GREAT BOWDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th February 2009

Present:	**Parish Councillors**:	Jon Almond, Tim Banks (Chairman), John Crow, Bruce Gillanders, Michael Jack
	District Councillors:	Sarah Hill
	Parish Clerk:	Sherry Clift
	In Attendance:	Six members of the public

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Claxton and Barbara Johnson

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Michael Jack declared an interest as a near neighbour of the proposed development.

3 Encroachment on Nether Green, registered common land unit CL75

It was reported that the track crossing Nether Green had been widened encroaching onto the common land. While the act of widening it had been observed it was unclear who was ultimately responsible for the action. The widening of the track would be advantageous to the Fernie Hunt in relation to their current planning application which enables it to be used for access.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the County Council's solicitor with responsibility for common land should be requested to send a letter to the Fernie Hunt, with a copy to the architects acting as their agents, clarifying the responsibility for the encroachment and setting out the action required. **MJ**

(ii) That if the County Council were unable to take the requested action the Parish Council would write to the Fernie Hunt.

It was reported that a response had not yet been received to the letter sent to Harborough District Council's Head of Built Environment raising concerns about the handling of the application to develop the land currently used by the Fernie Hunt.

It was noted that the Fernie Hunt were submitting a revision to their application which would alter the proposed access road to the Mushroom Farm rather than the track across the common land. It was suggested that the boundaries of the existing access should be monitored to ensure it was not increased.

4 Urgent Late Items

4.1 Additional grass cutting for Leicestershire County Council

A letter had been received from Mr Howe the Highways Area Team Manager stating that the County Council wished to increase the frequency of the grass cutting in the village. The letter requested the Parish Council's commitment to the extra cuts for seven years, the period of the County Council's contract. It was felt that it was not possible for the Parish Council to commit to that period of time. However, further details would be requested from the County Council and their request would be considered at the Council's next meeting. **SC**

Meeting Ended 7.50pm

Chairman