

Brassington Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Brassington Parish Council Annual Meeting held on
Tuesday 12 January 2016 at 7.00 pm in Brassington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs Bateman (Chair), Allsop, Crosby, Field, Hampson and Lansley. Cllr I Ratcliffe (DCC) and 4 members of the public. Clerk: Mrs B Kirkham

Minute No	Item	Action
1/16/1	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Mason and PCSO Seabridge Variation to the Order of Business There was no variation to the order of business.	
1/16/2	Declaration of Interests There were no declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.	
1/16/3	Public Speaking The handyman's schedule of work was causing some confusion. Clerk to speak to handyman. The owner of Cliff Cottage explained the background to his planning application. The Brassington Brownie Group Leader requested financial support from the Carsington Wind Farm for a new Guide Unit which was being set up in the village. Contact details were noted and the group would be contacted in due course when requests for funding were being accepted.	Clerk
1/16/4	Approval and Ratification of the previous Minutes The Council resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1 December 2015	
1/16/5	Planning <u>15/00843/FUL – Two storey/single storey extensions and alterations – Dowzers Cottage, West End, Brassington</u> The Council objected to this application: the extension is out of keeping with the existing cottage and the area and would completely change the character of the property; the size of the proposed extension is disproportionate to the size of the existing cottage; the details of the proposal do not give an accurate factual representation of the existing property. <u>15/00866/PDA - Change of use of agricultural buildings to 2 no. dwelling houses (Use Class C3) and associated building operations - Wallands Farm, Brassington Road, Brassington</u> Some Councillors were unfamiliar with this property and therefore decided to carry out a site visit before commenting on the application. <u>15/00840/FUL Change of use of land to residential curtilage and erection of greenhouse Cliff Cottage Dale End Brassington</u> The Council had no objection to this application.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
1/16/7	DCC Highway Matters a) <u>Review of road and pavements requiring repair</u> This report still needed to be submitted. Clerk to report a hole in the road near the kiosk/bus shelter on Church Street.	Clerk
1/16/8	Clerk's Report and Correspondence An email had been received from the Footpaths Officer stating that the Parish	

	Council would be able to reclaim the cost of repairs to the steps on footpaths 16/17. Cllrs Allsop and Crosby agreed that they would help with this work and recruit volunteers to help.	JA/MC												
1/16/10	Finance & Administration a) <u>Current Financial Statement</u> The Parish Council funds had now been transferred to Unity Trust Bank, which showed a balance of £7,059.92. b) <u>Authorisation and payment of cheques</u> The Council resolved to make the following payments totalling £940.59: <table><tr><td>Came & Co</td><td>353.27</td></tr><tr><td>DALC - Auto Enrolment Training</td><td>40.00</td></tr><tr><td>Glen Griffiths</td><td>100.00</td></tr><tr><td>Brassington Village Hall</td><td>156.00</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk's Salary</td><td>273.67</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk's Expenses</td><td>17.65</td></tr></table> c) <u>Precept Setting for 2016/17</u> Detailed financial information had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. With £7,059 currently remaining in the bank, of which £5,000 was earmarked for upgrading of the play area as agreed by the previous Council; £1,400 from the Carsington Wind Farm grant for purchase of a piece of playground equipment; £300 which remains unallocated from Carsington Wind Farm fund. This only left an unreserved balance of £359. Councillors reluctantly felt that they should increase the precept to ensure that the Council had sufficient funds both in reserve and also to meet their ongoing commitments and support for the Community Plan group's initiatives. It was resolved that the Council would set a precept of £12,500 this would mean an increase of £9.87 per annum (19p per week) for a Council band 'D' property. The Council agreed that the rationale behind this decision needed to be clearly communicated to the Parish, this would be done with an article in the Brassington Banter. d) <u>CILCA Training for Parish Clerk</u> The Council agreed to pay £125 towards the cost of the CILCA course. Clerk was asked to put a training item on the next agenda. e) <u>Procurement of audit for small authorities</u> The audit process for councils with less than £25,000 was changing, the Council agreed to accept the new proposals.	Came & Co	353.27	DALC - Auto Enrolment Training	40.00	Glen Griffiths	100.00	Brassington Village Hall	156.00	Clerk's Salary	273.67	Clerk's Expenses	17.65	Clerk
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1/16/11	Parish Matters & Maintenance a) <u>Land Registry</u> Work on registering Parish Council land was going ahead, individual maps of each area need to be obtained. The proposals were to register land at: Pinfold; Wirksworth Dale; area outside the Malthouse; Village Pond; Roadway at Washills Close to Recreation Ground. Councillors were concerned about the cost of registration and it was agreed that exact costs would be brought to the next meeting. Cllr Ratcliffe strongly advised the Council to go ahead with registration and agreed to offer £400 this year towards the cost of registration, with more support available next year. Clerk to also speak to Cllr Rose about financial support. b) <u>Brassington Band</u>	Clerk												

	Previously the Parish Council had applied for funding on behalf of the Band from the District Council, however the District Council no longer managed this fund. Details of the new fund had been sent to the Band. The Council resolved that they could not be responsible for the Band expenses. c) <u>Minninglow BOAT</u> The County Council had received an application to provide a 'Byway Open to All Traffic' along Minninglow Lane. Councillors were concerned that this lane crossed the trail and there were already deep ruts in the area. Cllr Ratcliffe reported that if the BOAT was also subject to Traffic Regulation Order then the Council would be able to enforce unlawful use. d) <u>Griffe Grange Wind Farm</u> The Council agreed to a representative from Griffe Grange Wind Farm attending the next meeting.	
1/16/12	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 2 February 2016 at 7.00 pm in Brassington Village Hall. Agenda items to the Clerk by Thursday 21 January 2016. The meeting closed at 9.05 pm	

Signed

2 February 2016