

Brassington Parish Council

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Minutes of the Brassington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1 July 2014 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, Brassington.

Present: Cllrs Horrocks, Allsop, Wilson and Hampson. Cllr Ratcliffe (DCC), Retiring Clerk: Michele Myles, New Clerk: Brenda Kirkham and 8 members of the public.

7/14/1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Brown, Ede and Jackson. Cllr Rose (DDDC)

Introduction of New Clerk

Brenda Kirkham, the new Parish Clerk, was introduced to the meeting.

Any variation in the Order of Business

None

7/14/2 Declaration of interests

None

7/14/3 Public Speaking

Mr Crosby updated the Council on progress with the playing field: drains had been installed and the field seeded. Cllr Allsop suggested contacting Pugh Lewis who could possibly use the water in the brook to provide some sort of irrigation system, otherwise the seeds may not grow in the current dry conditions.

Mr Grant-Nicholas updated the Council on his work in cutting back the Ivy hedge alongside the pavement, unfortunately due to weather conditions this year, the cutting back had not been as successful as he had hoped, but he was now proposing to cut back the hedge to the wall and use posts and stays to keep it under control.

Cllr Ratcliffe explained her progress towards improving road safety through the village and had offered Brassington as a possible pilot project. Cllr Ratcliffe felt the County Council needed to have a different approach and it is a long process to get change, but it is important to link proposals to village and local plans, with emphasis on improving the area for children, cyclists, residents and visitors.

7/14/4 Approval and Ratification of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Council agreed to delay approving the minutes until the next meeting.

6/14/7 b) The Council agreed that Cllr Jackson's statement should be added to the minutes and also the reasons for abstentions on this matter.

7/14/6 Parish Matters and Maintenance

b) Wirksworth Dale Footpath – no further information.

c) Parish Plan - survey results currently being analysed, next newsletter due in August, the next meeting would be in September. The Council agreed to fund £100 towards the cost of the newsletter, proposed Cllr Wilson, seconded Cllr Horrocks.

d) Cemetery Gate - Cllr Horrocks to email Cllr Brown to see what progress had been made, Cllr Allsop to follow up if necessary.

e) Allotments – The gate is erected.

- f) Litter bin – Parish Council to go ahead £50 expenditure already agreed.
- g) Brassington Recreation Ground - See Public Speaking above.
- h) Brassington Digital Action Group – Following detailed conversations with BT it had been confirmed that Brassington would be in the 2015/16 role out. Further update at the August meeting.
- i) Handyman – The Parish Council have maintained the triangle of land outside the village hall for many years, however a local resident now claimed that this land was in his ownership and he did not want the grass to be cut. It was suggested that the Land Registry should be contacted to clarify ownership.
- j) Overhanging Hedges – School hedge causing problems, also the corner hedge near Village Hall, resident has done some work, but more action needed. The Hall as per public speaking.
- k) Play area maintenance – Cllr Hampson to find out cost of replacing tables/bark chippings.

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Planning

- a) 14/00235/FUL – Single storey extension – Stoneleigh, Hillside Lane – granted with conditions.
- b) 14/000227/FUL – Single and 2 storey extension – 1 Greenway, Brassington granted with conditions.
- b) 14/00370/FUL – Change of use of part of dwelling to form holiday unit – Smith Croft, Town Street – no objection.
- c) 14/00391/FUL – Alterations to listed building – use of former garage as holiday let – Well House, West End – no objection, but concerns about parking.
- d) 14/00392LBALT – Alterations to listed building – blocked internal doorway – Well House, West End – no objections.
- e) Screening of opinion for the erection of wind turbine - Slipper Low Farm, Aldwark – Parish Council considered that the application would meet the requirements of the farm, and ensure the future viability of the business. Cllr Horrocks to make comments on behalf of the Council.

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Clerk's Report and Correspondence

Details of the Rural Housing Policy Review Survey had been circulated to Councillors, all agreed to send comments to Cllr Horrocks before the closing date of the 25 July.

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Finance

Authorisation and payment of the following cheques was agreed:

English Clockmakers £132.00

Playsafety Ltd £78.00

G Griffiths £840.00

M Myles £339.43

proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Hampson:

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Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 5 August 7.25 pm, Brassington Village Hall

Agenda items submitted to the Clerk by Friday 25 July 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.