

# **GLENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Main Hall, Park House on 20 April 2009.**

**PRESENT:** L Breckon (Chair), J Garratt, J Springthorpe, N Cox, R Boby, E Hudson, J Walton, H Evans, K Russell, M Neal, H Eppel, T Abbott, P Cheeseman, A Robotham (Clerk) and J Kneafsey (Administrative Assistant).

### **1) APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were noted from L Adlam (Illness), R Denney (Work), J Peachey (Blaby DC meeting) and District Councillor J Hudson.

### **2) CHAIR'S REPORT AND REMARKS:**

- a) The Chair reported that he had been pleased to see that the opening of the new leisure facilities within the Millennium Green had gone well, as had the Millennium Green Trust's annual Easter Egg Hunt.
- b) The Chair reported that the open day at the Youth Centre had also gone well and read out a report from C Beckon, as a view from a youth who had attended the opening.

### **3) DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

- a) J Springthorpe disclosed a personal interest in item 12a of the agenda, as he was a member of the Development Control Committee at Blaby DC.

### **4) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of 16 March 2009 be approved as a correct record. The Chair duly signed these.

### **5) CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS:**

- a) **RESOLVED** to co-opt P Cheeseman on to the Parish Council to serve Central Ward.

### **6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- a) Public Speaking Protocol – There were no registered speakers.
- b) No members of the public wished to raise any items that were not on the agenda.

### **7) REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:**

- a) J Springthorpe reported that Blaby DC were now able to dispose of abandoned and untaxed motor vehicles.
- b) J Springthorpe reported that Blaby DC were now turning around benefits claims more quickly and also making earlier payments due through their purchases.
- c) J Springthorpe reported that a petition regarding the garage in Chestnut Road had been received by the Highways Forum and was being considered.

### **8) COMMITTEES:**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Property Committee 2 March 2009 be received and accepted.

### **9) WORKING PARTIES:**

- a) There were no working party reports.

### **10) REPRESENTATIVES AND OBSERVERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES:**

- a) A report from N Cox regarding the Blaby North Forum was received and noted.
- b) A Robotham reported that, whilst the Blaby North Forum had failed to deliver the money required for the delivery of arts and crafts sessions in the Blaby North area, Blaby

District Council had heard about the project and offered the £800 required.

11) **FINANCE:**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the schedule of accounts paid for the month of March 2009, totalling £61,911.40 together with petty cash payments of £100.70 be approved and that the accounts and balances for the said month be noted and accepted.
- b) **RESOLVED** to receive and approve the year end bank reconciliation, subject to two word changes within the item descriptions.
- c) In consideration of a request for a grant by Crimestoppers it was **RESOLVED** to defer the item until the next meeting.
- d) In consideration of a request for a grant by Leicestershire County Neighbourhood Watch Association it was **RESOLVED** not to make a grant to the Leicestershire County Neighbourhood Watch Association.

12) **PLANNING:**

- a) **RESOLVED** to receive and note the Planning Report, as circulated.
  - i) It was noted that Wilson-Bowden were undertaking surveys of the land adjoining Kirby Road and Ratby Lane.
  - ii) At the request of the Planning Group it was **RESOLVED** to write to Blaby DC regarding issues relating to “change” planning applications.
- b) The Blaby DC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Pro-Forma was discussed and noted. The document, which does not require a response, is to be added to the parish council’s website, and mentioned at both the Parish Meeting and in the next Parish Pen.
- c) The Leicester City Council LDF Core Strategy Mineral Safeguarding document was received and noted.

13) **CLERK’S REPORTS:**

- a) Health and safety issues.
  - i) There was nothing to report.
- b) General Report.
  - i) There was nothing to report.

14) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) The Correspondence List, as circulated, was received and noted.
- b) A letter from the Wildlife Trust acknowledging a copy of the Glenfield Ecology and Environment Audit was noted.
- c) Stepping Stones Annual Partners’ Forum 29 April 2009 – R Denney and R Boby to attend.
- d) Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch Association AGM 30 April 2009 – this was noted.
- e) East Midlands Regional Assembly, East Midlands Regional Plan, Partial Review – this was noted.
- f) Leicestershire County Council Green Infrastructure meetings – future meeting dates are to be requested.
- g) Blaby DC visitor parking – this was noted.
- h) CPRE AGM 12 May 2009 – H Eppel to attend.

15) Confidential Items.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public were excluded from the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed (Personnel) and were requested to withdraw.

- a) In consideration of the annual salary review and recommendations from the Personnel Working Party it was **RESOLVED** to award all staff a 0.5% salary increase.

There being no other business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:47 pm.