

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 April 2007 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, K Hemsley and Mrs P J Hemsley.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public attended the meeting to express concern over youths playing football on Wenlock Walk particularly in the evening causing a nuisance to neighbours. Problems of motor bikes using the old Cock Walk were reported. The Police agreed to look into both matters.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PCSO James Land and PC Richard Siddall attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. There had been 17 crimes during this period. Six involved damage to cars on Mansfield Road, Winsick. There had been 2 incidents of non-dwelling damage at the Working Men's Club and damage to dwelling at a flat in New Street. Four thefts had been reported.

There had recently been a distraction burglary involving an elderly local resident. The Home Improvement Agency had visited the resident to offer advice and to fit a safety chain. CCTV was being examined to see if any thing had been caught on camera. There had also been 2 attempted house burglaries on Mansfield Road, Winsick and also the theft of a motor scooter.

In respect of anti-social behaviour, 7 nuisance letters had been issued and 3 Anti-Social Behaviour contracts were to be issued.

489. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

490. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared an interest in the item relating to Planning Matters (Minute No. 506).

491. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 March 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

492. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

493. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

494. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that 6 applications had been received for the post of Centre Co-ordinator. Short listing would take place and the interviews would be held as soon as possible.

The Clerk agreed to check out the position with regard to the Police Office at the Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

495. BARNES PARK

There were no matters to report relating to Barnes Park.

496. CCTV

The Clerk reported that Gordon Booth from Business Link was in the process of sorting out the arrangements regarding the connecting the cameras electronically to the Holmewood control centre.

The Clerk understood that the broadband connection to 153 Mansfield Road, Winsick was to be installed on 10 April. The cost to the Parish Council was around £21.00 per month plus a small one-off connection charge. UiT had indicated however, that they understood that the occupier was not prepared to have the broadband line installed to his property. The Clerk agreed to clarify the situation.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

497. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had not yet been able to contact Karen Wibberley to discuss the situation regarding the funding application and the problem with a lease for the allotment site.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

498. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

499. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk was asked to request an update on the current situation regarding the Lagoons from Councillor Lucas.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

500. FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Chairman reported that she had received representations from a group of parents regarding the lack of facilities for young people in Grassmoor such as a youth club. The parents had indicated their willingness to become involved in the provision of a youth club as volunteers and the Chairman had invited them to the meeting to discuss this in more detail. The Clerk had spoken to the Youth Service Co-ordinator for the area who had indicated they would be prepared to provide support to the volunteers. It was agreed to defer consideration of this item as the potential volunteers had not attended the meeting.

Another local resident had also complained about the lack of facilities for young people in Barnes Park. The provision of any new play equipment for the Park would need to be considered as part of the longer-term plans to refurbish the Park as a whole.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

501. COMPOSTING FACILITY AND HIGHWAYS DEPOT- CAMPAIGN

It was noted that owing to the restrictions placed on Councillors during the period around elections, the reception planned for those directly involved in the No Campaign had been postponed until after 3 May.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

502. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk reported that satisfactory references had now been received and Gary Huckerby would formally take up his position as RFO in the near future. The Parish Council agreed that the RFO should on a trial basis work a number of his hours at a set time each week in the Community Centre to provide a contact point with the local community.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the RFO work set hours per week at the Community Centre on a trial basis to provide a contact point with the local community.

503. INDEPENDENT PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

The Clerk reported on the annual inspection of the playground equipment in Barnes Park and Winsick Park by North East Derbyshire District Council. The inspection had

highlighted no major issues, only some minor repairs which the Clerk was authorised to instruct the District Council to undertake these repairs.

RESOLVED that (a) the satisfactory annual playground inspection report be noted; and
 (b) the District Council be authorised to undertake the minor repairs to the play equipment identified in the report.

504. YOUTH SERVICE BUS

It was noted that the Youth Service Bus would be parking in the Junior School grounds on a regular basis in the near future. It had been hoped to use Barnes Park but this was considered to be impractical.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

505. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – MAY 2007

The Clerk reported that the 9 candidates nominated for the Parish Council elections on 3 May had been elected by way of an uncontested poll. This left 2 vacancies on the parish Council which could be filled by the Parish Council by co-option no later than 23 June 2007. If the seats were not filled by this time, the District Council could call another election.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

506. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
07/00204/FL The Rectory, Churchside, Hasland Diocese of Derby	Demolition of section of garden wall	No objections were raised to this application
07/00324/FL 59 Chapel Road, Grassmoor L Green	Change of use to 3 residential units	It was agreed that the Parish Council make representations regarding this application on the following grounds to ensure that sufficient off street parking was provided.

07/00250/DEM Manor House, Winsick	Demolition of fire damaged property	No objections were raised to this application
Planning Appeal J Burnside	Compound adjacent to Corbriggs Caravan Park	It was reported that the appeal had been allowed

RESOLVED that the Clerk object to the application as detailed above.

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

There were no DALC Circulars to present.

508. 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 – April)	£	560.62
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - April)	£	450.23
SO	C Winnard (Salary - April)	£	210.57
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - April)	£	23.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - April)	£	1.81
2129	DALC (Subscription)	£	469.44
2130	Grassmoor Post Office (TV Licence Scheme)	£	64.50
2131	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£	504.73
2132	C Winnard (Additional Hours)	£	83.92
2133	NEDDC (Trade Refuse)	£	131.98
2134	NEDDC (Litter Bin)	£	385.30
2135	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£	137.51
2136	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£	78.00

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Chairman