

Brassington Parish Council

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Minutes of the Brassington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 September 2014 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, Brassington.

Present: Cllrs Horrocks, Allsop, Jackson, Wilson, Brown & Hampson. Cllr L Rose (DDDC) and 2 members of the public. Clerk: Brenda Kirkham

9/14/1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Ede

Variation in the Order of Business

None

9/14/2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Hampson declared an interest in item 8/14/7.

9/14/3 Public Speaking

Cllr Rose informed the meeting that a final date for determining the wind turbine application had not yet been set, more photographs of the landscape were required. Cllr Rose was trying to obtain copies of agreements for wind turbines from the Community Funding Association. Agreements should be an administrative burden.

Cllrs were concerned about a stone wall which had been removed and not replaced on the Carsington Wind Farm site.

Cemetery – the second part of the ground needs to be used now and needs to be consecrated by Derby Diocesan, although this was proving problematic.

Recreation Ground – Cllr Rose had not received a response from the trustees, there needed to be a change in the lease so that trustee names could be changed on a regular basis without causing problems with the Charity Commissioners. Cllr Rose to attend next meeting of Recreation Ground Trustees.

A member of the public suggested that the Parish Council register Parish owned land of significance, including: Pinfold, 2 parking places and access at the Malt House and possibly the village pond, this would be a one-off cost to safeguard the interests of the village.

The pavement in Well Street was in very poor condition and growing dandelions, it had not been tarmacked to the pavement edge, Derbyshire County Council had promised to rectify, but nothing had been done. Cllr Horrocks to follow up.

There was a tree preservation order on the Horse Chestnut at the edge of the jitty at the back of Clematis House, this was very overgrown. The Lime tree in the garden of Clematis House had been pollarded.

9/14/4 Approval & Ratification of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 August were unanimously agreed as a true record.

9/14/5 DCC Highways Matters

- a) Speed Camera Results – Cllr Hampson now has all the raw data and was going to remove certain sections, ie times when people were travelling to/from work/school etc. The results showed 18,000 readings with a maximum speed of 51mph and an average of 26mph. After discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Wilson and Hampson would look into the technology for carrying out a community speed check.
- b) Greenway Junction – discussion took place as to how safety could be improved at this junction. Councillors agreed to the purchase of a mirror and brackets at a maximum cost of £300; increasing the size of the existing sign and also leafleting of local residents to explain how to use the mirror, proposed by Cllr Allsop and seconded by Cllr Brown.

9/14/6 Parish Matters & Maintenance

- a) Parish Council Communication - The Brassington Parish Council Facebook Page was launched a few months ago and was growing in popularity.
- b) Wirksworth Dale Footpath – Cllr Jackson had spoken to the Rights of Way Team, who wanted the land owner to be clear about the legal liability of allowing access. Cllr Horrocks explained the proposals and where the footpath would run. Cllrs Horrocks and Jackson to talk to the land owners.
- c) Parish Plan – Meeting planned for 9 September when the results of the residents' survey would be presented, 4 different working parties would be formed. Cllr Jackson to email out the detailed report.
- d) Cemetery Gate – was currently with Robinsons.
- e) Litter Bin – completed, nothing to report.
- f) Brassington Recreation Ground – grass was growing, fencing had been completed. Severn Trent were to investigate leakage in the area. Parish Council need to see the revised legal document with Griffie Grange. Cllr Brown to sort.
- g) Brassington Digital Action Group – nothing to report.
- h) Handyman – Clerk to report on handyman costs and how they compared to last year.
- i) Overhanging Hedges – Letters had gone out to residents, there had been no replies, although most of the hedges concerned, appeared to have been cut.
- j) Registration of Land Ownership – Discussion took place regarding registering Parish Council owned land with the Land Registry. It was agreed that the Clerk should make enquires about registering the following areas: Well Street (Old Pump); Village Pond; Pinfold; Wirksworth Dale Parking and green areas. Clerk to also look for the agreement for the Pinfold area which allowed for a walking right of way to the back garden. Councillors also felt that signs should be placed on land stating that it was owned by the Parish Council.
- l) Dog Control Order – Recommendations had been submitted to the District Council.

9/14/7 Planning

Four new planning applications had been received:

Replacement of a 13.0m ADC column, land off Stunstead Lane, Grangemill.
Application No NP/DDD/0814/0806. The Council had no objection to this application.

Extension to Canteen Building, Overfields Barn, Brassington. Application No 14/00548/FUL. The Council had no objection to this application.

Works to trees in conservation area, Clematis House, Brassington. Application No T/14/00085/TCA. The Council did not object to the felling of the Horse Chestnuts, but did object to the felling of the lime tree.

Rebuilding & extension to garage, Land Opposite The Old Coach House, Well Street Brassington. Application No 14/00485/FUL. The Council had no objection to the application, however there was a query over the land ownership. Cllr Horrocks to investigate and then respond to the application.

9/14/8 Clerk's Report & Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were brought to the attention of the meeting. Clerk had received queries from the auditors on the variation in expenditure between 2013 and 2014. All items which showed an increase or decrease of 15% had to be explained, hopefully this had now been done satisfactorily.

9/14/9 Finance

Cllrs agreed to pay the following invoices:

G Griffiths (Handyman) £825.00

B Kirkham Clerk's Salary £349.35 and expenses £23.29 proposed by Cllr Brown seconded by Cllr Wilson.

9/14/10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7 October 2014 7.45 pm at Brassington Village Hall.

Agenda items submitted to the Clerk by Friday 26 September 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed

7 October 2014