



Serving the communities of Giltbrook, Greasley, Moorgreen, Newthorpe & Watnall.

Minutes of the meeting of Greasley Parish Council held on 14th March 2022
held at the Greasley Sports and Community Centre

Members Present: **Councillors M Brown (Chairman), R Willimott, Mrs B Willimott, Mrs M Lofkin, Mrs P Jackson, R Jones, Mrs J Holmes, and P Pickering.**

Also present Susan Stack (Minute Clerk) and four members of the public.

FC20/21.408 Apologies for absence
Cllr A Limb, Borough Cllr J Owen, County Cllr P Owen

FC20/21.409 Declarations of interest
None

FC20/21.410 Suspension of Standing Orders
Suspended

FC20/21.411 Public question time
Residents raised serious concerns about the current status of an area of land at Thorn Drive, Newthorpe, that is referred to in the latest Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC) Local Plan under Policy 28(h) as being reserved for “Informal open spaces and flood mitigation measures”. Their concerns were outlined as follows:-

Firstly – The present land owner is Langridge Homes who are currently developing an adjacent site on Acorn Avenue. Under the terms of a Section 106 agreement attached to their planning consent, issued in early 2019, Langridge have constructed a flood attenuation feature on the land adjacent to their boundary and by now the balance of the land should have been transferred into the ownership of the Borough Council. The reasons for the delay appear to lie with BBC and having made enquiries residents are alarmed to discover that proposals are in hand to vary the terms of the original S106 agreement and now to transfer a large section of the said land into the ownership of a private maintenance company that ultimately will be owned by the Langridge homeowners. This could endanger the land being accessible to the public and also prejudice proposals for flood mitigation risks arising elsewhere that are yet to be resolved

Councillors also expressed concern about the above matters and confirmed that once the flooding issues were resolved they wished to see the land in question forming a natural extension to the adjacent Smithurst Meadow Local Nature Reserve as confirmed in GPC's response to the Local Plan consultation

Secondly – Residents vented their frustration about the complete failure of the relevant authorities to come forward with workable flood mitigation measures since the serious incident affecting several homes in the Thorn Drive area in 2013! The root cause seems to be either the inability or unwillingness of the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) ie Notts County Council to accept their responsibilities and get a grip on the situation. Residents appealed to Councillors for whatever support they were able to give.

Cllr R Willimott reported that together with the Chairman, he had attended a meeting with Bruce Lawton (Deputy Leader Notts CC) some time ago, who had recently been reminded of what had been said. As a result LLFA Officer Callum Smith had replied by 'phone to Cllr Willimott who was promised a response by this today – sadly, nothing has been received.

Finally – access issues – it was reported that current temporary fencing is being removed by the developer that will leave the site vulnerable to unauthorised access via Thorn Drive with all the problems which this could entail. Councillors were in favour of organising a public meeting to highlight the concerns within the Community and would request some of the relevant Council Officers to attend.

A resident from Moorgreen voiced speeding traffic concerns. A few weeks ago a reporter from the Nottingham Post interviewed residents following a bad accident on the main road in Moorgreen at the Engine Lane junction. The locality has families and there is no crossing in this area. Could Councillors approach the authorities to improve the safety of the footpath and area, between the Horse and Groom and Engine Lane. Councillors reported that if a crossing was evaluated it would probably not meet the footfall criteria and there are footpath issues. It was suggested that a Speed Watch scheme could be a solution if there were enough volunteers. The problem is with the enforcement of the current speed limit by the police who appear to be reluctant to act.

The resident further reported that the mixture of road signs as they approach the mini island makes it easy to miss the change from 50MPH to 30MPH and so perhaps the sign could be moved.

Councillors reported that historically the Police would not accept a reduction from 50MPH to 40MPH limit for the section from Moorgreen to Watnall Corner when it was proposed some years ago.

The Council will write to the Police, MP and County Council and ask for their support in finding a solution.

**FC20/21.412 Reinstatement of Standing Orders
Reinstated**

**FC20/21.413 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2022
It was resolved to approve the minutes**

FC20/21.414 Chairman's announcements
None

FC20/21.415 Correspondence – letters and/or relevant emails

* Residents list of ten questions received on Tuesday 1st March 2022

This list of questions was answered on 7th March 2022. Question No 7 elicited a further question requiring an answer.

FC20/21.416 Report of the Clerk & RFO (including accounts for payment)

There appears to be a large spend on cleaning materials (Items 356 & 365) and an explanation was requested to be sent to Councillors

Amazon Items 379-382 – similarly more details were requested.

FC20/21.417 Report of the Centre Manager

Query on Operations/Developments, what are these? Confirmed that they are local organisations and naming them may be prejudicial to the outcome.

Councillors recorded that the report was very encouraging and in an excellent reporting style.

FC20/21.418 Report of County Councillors

None

FC20/21.419 Report of Borough Councillors

Cllr Willimott reported he has attended the Parliamentary Boundary enquiry in Nottingham both as an individual affected and to represent GPC. In his opinion the procedure was very professionally handled.

Advance warning of a controversial planning application (22/00018/FUL) behind Hall Farm (Watnall Farm Shop) for a training facility for heavy equipment has been submitted. Access is proposed from Narrow Lane via the track alongside the farm buildings – to be followed up for “calling in”.

There has been another incident of fly tipping on Narrow Lane (near the Farm Shop). No evidence of perpetrators could be found in it. BBC Officers have been notified together with a request to arrange clearance asap.

FC20/21.420 Report of Chairman of Environment & Events & presentation of any minutes.

None

FC20/21.421 Report of Chairman of F&GP & presentation of any minutes.

* Updated “Internal Audit Plan” presented for approval

Changes are required to accommodate the Rialtas system now fully operational. It was resolved to approve the plan.

FC20/21.422 Reports of any representatives to outside bodies.

None

FC20/21.423 To provide an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

E-mail from Tim Genway says that the Parish Council should make a funding application from Locality to pay an independent consultant to do some background work as this will speed up the process. In 2017 a Locality grant was applied for and £2946 was awarded at that time. £1,730 was spent and the balance had to be returned (and duly was). In our accounts we have been carrying forward £6,000 for the Neighbourhood Plan under ring fenced reserves. It was agreed that Cllr Willimott will follow this up with BBC.

Councillors felt that the problem is that our plan does not fit with the boundary changes that Broxtowe wish to introduce and so it may never be accepted. It was agreed that Cllr Willimott will also report this back to BBC.

FC20/21.424 Update on the Parish/Town Councils boundary review/changes.
None

FC20/21.425 Provide ideas on “Queens Jubilee Elderberries Party” (RJ)
Very positively received by the group and is proposed for 1pm-5pm on Friday 3rd June and Sports Hall is booked. They expect approx. 50 people from Elderberries. It was suggested that max. somewhere between 70 & 90 people in total for the event. Purchase of cold food being explored via Morrisons who did the 90th birthday event. GPC will fund the food (pending approval).

FC20/21.426 Update Greasley Parish Council web page/facebook (DK)
Work in progress

FC20/21.427 Report from DK re “Eastwood People’s Initiative”
Report read out and attached to minutes

FC20/21.428 Discuss preparations for edition of the “Greasley Globe” including distribution
The first draft has been distributed to discuss layout etc; a proposal made for issue date of 1st May to include write-up on Greasley Gathering. Need to add a letter from the Chairman. If we agree to print and distribute to each household cost would be £2,900 for A4 folded to form four A5 pages. It is not possible for Councillors to deliver the full requirement, last time several not taken out. Sue Stack will forward details of possible alternative supplier to Cllr Jones. To be finalised at next meeting.

2 FC20/21.408 Items for future agenda and those already carried forward:-

- * Rialtas training for members (partially accomplished) (HJ)
- * CCTV upgrade (AB)
- * Beauvale Park tree works (DK/ML)
- * Greasley Gathering / Jubilee Celebrations / Tree planting (RJ)

Report from Rita Pickering read out re Greasley Gathering, attached to these minutes

- * Standing Orders review (ALL)
- * NALC membership

Council to obtain quote for next meeting

Exclusion of Public and Press – To resolve that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1, the public and representatives of press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting, during the consideration of the following items of business, on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be considered.