

Brassington Parish Council

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Minutes of the Brassington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 October 2014 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, Brassington.

Present: Cllrs Horrocks, Allsop, Jackson, Brown & Hampson. Cllr I Ratcliffe (DCC), 9 members of the public. Clerk: Brenda Kirkham

10/14/1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Ede and Wilson

Variation in the Order of Business

None

10/14/2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Allsop declared an interest in item 10/14/7 Church Cottage Planning Application.

10/14/3 Public Speaking

a) Darren Rippon reported that everything was going well with the allotments, all were allocated and mainly to village people. Cllr Jackson congratulated Darren on his work in leading the allotments.

Mr Charity congratulated everyone on their work and presentation of the Parish Plan.

There was a report of fly tipping on Wirksworth Dale.

One resident reported that Wirksworth Dales was difficult to negotiate with a tractor, Parish Council agreed to the resident going ahead and cutting back overhanging trees.

b) Cllr Ratcliffe reported that there would be a meeting for the Carsington area villages of the Local Area Committee at Hulland Ward on the 15 December at 6 pm. Cllr Ratcliffe would like members of the Parish Council to attend, there would be the opportunity to ask questions.

c) Mrs Pat Laughlan addressed the meeting and gave details of the work of Ashbourne Community Transport. Mrs Laughlan asked for suggestions as to how the services could be advertised in the local community, Cllr Horrocks suggested a flyer in the community leaflet. Cllr Jackson reported that bus services were one of the issues raised by the Parish Plan and was seen as a very important issue by local residents. More information about the services can be found at www.ashbournect.org.uk or 01335 300670

10/14/4 Approval & Ratification of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Brown seconded by Cllr Jackson.

10/14/5 DCC Highways Matters

a) Speed Camera Results – work had been scheduled but not completed yet.

- b) Greenway Junction – Mirror had been installed and many favourable comments had been received. Clerk to request County Council to install a larger ‘T’ junction sign.

10/14/6 Parish Matters & Maintenance

- a) Parish Council Communication - a letter had been received from the District Council regarding a review of their litter bin provision, in which it was proposed to remove a number of dog bins from around the village. The Parish Council felt that this action was not acceptable, particularly as the dog bins had been purchased by the Parish Council. Clerk to respond to District Council and say that the Parish Council strongly objected to the removal of dog bins and also to ask if the dog bins would still be emptied if they remained.

A letter had been received from BT asking if the payphone at Longcliffe could be adopted for the installation of a defibrillator. Parish Council and landowner were in favour. Clerk to reply to BT and ask them to contact the landowner.

- b) Wirksworth Dale Footpath – Cllr Jackson was proposing to meet with the Rights of Way Officer and the landowner.
- c) Parish Plan – Cllr Jackson gave a report from the recent public meeting where the outcome of the residents survey was explained. Two short term working groups have now been set up to look at: 1) Village Facilities and Services, Community Life and Education Working Group; 2) Planning, Housing, Local Environment and Business Working Group. Questionnaires to local business would be distributed within the next few days.
- d) Cemetery Gate – nothing to report.
- e) Brassington Recreation Ground – Grass on the football field was growing well and it was hoped that the football team would be able to play on the ground from next April. Cllr Horrocks suggested holding an open day and invite people who had donated towards the costs.
- f) Handyman – Clerk gave details of the expenditure so far this year, which were comparable to last year.
- g) Update on Registration of Land Ownership – Discussion took place as to whether the application should be for an ‘absolute freehold’ or ‘possessory freehold’. Clerk to ask Cllr Rose for advice.
- h) Eyesores in the Village – Cllr Horrocks raised concern about 2 eyesores in the village, namely: the barn near the recreation ground and Thorntree House, Clerk to ask District Council for advice. Clerk to write to owners of Yew Tree House regarding the overhanging hedges.

10/14/7 Planning

Stoneleigh, Hillside Lane, Brassington - Change of use and excavation of part of field to form domestic parking area, including surfacing, retaining walls and relocated oil tank (retrospective). The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

Smithy Barn, Town Street, Brassington - Use of dependent relative unit as independent dwelling for a temporary 18 month period. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

Curzon Lodge, Brassington - 18mw flexible electricity generation unit and security fencing. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

Church Cottage, Church Street, Brassington - Shed / Summer house. Considerable discussion took place regarding this application and concern was expressed about the colour, size and close proximity to the Church. The Council agreed to make the following comments: Staffordshire blue tiles to replace the existing rosemary; planting to screen the development; colour of the property should be subdued either naturally or by treatment.

Walton House Farm, Town Street, Brassington – Erection of agricultural livestock building. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

Dragon Cottage, Town Street, Brassington – Replacement double glazed windows and French doors. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

Dragon House, Miners Hill, Brassington – Replacement double glazed timber windows. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

10/14/8 Clerk's Report & Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

10/14/9 Finance

a) Clerk circulated copies of the Council's current financial statement which showed a balance in the current account of £3102.29 and £7,127.62 in the reserve account.

b) Cllrs agreed to pay the following invoices:

D Charity - Annual Rent for Allotment	100.00
Lester Lowe - Allotment Gates	285.66
G Griffiths - Handyman	750.00
Matlock Glass Co Ltd	327.60
M Myles - Stamps & Print Cartridge	21.82
B Kirkham - Clerk's Salary	243.35
B Kirkham - Clerk's Expenses	15.92

c) Clerk gave details of the External Auditors Report and recommendations.

d) The Council agreed that the Clerk could attend DALC Election training at a cost of £25.

Cllrs Horrocks and Brown reported briefly on a meeting they had attended regarding the Carsington Wind Farm agreement. Due to the short time scale involved, the Parish Council agreed that Cllrs Horrocks and Brown should act on behalf of the Parish Council in negotiating the agreement. The final agreement would then be brought to the Parish Council before signature.

10/14/10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4 November 2014 at 7.45 pm at Brassington Village Hall.

Agenda items submitted to the Clerk by Friday 24 October 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed

4 November 2014