

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 8 November 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 E Greenall and Mrs P J Hemsley.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public attended the public participation session.

**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 8 recorded crimes during this period. These included damage to Golf Club greens, criminal damage on Chiltern Close, 2 dwelling burglaries, 2 thefts and an assault on Wenlock Walk.

Regarding the problems with vehicles parking and causing a nuisance on North Winfield Road, a Section 59 warning had been issued. The Police were currently working closely with the District Council to decide the most appropriate way of dealing with a local problem family.

PC Siddall understood that the problem with the Neighbourhood Watch receiving crime information had now been sorted.

**390. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C J Clarke, Mrs M Dovinson, K Hemsley and R W Marriott.

**391. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Planning Matters (Minute No. 409).

**392. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 23 October 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**393. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**394. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had received 2 plaques in thanks to their contributions to the Chernobyl Children Lifeline Charity. It was agreed that the plaques be displayed in the Community Centre.

**395. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

There were no matters relating to the Community Centre to report. The Parish Council wished to place on record their thanks to the staff and particularly the volunteers at the Centre who were doing a magnificent job in running the Centre often in difficult circumstances.

**396. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR DAVID ROWLAND**

The Clerk reported that Councillor David Rowland had resigned from the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Councillor Rowland thanking him for his contribution to the work of the Council. As the vacancy had occurred after 1 November in the year prior to an election, there was no need for the Parish Council to seek to fill the vacancy.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the resignation of Councillor David Rowland from the Parish Council be noted; and

(b) the vacancy be not filled prior to the Parish Council elections in 2007.

**397. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER – ADDITIONAL HOURS**

The Clerk reported that the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) had been assisting with the Community Centre accounts for some time without formally taking on any additional hours on the basis that the situation would be kept under review. The RFO had now indicated that it was becoming increasingly difficult to undertake the duties required within the allocated 5 hours per week. It was agreed that the RFO's hours be increased from 5 to 7 per week to take into account the additional work relating to the Centre, the position to be reviewed on a six monthly basis.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the weekly hours of the RFO be increased from 5 to 7 on a temporary basis with effect from 13 November; and

(b) the situation to be reviewed after 6 months, in May 2007.

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

There were no matters relating to this matter to report.

**399. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

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

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

**401. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS**

The Clerk reported that engineering company RSK:ENSR had been appointed to carry out the chemical testing on-site to determine what toxins were contaminating the site. Samples of sludge and water had been taken from the Lagoons for analysis. A contractor would be appointed to carry out the decontamination of the site which was expected to take up to 5 years. Planning permission and approval from the Environment Agency was required before decontamination work can begin. Once the work is completed the site will be turned to woodland and opened to the public as part of the surrounding Country Park.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**402. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

The Clerk reported on the Local Government White Paper – Strong and Prosperous Communities. The White Paper was intended to give local communities through vehicles such as parish councils a greater say in how local services are delivered and organised. This included allowing Quality Parish Councils the chance to deliver services currently run by district and county councils should they so wish.

The White Paper also proposed that Quality Parish Council's should be given a general power of well-being which would allow councils to spend on any activity which is for the benefit of the community. The proposals could impact significantly on the way in which the Parish Council operates in the future.

Further reports would be presented as necessary.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**403. BUDGET 2007/2008**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the budget for 2007/2008 would be set at the December meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**404. BLUEBELL WOOD HOSPICE**

**RESOLVED** that the request for a donation from the Bluebell Wood Hospice be not acceded to.

**405. APPLICATION FOR HIRE OF CRICKET PITCHES**

**RESOLVED** that the Grassmoor Cricket Clubs application to use the Barnes Park cricket pitches during the 2007 season be approved.

**406. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Clerk reported that the arrangements were in hand for the Remembrance Sunday Service which was to be held on 12 November. The Service would be conducted by Reverend Rachel Larkinson and Tom Bennett had agreed to play the bugle for a fee of £30. The procession would leave the Methodist Church at around 10.40am.

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

(b) the payment of £30 to Tom Bennett to play the bugle at the Remembrance Sunday Service be approved.

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

It was reported that the County Council had agreed to establish a Liaison Committee to oversee the development and running of the composting facility should permission be granted to build it. The campaign group would have the chance to put their case to the County Council at the meeting to be held on 27 November. Expenditure of £142.91 incurred as part of the campaign was approved.

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

(b) expenditure of £142.91 incurred as part of the campaign was approved.

**408. CCTV**

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had attended a meeting organised by North East Derbyshire District Council to explore what benefits there would be in parish councils utilising the services of the Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link to manage CCTV systems. It was noted that the management of the Parish Council's CCTV was problematic and time consuming. The estimated cost of the service was around £150 per month. The Clerk was authorised to explore the possibility of utilising this service further and report back to the next meeting.

The CCTV equipment had been operational for around 12 months and as part of the funding agreement, the Parish Council had undertaken to survey local residents to ascertain the success or otherwise of the project. It was agreed that as with the last survey, a prize draw with a first prize of £50 and 2 runners-up prizes of £25 be used to encourage residents to return the forms. The Clerk proposed to review the positions of the cameras with UiT and PC Richard Siddall to ensure that the maximum coverage was obtained from the cameras.

In terms of the problems being encountered at Winsick, the Parish Council had explored several options to enable CCTV to be installed on Mansfield Road. There were two main options. Firstly, the purchase of a standalone camera and monitoring unit at a cost of around £2,000. This option gave rise to potential difficulties in terms of viewing footage, particularly in emergencies and also to ensuring that the equipment was working.

The second option was to install a broadband link in to a property on Mansfield Road paid for by the Parish Council and to purchase a camera which would be connected to the broadband line. This would allow the system to be checked and viewed remotely in the Community Centre. The cost of this option was around £700 plus the on-going cost of a broadband line which could be around £250 per year. The broadband line would be paid for by the Council only for the time the camera was erected on the property. A potential property had been identified. It was agreed that the second option be pursued.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the Clerk explore further the possibility of using the Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link to manage CCTV system;

(b) the Clerk arrange for a second CCTV survey of every household in Grassmoor to be undertaken early in 2007;

(c) a prize draw with a first prize of £50 and 2 runners-up prizes of £25 be used to encourage residents to return the forms;

(d) the Clerk review the camera positions to ensure maximum coverage of potential problem areas; and

(e) subject to a suitable property being identified and the owner agreeing, the Parish Council purchase a new CCTV camera and install a broadband line to enable CCTV coverage of Mansfield Road, Winsick.

**409. PLANNING MATTERS**

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>
06/00906/OL Land junction of North Wingfield Road/Westhill Lane Mr Hays	Residential development (Outline)	The District Council had granted permission for this application.
Manor Farm, Mansfield Road, Winsickl Mr Hobson	First floor alterations and extension	It was agreed that no objections be raised to this application.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 37/06, 38/06 and 39/06.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**411. 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 - Nov)	£ 560.62
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Nov)	£ 450.23
SO	C Winnard (Salary - Nov)	£ 210.57
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - Nov)	£ 23.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - Nov)	£ 1.30
2076	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£ 480.97
2077	Derbyshire County Council (Streetlights)	£ 8,500.00
2078	Derbyshire County Council (Newsletter)	£ 386.58
2079	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 39.00
2080	R Ackrill (Expenses Reimbursement)	£ 83.97
2081	NEDDC (School Milk)	£ 159.90
2082	S Brighouse (No Campaign Expenses)	£ 142.91
2083	NEDDC (Replacing of bollard)	£ 77.63
2084	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£ 163.84
2085	Grassmoor Post Office (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 459.10
2086	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£ 480.97

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**Chairman**