

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 April 2006 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, B Garbutt, Mrs P J Hemsley and D Rowland.

Two members of the public attended the meeting for the public participation session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public attended the meeting to discuss parking problems on Broom Drive. Vehicles were being parked on the road by people who did not live on Broom Drive which meant it was difficult for those that do to park close to their own homes. Unfortunately, provided they were parking legally there was nothing that could be done to prevent those responsible for doing it.

The residents had previously requested that the County Council take up the grass verges to make parking places but this request had been turned down. The Parish Council advised that regrettably there was very little that they could do to solve the problem save for asking County Councillor Chapman to take the matter up with the Environmental Services Department at the County Council.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PC Kerry Gough-McMillan attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. There had been 1 robbery which had been detected. There had also been 5 incidents of criminal damage most of which were linked to one person who had now left the area. There had been some nuisance and harassment problems which PC Siddall had addressed by writing to the parents of those responsible.

A van with no vehicle tax on Broom Drive was reported. Problems with eggs being thrown on Chapman Lane were reported along with football being played late at night on Tennyson Way. PC Siddall had confiscated a motor bike being ridden by a child on Tennyson Way.

Concern was expressed that nothing had been seen of the 2 PSCOs that had been allocated to Grassmoor. There had also been no progress in relation to a Police office being situated in the Community Centre. The Clerk agreed to write to Inspector Trevor Durham on these matters.

264. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Broadhurst, C J Clarke, Mrs M Dvinson, Mrs E Greenall and R W Marriott.

265. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors Mrs E A Hill declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Planning Matters (Minute No. 276). Councillors Hemsley, Hill and Booker declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute No.269)

266. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 March 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

267. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

268. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

269. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor I F Barlow (in the Chair)

The Clerk reported that the Community Centre was experiencing financial difficulties as the grant covering the employment of the Centre Manager had expired and as yet it had not been possible to submit new applications for funding. There was a danger that the Centre would lose business as it did not have the staff to cover bookings at the Centre.

It was agreed that the Parish Council grants of £8,500 usually paid in quarterly instalments be paid in full immediately. In addition it was also agreed that the Parish Council cover the cost of providing 15 caretaking/catering hours at the Centre to help the Centre cover opening hours and to help ensure that lettings were properly managed. The cost would be approximately £120 per week.

RESOLVED that (a) the Parish Council grant of £8,500 usually paid in quarterly instalments be paid in full immediately; and
(b) the Parish Council cover the cost of providing 15 caretaking/catering hours at the Centre to help the Centre cover opening hours and to help ensure that lettings were properly managed at a cost of approximately £120 per week.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

270. BARNES PARK- PROBLEMS WITH CRICKET BALLS

The Clerk reported that he had consulted with local residents on Durham Avenue regarding the outcome of the risk assessment undertaken about the problems of playing cricket in the Park. There was no particular consensus about what should be done to solve the problem save that all were agreed that they did not want 5m high safety fencing erected. Those that did not currently have conifer hedging did not want

it introduced partly because it would spoil their view and secondly because they did not consider that it would solve the problem. The Parish Council agreed that it needed to take whatever action necessary to protect it from liability. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the residents concerned explaining the Parish Council's position and that the matter would be considered further at the meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk place an order with the District Council for the plastic meshing to be added to gaps in the existing fencing where there was no hedging to stop cricket balls passing through it on to the pavement and road. The Clerk would also ask the District Council to allow the hedging to grow higher along the boundaries. The Cricket Club would also be instructed to ensure that no senior matches were played on the outer wickets of the cricket square.

RESOLVED that (a) the Clerk write to the affected residents of Durham Avenue to explain that the Parish Council would take whatever action it considered appropriate within its boundaries to protect the Council from liability;

- (b) the Clerk issue an order with the District Council to add plastic meshing to the existing fencing;
- (c) the District Council be asked to allow the hedging along the cricket boundaries to grow higher than usual; and
- (d) the Clerk write to the Cricket Club to instruct them that no senior matches were played on the outer wickets of the cricket square.

271. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the cost of purchasing a mobile CCTV camera which could be used to target trouble "hotspots" was £2,240.62. It was agreed that an order for a camera be placed with UIT. It was also agreed that Financial Regulation 10(3) relating to obtaining quotes be waived in respect of this order.

RESOLVED that (a) the Parish Council place an order for a camera with UIT in the sum of £2,240.62; and
(b) Financial Regulation 10(3) relating to obtaining quotes be waived in respect of this order.

272. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that the Pigeon Club had taken over a substantial part of the Mill Lane Allotments and had laid a hard core base on which two sheds had been erected. The Pigeon Club had indicated when they approached the Parish Council that they had the permission of the Allotment Committee. In fact they had not. Concern was also expressed over the condition of parts of the site, particularly the part nearest the Working Men's Club. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Allotment Association to stress that the Association ensure that members get their permission to erect structures on the site prior to approaching the Parish Council. The Pigeon Club should also be required to pay rent equivalent to the number of plots covered by their new sheds including the hard core base. If the situation did not improve, the Parish Council

would consider taking over the responsibility for running the allotments. Allotment holders should be required to keep their plots in a neat and tidy condition or be asked to vacate.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Allotment Association as detailed above.

273. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that the derelict shed had not yet been removed and also that a caravan had been moved on to site. The Clerk had written to the Secretary but to date no response had been received.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

274. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

It was understood that the trials on site had been completed and detailed plans were being discussed. The works would be subject to EU tendering procedures which were complex and lengthy. The Clerk agreed to seek a formal response from the County Council in time for the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the County Council to seek a formal progress report on the Lagoons.

275. CHILDLINE – REQUEST FOR DONATION

RESOLVED that the Parish Council not accede to the request from Childline for a donation on this occasion.

276. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor I F Barlow (in the Chair)

The Clerk reported on the following planning applications received since the last meeting;

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
06/00271/FL 33A Birkin Lane (Broderick Enterprises)	26 two storey dwellings	The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Concerns over the highway access being on the brow of a hill.▪ Existing housing on Durham Avenue would be overlooked by

		this development if approved.
06/00097/FL Manor House, Winsick (Mrs S Hobson)	First floor Extension	The District Council had granted planning permission.
06/00050/FL 89 Churchside (Mr R Siddall)	Two storey rear extension	The District Council had granted planning permission.
06/00111/FL Avenue Farm (Yorkshire Water Services)	Erection of replacement control kiosk	The District Council had granted planning permission.
04/01361/OL Planning Appeal Land of Gorse Valley Road, Hasland (Hallam Land Management Ltd)	Affordable Housing	The appeal had been allowed.
05/00221/FL Planning Appeal Birkin Lane, Grassmoor (Mr D Lowe)	Affordable Housing	The appeal had been allowed.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) representations be made to the District Council as appropriate in respect of the applications detailed above.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

277. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 10/06, 11/06, 12/06, 13/06 and 14/06.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

278. BUS SHELTER - WINSICK

(The Parish Council agreed to consider this matter as an urgent agenda item as a decision was required before the next Parish Council meeting)

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received notification from the County Council that in error, it had not invoiced the Parish Council for a bus shelter at Winsick. The amount outstanding was £927.08. It was agreed that the Clerk advise the County Council that it had not budgeted for this sum and had already committed funds for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the County Council on the basis detailed above.

279. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk presented the accounts due for payment and it was agreed that cheques be signed as detailed below.

RESOLVED that approval be given for the payment of the following accounts:-

<u>CHQ NO.</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SO	R Ackrill (Salary - April)	£ 544.84
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - April)	£ 326.57
SO	C Winnard (Salary - April)	£ 204.58
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - April)	£ 23.00
DD	NEDDC (Rates - April)	£ 57.00
DD	Car Phone Warehouse (Mobile Phone)	£ 1.19
2018	NEDDC (New Dog Bin)	£ 285.57
2019	NEDDC (New Dog Bin)	£ 285.57
2020	(Derbyshire County Council (Grit Bins)	£ 398.33
2021	Canopies (UK) (Scooter Shelter)	£ 2,539.18
2022	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of expenses)	£ 26.60
2023	NALC (Quality Parish Council Fee)	£ 58.75

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Chairman