

Brassington Parish Council

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Minutes of the Brassington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 November 2014 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, Brassington.

Present: Cllr Horrocks (Chair); Cllr Brown (Vice Chair); Cllrs Allsop, Jackson, Wilson & Hampson. Two members of the public. Clerk: Brenda Kirkham

11/14/1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

Variation in the Order of Business

None

11/14/2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Allsop declared an interest in item 11/14/7 Brookfields Farm Planning Application.

11/14/3 Public Speaking

A member of the public thanked the Council for the erection of the mirror at the Greenway junction, he felt it had made a big difference to road safety in that area.

The Council were given an update on the progress of the recreation ground and discussion took place over the issue with sewerage pipes. An email had been received from Severn Trent suggesting that the damage may have been caused by the contractors working on the field and that Severn Trent may look at reimbursement for the repairs. Councillors wanted clarification on what had been found. Cllr Brown agreed to follow up the matter with Severn Trent.

11/14/4 Approval & Ratification of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Brown seconded by Cllr Jackson.

11/14/5 DCC Highways Matters

a) Speed Camera Results – Cllr Hampson presented details of the results.. More clarification was need and Cllrs Hampson, Jackson and Wilson agreed to work on the report.

b) Greenway Junction – There was a problem with the mirror misting up, the Council agreed that Cllr Allsop should speak to Matlock Glass. The County Council had disputed the necessity of a larger 'T' junction sign as there was no record of accidents and injuries at this junction. The Council disagreed with this and the Clerk was to write to the County Council again with a copy of the email going to County Councillor I Ratcliffe.

11/14/6 Parish Matters & Maintenance

- a) Parish Council Communication – Cllr Wilson to put information about the new mirror on the Facebook page. Discussion took place about the possibility of the Parish Council publishing a quarterly newsletter.
- b) Wirksworth Dale Footpath – Cllrs Horrocks and Jackson had met with Peter White, the Rights of Way Officer with regard to creating a bridleway for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Discussion took place about the proposed route with Cllr Allsop suggesting an alternative route. There were various difficulties which would need to be overcome, including the need for sight lines, signage on the main road and newts. Some funding may be available and the Right of Way Officer was supportive of what the Parish Council were trying to achieve.
- c) Parish Plan – Cllr Jackson reported that the survey of businesses is ongoing at present, otherwise nothing else to report at the present time.
- d) Cemetery Gate – Cllr Brown had followed up progress, but nothing more to report at present. Cllr Allsop had offered to help if necessary.
- e) Brassington Recreation Ground – There was still quite a lot to be done, but it was confirmed that the football pitch will be used in the spring. Extra field drains had been added and were working. Grant funding to build the MUGGA has been obtained, the MUGGA will accommodate 5-a-side football; basketball; netball and hockey etc. The signs would need authorisation from the Parish Council. It would be necessary to alter the ruling on Trustees in the agreement with the BRGCA committee, the question of the Parish Council covering the legal fees was to be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- f) Update on Registration of Land Ownership – Some guidance on the issue had been received from Cllr Rose. Cllr Horrocks thought that the road at Green View, which was adopted by Parish Council some years ago, should also be registered. Cllr Horrocks and the Clerk to do more work on this matter
- g) Update on proposed cycle path to High Peak Trail – covered under 11/14/6 b) above.
- h) Play Area – Cllr Hampson to form a sub-committee with parents to look at seating in the Play Area

11/14/7 Planning

Barn adjacent to Brookfields Farm, Nether Lane – Prior notification – change of use of agricultural building to dwelling – This item was discussed by Councillors but as the item was prior notification only, the Council decided to make no comment.

11/14/8 Clerk's Report & Correspondence

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

11/14/9 Finance

- a) Clerk circulated copies of the Council's current financial statement with details of income and expenditure.
- b) Cllrs agreed to pay the following invoices:

G Griffiths - Handyman	£720.00
Grant Thornton	£120.00
HMRC	£125.80
B Kirkham - Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£220.85

11/14/10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 2 December 2014 at 7.45 pm at Brassington Village Hall.
 Agenda items submitted to the Clerk by Friday 21 November 2014.
 The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed 2 December 2014