

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 9 May 2007 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs A Browne, B Garbutt, Mrs E Greenall, K Hemsley and Mrs P J Hemsley, Mrs E A Hill and Ms J A Hill.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items taken in public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PCSO James Land attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. There had been 9 crimes during this period. 3 thefts were reported along with 3 incidents of criminal damage. There had been 1 case of harassment, 1 assault and 1 verbal threat. 2 of these crimes had been detected, 6 remained undetected with 1 inquiry on-going.

The Police had issued 5 Anti-social behaviour letters and 1 Anti-social behaviour contract.

Reference was made to a series of incidents relating to one resident on Pennine Way which was causing great distress. Motorbike and quad bike problems were again reported on Tennyson Way. It had been reported that air rifles were being fired on Cross Street. Also on Cross Street, youths were causing damage to neighbouring properties retrieving footballs from gardens.

509. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs E A Hill be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

510. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHAIRMAN

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Mrs E A Hill read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Parish Clerk.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

511. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

512. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE VICE- CHAIRMAN

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Parish Clerk.

513. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A H Booker.

514. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared an interest in the item relating to Planning Matters (Minute No. 533).

515. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 April 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

516. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

517. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Anne Browne and Julie Hill to their first meeting of the Parish Council. Gary Huckerby, the new Responsible Financial Officer was also welcomed to the Parish Council.

518. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE – APPOINTMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED that Councillors A H Booker, I F Barlow, Mrs P J Hemsley and Mrs E A Hill be appointed as the Parish Council's representatives on the Grassmoor Community Centre Management Committee for the period up to the next ordinary Parish Council elections.

519. ALLOTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED that Councillors I F Barlow and B Garbutt be appointed as the Parish Council's Members with responsibility for overseeing Mill Lane and Gill Lane Allotments for the period up to the next ordinary Parish Council elections.

520. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that Peter Hague had been appointed to the post of Centre Co-ordinator. Peter would take up duties as soon as a satisfactory criminal record check had been received.

PCSO James Land indicated that he had been discussing with Susan Brighthouse, the possibility of organising activities for young people on Friday evenings.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

521. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council were required to fill the 2 remaining vacancies on the Parish Council by the end of June, otherwise the District Council would call an election to fill the vacancies. It was agreed that Janice Bedford be invited to become a co-opted member of the Parish Council. The remaining vacancy would be filled at the June meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED that (a) Janice Bedford be invited to become a co-opted member of the Parish Council; and
(b) consideration of the remaining vacancy be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

522. BARNES PARK

The Cricket Club had reported that the showers were not working properly and that the fan in the kitchen was also faulty. It was agreed that the Clerk ask the Streetcleaner/Handyperson to look in to the problems. If they could not easily be fixed, the Parish Council suggested that the showers be taken out of use rather than spending a lot of money on repairs.

RESOLVED that (a) the Clerk ask the Streetcleaner/Handyperson to look in to the shower problems; and
(b) if the problems cannot easily and economically be fixed, the showers be taken out of use.

523. CCTV

The Clerk reported that technical problems were being experienced in connecting the broadband link for the cameras to the Holmewood control centre. These would hopefully be rectified in the near future. The Clerk was authorised to sign the agreement with the North Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link.

The Clerk understood that the broadband connection to 153 Mansfield Road, Winsick had not yet been installed and he had not heard from the occupier. It was agreed that the position be reviewed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement with the North Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link.

524. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Karen Wibberley and David Cox attended the meeting to discuss the Allotment Garden Project. The group had been successful at the pre-application stage and were now moving towards a full application to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust for around £50k. The group could make the application for funding in their own name provided that the Parish Council as landowner, wrote a letter of authorisation. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to request a £5k pump-priming grant for the project. The

Parish Council agreed to fund the project in the sum of £2k, subject to the other funding being received.

The Allotment Association had requested that the Parish Council provide an additional skip on the basis that the Association would also fund another skip. This was agreed.

The Secretary to the Association had reported that there were still a couple of plot holders who were refusing to co-operate and clear their plots. The Parish Council indicated that they expected this to be followed up with further warning letters with deadlines given. Should there still be no improvement, the Parish Council would look at what action it could take to assist. The Association were also asked to clear the rubbish from the hedge bottom along the North Wingfield Road boundary to the site.

RESOLVED that (a) the Parish Council agreed to provide a grant of £2k towards the Allotment Garden project subject to the remaining funding being secured;
(b) the Clerk write to the District Council to request a £5k pump-priming grant for the project;
(c) the Parish Council agreed to provide an additional skip for the Association subject to the Association also providing one;
(d) the Clerk write to the Association to request that they write again to those allotment holders refusing to tidy up their plots giving a deadline by which they expected action to have been taken; and
(e) the Association be asked to clear the rubbish from the hedge bottom along the North Wingfield Road boundary to the site.

525. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

526. 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.

527. WITHDRAWAL OF THE GRASSMOOR BEAT OFFICER

The Chairman reported that PC Richard Siddall had been moved to other duties. Grassmoor did not at present therefore, have a local beat officer. Representations had been made to Inspector Bates and it was hoped the situation would be resolved in the near future.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

528. LOCAL AUTHORITY (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007

RESOLVED that consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

529. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTIONS 2007/8

The Clerk reported that the District Council had indicated that the grounds maintenance contributions for Barnes Park and Winsick Park for 2007/8 was £3,247.

RESOLVED that Clerk was authorised to pay the account for the Park maintenance contributions for 2007/8 in the sum of £3,247.

530. REQUEST FOR STREETLIGHT – PENNINE WAY

The Clerk reported that a request had been received for an additional streetlight on Pennine Way. It was agreed that consideration of this item be deferred to look in to the possibility of the County Council funding the renewal of this column.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

531. VITALISE ESSENTIAL BREAKS – REQUEST FOR DONATION

RESOLVED that the request for a donation be not acceded to.

532. GILL LANE/AVENUE SITE REGENERATION

A letter had been received proposing the regeneration of the land between Gill Lane and the Avenue site to provide a recreational area. It was noted that Natascha Engel MP was looking in this matter.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

533. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
07/00261/FL 51 Chapel Road, Grassmoor Ms Jones	Erection of conservatory	This application had been approved by the District Council
07/00250/DEM Manor House, Winsick	Demolition of fire damaged property	This application had been approved by the District Council

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 10/07, 11/07 and 12/07.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

535. 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 – May)	£ 560.62
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - May)	£ 450.23
SO	C Winnard (Salary - May)	£ 210.57
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - May)	£ 23.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - April)	£ 1.81
2137	Grassmoor Post Office (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 75.25
2138	Derbyshire County Council (Postage)	£ 52.78
2139	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£ 68.69
2140	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 191.00
2141	NEDDC (School Milk)	£ 99.05
2142	Cheque Cancelled	
2143	G Huckerby (Salary)	£ 140.67
2144	Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	£ 513.46
2145	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 39.00
2146	E A Hill (Chairman's Telephone Allowance)	£ 100.00

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