

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 February 2007 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, K Hemsley and Mrs P J Hemsley.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Four members of the public attended the meeting to complain about the anti-social behaviour in Barnes Park, particularly around the Norfolk Avenue entrance. Groups of young people numbering between 10 and 20 were gathering on a regular basis in the entrance to the Park and they were drinking, smashing bottles and generally behaving in an anti-social manner. If challenged they became threatening and abusive. The residents were asked to call the Police to report all problems and they were also asked to keep a log of such incidents. The Chairman agreed to take the matter up with the District Council anti-social behaviour team. The hedging along the entrance to the path would be cut back. (See Minute No. 453).

**POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

PC Richard Siddall attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. James Land the new PCSO for Grassmoor was welcomed to his first meeting of the Parish Council.

There had been 2 incidents of damage to dwellings for which the offenders had not been caught. There had been a public order incident on Frederick Street and a theft of a motor vehicle on Shakespeare Street. There had been 2 thefts of tax discs from cars. There had also been a serious incident of attempted kidnapping.

**447. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**448. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillors A H Booker and Mrs E A Hill declared a prejudicial interest in the items relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute No.452). Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker and Mrs E A Hill declared an interest in the relating to Indemnities for Officers and Members (Minute No. 462). Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared an interest in the item relating to Planning Matters (Minute No. 465).

**449. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 January 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**450. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**451. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**452. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Clerk reported that he and the Centre Co-ordinator were in the process of drawing up the job description for the Centre Manager post. It was important that care be taken to get this right. The post would be advertised as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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

The Clerk report that the District Council would be introducing established hedging along the boundary in gaps to the existing hedging. Estimates as to the cost of safety netting which could be erected along the boundary on match days were being sought.

It was agreed that following the concerns raised in the public participation item, the District Council be requested to cut back the hedging in the Norfolk Avenue entrance to the Park as a matter of urgency.

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

(b) the District Council be requested to cut back the hedging in the Norfolk Avenue entrance to the Park as a matter of urgency.

**454. CCTV**

The Clerk reported that the occupier of 153 Mansfield Road, Winsick had agreed to arrange for a broadband line to be installed in his house. He would look at the various options on offer to meet the necessary specification and then contact the Clerk to get approval to proceed with the installation.

Several problems with the CCTV cameras had recently been encountered following the recent storms. All the problems had been put right except for the camera on the Sportsman pub which had broken beyond repair. The camera was out of warranty. The Clerk was asked to contact UiT to express the Parish Council's disappointment that the camera had broken after such a short time in service. The cost of replacing the camera was £450.00 plus VAT.

Concern was expressed that there had been a serious incident in the village in early January, footage of which would have potentially been caught by the CCTV cameras. The Police investigating the incident however, had failed to view the footage before it had been automatically erased from the CCTV memory system. The Parish Council

were concerned that this would have a negative impact in terms of public confidence in the system and lead people to believe that the public money used to fund the cameras had been wasted. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Constable to express the Council's concern, to seek an explanation regarding the failure to view the footage and also to seek an assurance that this would not happen again.

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

(b) the Clerk to contact UiT to ask that the camera be replaced at no expense to the Parish Council given the relatively short-time it had been in use; and

(c) the Clerk write to the Chief Constable to express concern over the failure by the Police to view CCTV footage of a serious incident in Grassmoor in January.

#### **455. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

Karen Wibberley attended the meeting to advise the Parish Council on the progress made towards the proposed Community Garden on the allotment site. A Committee to oversee the project had been formed. It was agreed that Councillors Barlow and Garbutt (subject to his agreement) be jointly appointed as the Parish Council's representative on the Committee. Further investigation of possible funding options was being considered and the budget for the project was in the process of being calculated. The Parish Council were happy with the proposals for the garden which involved the Pigeon Club moving their sheds to the area to the right of the main gate. It was agreed that the Parish Council make a donation of £300.00 to cover the costs of planning permission, the grant to paid only at the point permission is applied for.

The Clerk was pleased to report that Mick Arnold had been re-appointed as Secretary to the Allotment Association at its AGM.

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

(b) Councillor Barlow and Garbutt (subject to his agreement) be jointly appointed as the Parish Council's representative on the Committee overseeing the Community Garden project: and

(c) a donation of £300.00 be made towards the project to cover the costs of planning permission, the grant to paid only at the point permission is applied for.

#### **456. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

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

#### **457. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS**

The County Council had advised that everything in respect of the Lagoons was progressing according to plan.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted;

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

It was noted that the planning application was likely to be considered by the County Council's Planning Committee on 12 March. Residents in Wingerworth were also mounting a campaign against the proposals which was attracting considerable support.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**459. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Clerk reported that the post had been advertised with a closing date of 19 February. It was agreed that Councillors Hill and Hemsley, the Clerk, the RFO and John Marriott should form the interview Panel.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Hill and Hemsley, the Clerk, the RFO and John Marriott form the interview Panel for the RFO post.

**460. DELIVERY OF NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk reported that Horace Jones had agreed to be employed to circulate the Parish Council Newsletter.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**461. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – MAY 2007**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council elections were to be held on 3 May 2007. Nomination papers would be sent to the Clerk around 27 March and these had to be returned by 12 noon on 4 April. It was agreed that if the election was contested, that poll cards would not be required.

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

(b) the District Council be advised that in the event of a contested parish council election that poll cards would not be required.

**462. INDEMNITIES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

The Clerk reported that the Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order 2004 provides officer and members with an indemnity relating to activities undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council. The indemnity gave protection provided that these activities are within the powers of the Council, did not constitute a criminal offence and is not the result of fraud, recklessness or deliberate wrong doing.

It was agreed that members and officers of the Parish Council be granted indemnities in relation to their activities in relation to the Grassmoor Community Centre and the Mill Lane and Gill Lane Allotment Associations.

**RESOLVED** that members and officers of the Parish Council be granted indemnities under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order 2004, in relation to their activities in relation to the Grassmoor Community Centre and the Mill Lane and Gill Lane Allotment Associations.

**463. REORGANISATION OF THE PROBATION SERVICE**

The Clerk reported that the Government were proposing to reorganise the way probation services were run across the Country. The effect would be to centralise powers with services in the East Midlands being run by an Offender Manager operating across five counties. There were widespread concerns across all criminal justice agencies regarding the effect of the proposals. It was agreed that the Clerk object to the proposals on behalf of the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk object to the proposals to re-organise the way probation services are managed.

**464. PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEEING – 16 MARCH 2007**

The Clerk reported that a liaison meeting between North East Derbyshire District Council and Parish Councils was to be held on Saturday 17 March 2007. It was agreed that Councillors Hill and Hemsley and the Clerk represent the Parish Council at the event.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Hill and Hemsley and the Clerk represent the Parish Council at the liaison event to be held on 17 March.

**465. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments/objections/Material considerations</b>
06/0124/FL Corbriggs Caravan Park Mr J Burnside	Retention of horse drawn gypsy wagon	The District Council had granted planning permission

It was noted an informal hearing had been held on 14 February relating to the appeal by Mr J Burnside against the decision to refuse permission for a transit facility for 4 caravan pitches and wash block at the Corbriggs Caravan Park.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 1/07 and 2/07.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**467. 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 – Feb)	£	560.62
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Feb)	£	450.23
SO	C Winnard (Salary - Feb)	£	210.57
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - Feb)	£	23.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - Feb)	£	1.30
DD	Information Commissioner (CCTV)	£	35.00
2110	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£	504.51
2111	C Winnard (Additional Hours)	£	84.14
2112	S Hill (Newsletter Delivery)	£	15.00
2113	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£	63.90
2114	NEDDC (Dog Fouling Bins)	£	262.64
2115	Groundwork Creswell (Scooter Shelter)	£	378.65
2116	NEDDC (School Milk)	£	110.00
2117	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of expenses)	£	46.94
2118	Hoults Memorials(Winsick War Memorial)	£	828.96
2119	Johnson Publishing (Job Advert)	£	165.15
2120	M Dovinson (Reimbursement of expenses)	£	89.77

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**Chairman**