

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 23 October 2006 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, B Garbutt, Mrs E Greenall and K Hemsley.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended the meeting during the public participation session to discuss the Allotment Association plans for a community garden on Mill Lane Allotments. For further details refer to Minute No 375.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PC Richard Siddall attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. There had been 12 recorded crimes during this period. These included incidents of damage at the School, on Wenlock Walk and MacDonald Close. There had been a public order incident including racial abuse at the Indian takeaway on North Wingfield Road. There had been 2 thefts, one of storage equipment and another of diesel at the Bennett Ferguson Coal Yard. One domestic incident and one assault at Southend had also been reported.

It was reported that Inspector Trevor Durham was leaving the Clay Cross Section and was being replaced by Inspector Mark Bates. It was also reported that Grassmoor was to get its own Police Community Support Officer in January 2007.

Concern was expressed that the local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators were no longer receiving crime figures for inclusion in NHW newsletters. PC Siddall agreed to look in to this problem.

367. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

368. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members Interests.

369. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 September 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

370. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

371. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

372. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

There were no matters relating to the Community Centre to report.

373. INSURANCE PREMIUM

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting he had inadvertently not included insurance tax in the report on the insurance premium renewal presented to the last meeting. An additional £240.11 was due to Zurich Municipal giving a total premium of £5,042.25.

RESOLVED that the payment of £240.11 insurance tax as part of the Parish Council's insurance renewal premium with Zurich Municipal in the total sum of £5,042.25 be approved.

374. BARNES PARK - PROBLEMS WITH CRICKET BALLS

The Clerk reported that the District Council were currently looking at the alternative types of safety netting which could be erected and taken down on match days. One of the trees on the boundary was diseased, although it was unclear at this stage, how badly.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

375. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

A representative of the Allotment Association attended the meeting to discuss with the Parish Council, plans for a community garden on the Mill Lane site. The garden would include facilities for children and the disabled to use. The Association had taken advice from Chesterfield CVS.

It was agreed that the Association produce more detailed plans of the proposals including an estimated budget and that these be presented to the Parish Council. The issue of the Association not having a lease with the Parish Council may present a problem regarding applying for funding. It was possible however, that funding could be applied for jointly between the Association and the Parish Council which may overcome this problem.

It was noted that the Association had asked the RSPCA to look at the condition under which livestock on the allotments were being kept. The outcome was not known at present.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the idea of the Allotment Association developing a community garden on the Mill Lane site be agreed in principle subject to the Parish Council being kept advised of progress and giving agreement to final plans.

376. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

377. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

There were no matters relating to the Grassmoor Lagoons to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

378. LOCAL AUTHORITY BYELAWS

The Clerk reported on proposals to reform the procedures and the administration of local authority byelaws. The idea behind the proposals was to reduce Government involvement in the making of byelaws and make them less bureaucratic and easier to enforce. The Parish Council generally welcomed the proposals but had concerns over the practicalities of Parish Councils taking on such responsibilities and also over the subsequent resource issues.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to the Consultation Paper.

379. TV LICENCE SCHEME

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the continuation of the TV Licence Scheme with the Grassmoor Postmaster. He was happy for the subsidy scheme to continue to be administered from the Post Office.

It was agreed that the fee paid to the Postmaster for administering the scheme on behalf of the Parish Council be increased to 75p per application with effect from 24 October.

RESOLVED that (a) the TV Licence Subsidy Scheme continue to operate from the Grassmoor Post Office; and

(b) the fee paid to the Postmaster for administering the scheme on behalf of the Parish Council be increased to 75p per application with effect from 24 October.

380. DISPOSAL OF MINI-DISC PLAYERS

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that as part of the Millennium project, it had purchased 3 mini-disc players using an Awards for All grant. One of the players had been lost at the time of the project, leaving 2 which were currently unused and in the possession of the Clerk. It was agreed that the Grassmoor Primary School and the Community Centre be offered the players. If the players were not wanted by the School or Centre the Clerk was authorised to sell the players.

RESOLVED that (a) the Grassmoor Primary School and the Community Centre be offered the mini-disc players free of charge; and

(b) if the School and/or the Community Centre did not want the players, the Clerk be authorised to sell them.

381. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS – BARNES PARK PAVILION

The Clerk reported that it had come to light that there were no fire extinguishers in the Pavilion, leaving the Parish Council at considerable risk should an incident occur. As the Clerk deemed this a very serious matter, he had ordered the necessary fire fighting equipment for the Pavilion, without reporting to the Parish Council. The cost of the equipment ordered from Chubb was £502.67, including installation.

RESOLVED that the actions of the Clerk in placing an order with Chubb for fire fighting equipment in the sum of £502.67 be approved.

382. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2005/2006

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a satisfactory report in respect of its annual audit by the Audit Commission. The only comment was that the Council's fidelity insurance should be increased to give £135k cover. Zurich Municipal had confirmed that there would be no additional premium due to increase cover to this level.

It was agreed that the Parish Council ask J S Marriott and Co to undertake a half year audit of the Parish Council accounts covering the period April to September 2006.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the Clerk arrange for the Parish Council's fidelity insurance cover to be increased to £135k.

383. COMPOSTING FACILITY AND HIGHWAYS DEPOT– CAMPAIGN

It was reported that the planning application concerning the proposals was not likely to be heard until December or possibly even January. A meeting with the County Council was to take place on 27 November in which the campaign group would be invited to put their case to the County Council.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

384. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

This item was withdrawn.

385. GRASSMOOR CARNIVAL 2007

RESOLVED that permission be granted for the Events Committee to use Barnes Park for the Grassmoor Carnival on 7 July 2007.

386. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
06/00883/AD 194 North Wingfield Road Mr I Ali	Advertising consent	The District Council had granted permission for this application.
Corbriggs Caravan Park Mr J Burnside	Additional caravan pitches and washblock (Change of use)	It was agreed that the Parish Council make the following representations regarding this appeal:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highway grounds – the close proximity of the existing and proposed entrances to the site on what is already a dangerous stretch of road on which local residents would like to see a lower speed limit.• The overall impact of an increased number of caravans on site in comparison with the number of residential properties in the locality.• Concerns over the criminal activity that already takes place on the site and which does not appear to be controlled by site management.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) representations be made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the application relating to the Corbriggs Caravan Park.

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 34/06, 35/06 and 36/06.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

388. PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET UPDATE

The Responsible Financial Officer presented an update of the current budget position for 2006/2007.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

389. 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 - Oct)	£ 560.62
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Oct)	£ 450.23
SO	C Winnard (Salary - Oct)	£ 210.57
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - Oct)	£ 23.00
DD	NEDDC (Rates - July)	£ 57.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - Oct)	£ 0.99
2068	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£ 480.97
2069	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 39.00
2070	NEDDC (Trade Refuse)	£ 131.98
2071	Grassmoor Post Office (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 116.60
2072	St John Ambulance (No Campaign March)	£ 35.25
2073	Zurich Municipal (Additional Premium)	£ 240.11
2074	Chubb (Fire Extinguishers)	£ 502.67
2075	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staffing grant)	£ 500.00

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Chairman