

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 13 September 2006 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, C J Clarke, B Garbutt, Mrs E Greenall, K Hemsley and Mrs P J Hemsley.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One member of the public attended the meeting during the public participation session.

**POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

PCs Drew and Dooley attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. There had been 6 recorded crimes since during this period. There had been a theft from a motor vehicle and also an attempted theft from a motor vehicle. There had also been a minor incident of theft with the remaining crimes being of a domestic nature. It was reported that there was likely to be a rise in motor vehicle thefts as a prolific offender had recently been released from prison.

Problems of motor bikes being ridden without tax or insurance were reported on Broom Drive and also on the School playing fields. It was noted that measures to confiscate motorbikes using Section 59 powers could only be enforced by Police Traffic Officers.

**348. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs M Dovinson, R W Marriott and D Rowland.

**349. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Planning Matters (Minute No. 364). Councillors Hill, Booker and Clarke declared a non-prejudicial interest in the items relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute No.353) and CAB Advice Sessions (Minute No. 361).

**350. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 July 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**351. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**352. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**353. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

The Clerk reported that interviews had been held recently for the vacant Catering Supervisor and Caretaking posts. Claire Fagan and Anthony Holmes had been appointed to these positions. The Parish Council was reminded that it had previously agreed to help fund these posts in the sum of £125 per week.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to pay the Community Centre the sum of £125.00 per week to assist with the funding of the Catering and Caretaking posts.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

**354. INSURANCE PREMIUM**

Approval was given to pay the Parish Council's insurance renewal premium to Zurich Municipal in the sum of £4,802.14.

**RESOLVED** that the payment of the Parish Council's insurance renewal premium with Zurich Municipal in the sum of £4,802.14 be approved.

**355. BARNES PARK - PROBLEMS WITH CRICKET BALLS**

The Clerk reported that he and Councillor Mrs Hemsley had met with Mick Arnold, the Parish Council Tree Officer. The boundary hedging had been damaged a few years ago by fire and had not properly recovered. It was suggested that the dead bushes should be removed and the area replanted. This new hedging could be left to grow as high as the Parish Council wished provided it was not conifer hedging. The remaining hedging was almost at the limit of its growth in height terms and it was felt that the best option was simply to let hedging grow.

The two large trees provided a degree of cover and it was felt that there was little more that could be done at these points. There were two relatively short stretches of boundary where it was felt that safety fencing could be erected to provide an additional defence against cricket balls entering gardens. The Clerk was investigating whether fencing could be purchased which could be erected and taken down on match days.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the area of dead hedging be removed and replanted; and

(2) The Clerk investigates the possibility of purchasing safety fencing that could be put up and taken down on match days.

**355. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received complaints about the condition of the allotments along the Club side of the site and also concerning the conditions under which livestock were being kept.

The Allotment Association had been advised of the complaints. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Association to express the Parish Council's concerns over the complaints and to demand that steps be taken to clear and tidy up this area of the site. The Association would be left to deal with issue of the condition of animals on the site. Councillors Barlow and Garbutt would undertake a site visit during October, if possible.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted;

(b) the Clerk write to the Allotment Association to demand that the area of the Allotments near the Club be tidied up as a matter of urgency; and

(c) the issue of the conditions in which animals on the site are kept be left initially to the Allotment Association to resolve.

**356. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

There were no matters relating to Gill lane Allotments to report.

**357. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS**

The County Council had advised that tenders had now been returned for the site investigation works. The site investigation work had been re-evaluated in line with the new legal standards. Formal approval would be required prior to the contract being awarded. It was hoped that the successful contractor would be working on site within 4 weeks.

A Grassmoor Procurement Strategy meeting had been arranged for 15 September. The meeting was a brainstorming session involving County Council staff, officers from EMDA and consultants to determine how best to structure the main contract. The consultants running the meeting would prepare an action plan and report. County Council Officers were under considerable pressure from Elected Members and senior officers to finalise the arrangements as soon as possible.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Peter Storey.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**358. WINSICK WAR MEMORIAL**

The Clerk reported that he had sought quotes from 5 local monumental masons for the work to clean and reinstate the lettering on Winsick War Memorial. Despite reminders being sent out, only one company, Hoults' Memorials, had responded. The quote for the work was £705.50. It was agreed that the Clerk place an order immediately in order that the work would be completed before Remembrance Sunday.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk place an order with Hoults Memorials for the cleaning and reinstatement of the lettering on Winsick War Memorial.

**359. LOCAL AUTHORITY BYELAWS**

**RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**360. CLERK, RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER (RFO) AND HANDYPERSON/STREETCLEANER – PAY AWARD 2006/2007**

The Clerk reported on the annual pay award for himself and the RFO which was in line with the national agreement between the Society of Parish Clerks and National Association of Local Councils. The 3% award was back dated to 1 April 2006.

The Clerk proposed that the Streetcleaner/handyman be awarded the same 3% increase as the Clerk and the RFO and that this arrangement be formalised on an annual basis, except in cases where the Clerk/RFO pay award was the result of a re-organisation or change in responsibilities.

The revised salaries as proposed were:-

Clerk	£8,803
Responsible Financial Officer	£3,143
Streetcleaner/handyman	£7,233

(The Clerk left the meeting whilst the Parish Council considered this matter)

**RESOLVED** that (1) the annual pay award of 3% for the Clerk and RFO in line with the national pay agreement be approved; and

(2) the Streetcleaner/handyman be awarded the same increase as the Clerk and RFO this year and in future years, except in cases where the Clerk/RFO pay awards were the result of re-organisation or a change in responsibilities.

**361. CAB ADVICE SESSION – GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

The Clerk reported that the grant of £10,000 to the Community Centre to cover the costs of providing Citizen Advice Bureau advice sessions in the Community Centre for 2006/2007 was now due. Approval was given to fund the sessions as in previous years.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to fund the Citizen Advice Bureau advice sessions in the Community Centre for 2006/2007 in the sum of £10,000.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

**362. COMPOSTING FACILITY AND HIGHWAYS DEPOT– CAMPAIGN**

The Chairman reported on the activities associated with the campaign against the proposed composting facility and highways depot being located on the former Cory Coal site. Approval was given to the associated campaign expenditure to date in the sum of £128.03. The Parish Council would be kept updated as to the progress of the campaign. A protest march through the village to the site was to be held on 16 September.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the report be noted; and

(2) expenditure to cover the costs of the campaign to date in the sum of £128.03 be approved.

**363. APPLICATION FOR THE HIRE OF CRICKET PITCHES 2006/2007**

**RESOLVED** that the request by Grassmoor Sports FC to use the Barnes Park football pitch and pavilion for 2006/2007 be approved.

**364. PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments/objections/Material considerations</b>
06/00883/AD  194 North Wingfield Road  Mr I Ali	Advertising consent	No objections were raised to this application
06/00906/OL  North Wingfield Road/Westhill Lane junction  Mr and Mrs V A Hays	Residential Development (Outline)	It was agreed that the following objections be made to the District Council:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The land concerned is ancient ridge and furrow land</li><li>• The land is situated with in the Green Belt</li><li>• Concerns over the highway access to the site.</li></ul>

<p>Derbyshire County Council</p> <p>Former Cory Coal site</p>	<p>Composting Facility and re-location of Highways Depot</p>	<p>It was agreed that the following objections be made to the County Council:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The increase in traffic movements to and from the site both in respect of the composting facility and also the highways depot.</li> <li>• The potential noise emanating from the site in respect of both activities.</li> <li>• The potential smell arising from the composting facility.</li> <li>• The large size, including height of some of the buildings proposed and the visual impact on the surrounding area. It is understood that the grit storage piles will be 7m in height which will also have a visual impact.</li> <li>• The close proximity of the site and the associate activities to residential dwellings</li> <li>• The close proximity of the site to the river and the potential for pollution.</li> <li>• The overall impact of the plans on Grassmoor, Churchside and the surrounding area.</li> </ul>
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**RESOLVED** that representations be made to the District Council and the County Council in respect of the above planning applications.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

**365. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) - CIRCULARS**

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 25/06, 26/06, 27/06, 28/06, 29/06, 30/06, 31/06, 32/06 and 33/06.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**366. 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:-

<b><u>CHQ NO.</u></b>	<b><u>PAYEE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
SO	R Ackrill (Salary - July)	£ 544.84
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - July)	£ 326.57
SO	C Winnard (Salary - July)	£ 204.58
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - July)	£ 23.00
DD	NEDDC (Rates - July)	£ 57.00
SO	R Ackrill (Salary - Aug)	£ 544.84
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Aug)	£ 326.57
SO	C Winnard (Salary - Aug)	£ 204.58
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - Aug)	£ 23.00
DD	NEDDC (Rates - Aug)	£ 57.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - July)	£ 1.79
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - Aug)	£ 1.39
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - Sept)	£ 1.39
2051	Grass Community Centre	£ 39.00
2052	NEDDC (Trade Refuse)	£ 131.98
2053	NEDDC (Grounds maintenance)	£ 3,704.78
2054	Grassmoor Post Office (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 222.60
2055	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£ 452.90
2056	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£ 452.90
2057	Grassmoor Comm Centre (CAB Advice Sessions)	£ 10,000.00
2058	Petty Cash	£ 50.00
2059	Zurich Municipal (Insurance Premium)	£ 4,802.14
2060	Plantscape (Hanging Baskets)	£ 2,220.75
2061	Derbyshire County Council (Streetlighting)	£ 6,510.22
2062	R Ackrill (Back Pay)	£ 78.01
2063	C Winnard (Back Pay)	£ 29.29
2064	M Dovinson (Back Pay)	£ 119.39
2065	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of expenses)	£ 128.03
2066	S Brighthouse (Reimbursement of expenses)	£ 228.77
2067	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staffing grant)	£ 500.00

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**Chairman**