

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

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, Mrs E Greenall and Mrs P J Hemsley and K 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 7 recorded crimes during this period. These included more damage to Golf Club greens, one case of harassment, a domestic assault, damage to cars and the theft of horse equipment and criminal damage. In addition, there had been 5 nuisance complaints.

Concern was expressed at the parking of vehicles mainly by those attending the boxing club at the top of Chapman Lane at the back of the Miners Arms close to the junction with North Wingfield Road. It was reported that there was a problem with youths drinking around the youth shelter and also in the entrance to Barnes Park off Norfolk Avenue. The youths were verbally abusing passers by. A disability scooter was also being ridden again around the village by a youth.

412. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C J Clarke, B Garbutt and R W Marriott.

413. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Planning Matters (Minute No. 427).

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

415. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

416. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

417. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

418. INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

Mr John Marriott, the Parish Council's Internal Auditors attended the meeting to report on the audit inspection covering the period April to September 2006. The Auditor reported that he had identified a change in the timeliness and way in which the Council's records were being managed. The Auditor was of the opinion that this was in part due to the extent of projects being undertaken by the Parish Council a trend that was likely to continue in the near future at least. The Auditor had spoken to the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer and he was confident the problems would be fully addressed by the time the end of year accounts were presented. The Parish Council would receive a further report at this point when the position would be reviewed again.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

419. RESIGNATION OF CAROLYN WINNARD

The Clerk reported that Carolyn Winnard had resigned as Responsible Financial Officer. Carolyn had agreed to remain in post until early April in order to complete the current year accounts. The Clerk proposed to advertise the post in the New Year.

RESOLVED that (a) the resignation of Carolyn Winnard be noted; and

(b) the Clerk be authorised to advertise the post in early 2007.

420. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he had met with Gordon Booth from the Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link regarding switching control of the CCTV system to a base in Holmewood. This would enable;

- Problems and faults with the system regularly identified and reported reducing the pressure on Community Centre staff. The Parish Council would be consulted prior to any repairs being undertaken regarding costs.
- Easier recovery and recording of images by the Police particularly in urgent cases.
- More professional review of camera locations.
- Partial monitoring of the cameras.
- Access to other security services covering buildings such as the Community Centre.

The costs to the Parish Council would be £150 per month and an initial set up cost of around £600.

The Clerk had spoken to the owner of 153 Mansfield Road, Winsick who was prepared to have a dome camera on his property run via a broadband connection in to the house.

RESOLVED that (a) the Clerk be authorised to enter in to agreement with the Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link to manage the CCTV system on behalf of the Parish Council at an initial cost of around £600 and a monthly charge of £150; and

(b) the Clerk be authorised to arrange for a camera to be erected and to install a broadband connection at 153 Mansfield Road, Winsick.

421. BARNES PARK - PROBLEMS WITH CRICKET BALLS

It was agreed that the gaps in the hedging be replaced by blackthorn or similar hedging rather than plastic meshing. The hedging could then be allowed to grow higher than its current height.

RESOLVED that the gaps in the hedging be replaced along the Birkin Lane boundary.

422. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment Association Secretary had reported that the Association had adopted a set of rules which plot holders would be required to sign. A recent site visit by Councillors Barlow and Garbutt had shown an improvement in the condition of the site overall, although some plots were still very untidy and had rubbish on them. The Association had issued letters to some plot holders instructing them to clean up their plots. The Clerk was asked to ensure that a timescale for the work to be undertaken had been included in the instruction.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

423. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

424. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

There were no matters relating to Grassmoor Lagoons to report.

425. BUDGET 2007/2008

The Clerk reported on the budget for 2007/2008. The Parish Council agreed not to increase its fees and charges for the coming year in respect of the Allotments and the use of Barnes Park Pavilion. It was agreed that the Parish Council set a budget for 2007/2008 of £87,500 which represented an increase of 2.94%, as detailed in the Appendix.

RESOLVED that (a) the Parish Council set a precept of £87,500 for the year 2007/2008; and

(b) Parish Council fees and charges be not increased for 2007/2008.

426. COMPOSTING FACILITY AND HIGHWAYS DEPOT- CAMPAIGN

The Campaign Group had met with representatives of the County Council to put the case against the composting facilities and highways depot proposals on 27 November. The Group felt that the meeting had gone very well. It had been agreed that a Liaison Committee would be formed to provide a forum through which issues relating to the composting facility could be raised, if planning permission was eventually given. It was anticipated that the application for planning permission would be considered by the County Council in January 2007.

Expenditure relating to the campaign in the sum of £60.00 was approved.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;

(b) expenditure of £60.00 incurred as part of the campaign was approved.

427. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
06/01241/FL Retention of shelter for horse drawn Romany Gypsy wagon. Mr J Burnside	Retention	The Parish Council made the following observations in respect of this application:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The appearance of the building given the proximity to residential property.▪ Concerns about the building being used for other purposes in the future for which planning permission has not been obtained.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 40/06, 41/06 and 42/06.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

429. 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 - Dec)	£	560.62
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Dec)	£	450.23
SO	C Winnard (Salary - Dec)	£	210.57
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - Dec)	£	23.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - Dec)	£	1.30
2087	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£	254.73
2088	C Winnard (Additional Hours)	£	83.92
2089	Paul's Meats (CCTV Payment)	£	60.00
2090	Your Choice (CCTV Payment)	£	40.00
2091	S Sowerby (CCTV Payment)	£	20.00
2092	Hairdayz Ltd (CCTV Payment)	£	20.00
2093	Grassmoor Post Office (TV Licence Scheme)	£	425.75
2094	Grassmoor Community Centre	£	39.00
2095	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£	152.14
2096	JS Marriott & Co (Internal Audit)	£	200.00
2097	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of expenses)	£	67.65
2098	S Brighouse (No Campaign Expenses)	£	60.00
2099	Audit Commission (External Audit)	£	646.25
2100	D Rotherham (CCTV Payment)	£	20.00

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Chairman