

## **Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2008 at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllrs. Betts, Humphreys, Miles, Preece, Straw & Watchorn (in the Chair).

**Apologies for Absence.** None

**Declaration of Interest** on items below. None.

**Acceptance of Minutes** of meeting of 9th September 2008. These had been circulated and were agreed a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

NCC Highways reported that Plungar Road pavement would be resurfaced - this had been done. They are awaiting new fencing to erect alongside River Whipling on Bingham road. This is still outstanding.

### **Correspondence**

Clement Keys signed off Annual Return and require that the following be brought to the attention of Council. The request for information was made by letter dated 27th August and the information was supplied 1st Sept.

Details of the Trust Fund for which the Parish Council is responsible. They were supplied with an extract from the letter from Turner Bramley Solicitors dated 31/1/1979.

Contact details of the Chairman of the PC were supplied

A copy of our latest Asset Register was supplied.

Details of the parish council bank accounts numbers were also supplied.

NALC training opportunities these were not taken up

Freedom of Information New Model Publication Scheme for adoption before 31/12/2008 - November Agenda.

Royal British Legion invitation to Remembrance Service 9th November at Granby. The chairman agreed to lay a wreath and would be attending. It was agreed to make a donation of £25 under sec. 137 to the Poppy Appeal.

CPRE "Save the Greenbelt" campaign, urging response to Regional Plan. It was agreed to make comment in line with the call for action from CPRE.

GOEM EM Regional Plan S of S proposed changes for consultation reply by 17th October 2008. No action other than above.

Rural Community Action Notts. (RCAN) notice of AGM 6/11/2008 no one to attend.

**Planning** Decisions: None to hand

For Consideration:- an application had arrived since the agenda had been distributed.

08/01813/FUL First floor extension to Old Forge Cottage, Old Forge Lane. It was agreed to make no objection.

**Newsletter** (standard item) 95% done lead story to be Parish Plan.

### **Village Hall**

Gas contract up for renewal from 4/1/2009 confirmation from E-on payment on demand.

The clerk sought clarification on charges, if any, to Village Events Group / Entertainment Committee and others who had been disputing charges. It was reported that the Village Events group no longer required use of the hall so a decision was not taken as there were mixed feelings from free use for all to charging full rate to most users.

Yoga group charges it was agreed that while setting up and clearing up time did not interfere with other bookings it would be free and only the class time of 1 hour would be charged. The parish council would not impose a duty on the caretaker to move the chairs into the committee room but class participants were welcome to move them. It was also agreed that as compensation for disturbance during their sessions one free week would be offered.

It was agreed to amend the WI's February booking from a 'Coffee Morning' to a workshop and reduce the fee to £15.

It was agreed that a survey of users would be carried out Cllrs. Humphreys and Straw to prepare questionnaire.

The application to hire the hall for New Year's Eve would be classed as a single day booking at £35.00.

A meeting on 1/11/2008 will discuss improvements to the outside playarea.

Work on trees. Cllrs Watchorn & Preece assisted by parish clerk removed tree as proposed. Application submitted to RBC to additionally remove centre Ash tree.

NAVACH has introduced a membership fee of £25 / hall / year (previously free) do we wish to retain membership? It was agreed that we would not take membership at £25.00

Best Run Village Hall Competition 2009 do we wish to enter? There was no interest in entering.

Main hall floor - next steps . Cllr. Straw reported on a plan to improve under floor ventilation and he offered to carry out the work on 2 or 3 vents himself. It was agreed to fund materials up to £100.

It was agreed that investigation would be made to hire a sander then seal the floor. Skirting would be added by a contractor more discussion next month.

**Consider Financial Risk Register** a draft register had been circulate and this was adopted without modification.

### **Consider joining Parish Paths Partnership (P3)**

The clerk had spoken to Charlotte Jolly at NCC there was no immediate opportunity to join the scheme but residents could do a survey, using the forms used by P3 and any essential repairs could be made but improvements would have to wait until funding was available from P3 Cllr. Betts took the guidance notes.

### **Parish Plan:** update

First Draft is ready and will be presented to the parish council at December meeting. Consultation exercise with the community in January then back to PC February meeting for endorsement. Launch on 21st March 2009. Groups are working on the action plan topics of Environment, Social & Community and Transport.

**Village event for 2009** Call for more volunteers to get planning for 2009

### **Fundraising activities** (standard item)

Cllr. Straw reported that pictures should soon be ready for sale at a Coffee Shop

**Finance** Current acct. Bal. £16,625.63 (at 30/9/08) Res. Acct. Bal. £9,128.91 (at 30/9/08)

A bank reconciliation was circulated and approved. Clerk to supply expenditure against budget by email.

Elsie Smith Bequest £1,442.20 S & E Smith Trust £115.82 (both at 30th Sept. 2008)

### **Accounts for payment**

1040 Clement Keys (Audit) 135.00 + 23.63 VAT = 158.63

1041 Mike Lambert VH windows x 2 10/9/08) 20.00 No VAT

1042 STW (Jan - Sept) 24.74 No VAT

1043 Kevin G Bellamy (VH roof repair) 1500.00 + 262.50 VAT = 1762.50

1044 White Lodge Groundcare (mowing Sept.) 214.00 + 37.46 VAT = 251.46

DD Information Commission (Data Protection) 35.00 No VAT

1045 R. Merryweather (VH sundries) 21.76

1046 Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal - Sec. 137) 25.00

The above accounts were approved for payment.

**Councillors Reports** Cllr. Humphreys to attend BKV awards on 19/11/2008 at NALC AGM

**Date of Next Meeting** 13th November 2008 (apologies Cllr. Betts)

Freedom of Information new Publication Scheme adoption.

Sanding of VH floor + provision of skirting.

Do we need to retender for grass cutting.