% for the County Council. Cllr J Handley advised that increases of 2% for the fire service and 12% for the police had also been agreed. Cllr Handley went on to advise that the County Council still had some concerns about the reopening of the footpath on Main Street Newthorpe particularly in respect of public safety. Offers were currently looking into the possibility of realigning the path to eliminate the current problems. The matter will need to go through the planning process but it is hoped that the path will be open again later in the year. Cllr Barry stated that she was unhappy with the suggestion that the path may be realigned and asked Cllr Handley for a copy of a map showing the proposed realignment.</p>	JH
18/164	<p><u>Report of Borough Councillors</u> Cllr Brown advised that Borough Councillors had now received training in connection with the new voter id system for the elections in May and stated that this should not cause residents any problems. Cllr J Owen advised that she and Cllr R Willimott had recently attended a tree planting opportunity at Watnall Green with children from Larkfields Junior School as part of the Borough Council’s Clean and Green Initiative.</p>	
18/165	<p><u>To discuss Parish Council events</u> Christmas Event - Cllr Barry confirmed that she had already spoken with the firework company and had an appointment with Greasley Beauvale Primary School next week to begin plans for this year’s Christmas event. Cllr Pickering advised that plans are already being put in place for this year’s Greasley Gathering in May and the Horticultural Show in August. It was also noted that separate events would need to be planned with the Nottinghamshire County Council LIS Team once the refurbishment of the Sports and Community Centre is completed and with Broxtowe Borough Council’s Parks Department for the reopening of Beauvale Jubilee Park after its refurbishment using funds from the Pride in Parks Initiative.</p>	MB AB/Clerk
18/166	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan update</u> The Clerk advised that no further updates had been received from the Borough Council.</p>	



18/167	<u>To discuss/approve budget & precept requirements for 2019/20</u> A written report had been previously circulated. Members spent time reviewing the report and discussing the 4 options provided. Options 2 (an increase of 2% on the precept and the use of £36599 from Parish Council reserves and option 3 (an increase of 5% on the precept and the use of £30789 from Parish Council reserves) were proposed and seconded. A vote took place with 5 votes for option 3 and 3 votes for option 2. Cllr J Handley abstained. Option 3 was therefore agreed (an increase of 5% on the precept and the use of £30789 from Parish Council reserves).	Clerk
18/168	<u>Items for future agenda</u> None	

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman