

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 July 2007 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, A H Booker, Mrs A Browne, Mrs E Greenall, K Hemsley, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Five members of the public attended the meeting to express concern over the activities associated with a company on Birkin Lane West. Local residents were concerned at the noise levels emanating from the site particularly early in the morning and also the number of large lorries entering and leaving the site. It was also claimed that the company did not have the appropriate planning permission for the activities taking place on the site. Both the noise levels and the planning issue were being investigated by the District Council. Action would be taken if the appropriate evidence was found. The Chairman would ask Councillor Chapman to look in to the highways issues raised.

A representative of Grassmoor Cricket Club attended the meeting to deliver a letter in response to the complaints received from residents of Durham Avenue regarding events surrounding a cricket match on 10 June. (See Minute no.565)

**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 14 crimes during this period. There had been 3 thefts, 1 assault, 1 burglary, 8 of criminal damage and a rape. 6 of these crimes had been detected but 8 remained undetected. Problems with youths on Cross Street were continuing. Following problems reported at Winsick, patrols had been increased. The issue of unlicensed vehicles at Churchside had been reported to the DVLA.

A litter bin and dog bin had been damaged in the Park. Motorbikes were being driven along Tennyson Way with the riders not wearing crash helmets. No further problems had been reported on the School playing field.

**559. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Garbutt, D Chapman and Mrs J A Hill.

**560. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared an interest in the item relating to Planning Matters (Minute No.581).

**561. MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 June 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**562. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**563. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that the Avenue Washland Open Day was to be held on 3 August and Parish Councillors could attend if they so wish.

**564. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Clerk reported that he had commented on the agreement for the Police Office and returned them to the County Council. Discussions were on-going regarding the rent for the office.

**565. BARNES PARK**

The Cricket Club had responded to the complaints received from residents of Durham Avenue regarding events surrounding the cricket match played on 10 June. The Club apologised for the bad language that had been used during the match although it was pointed out that this was largely down to visiting players who became involved in an argument with a spectator. It was accepted that 6 balls had been hit into neighbouring properties and that one ball had damaged a greenhouse. The complaint had referred to players cheering as the ball broke the greenhouse window. The Club stated that the cheer had been the result of the player reaching his century. The owner of the greenhouse had not complained and he had been reimbursed in full for the damage.

The Cricket Club considered that 5m high fencing would have prevented at least some of the balls entering neighbouring gardens. The Parish Council noted however, that the residents had previously indicated that they were opposed to such fencing being erected. It was reported that the safety measures introduced along the other boundaries had proved very successful in preventing cricket balls leaving the Park.

The Parish Council accepted the explanation of events in relation to the match on 10 June and agreed to take no further action at this stage although the matter would be kept under review. The issue of the safety fencing would be considered further as part of the plans to regenerate the Park although the Clerk was asked to make it clear to the Cricket Club that they would be expected to contribute to the cost of the fencing.

It was reported that damage had been caused to the cricket pitch outfield by vehicles associated with the Carnival. The District Council had undertaken emergency repairs to make the pitch safe and playable. The Clerk was asked to write to the Events Committee to seek an explanation and to ensure that this did not happen in the future. The bill for the repair work had not yet been received but the Parish Council would expect the Events Committee to cover the costs.

The Parish Council considered the condition of the Pavilion. As had previously been reported the Pavilion was in a generally poor state of repair and the showers were not working. It was agreed that the Cricket Club and Grassmoor Sports FC be advised that the Parish Council did not intend to spend any money on repairing the Pavilion except for repairs to maintain basic health and safety standards.

During the recent heavy rain flooding had occurred on properties on Norfolk Avenue caused by water running off the Park. Investigations had revealed that during the period of the flooding, the storm drain had not been full to capacity. Water off the Park was therefore not for some reason entering the storm drain. The Clerk agreed to ask the District Council to investigate.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the Parish Council take no further action at this stage regarding events surrounding the cricket match held in the Park on 10 June, although the matter would be kept under review;  
(b) The Clerk advise the Cricket Club that if it necessary in the future to erect 5m high safety fencing that the Parish Council would expect them to contribute towards costs;  
(c) The Clerk to contact the Events Committee regarding the damage to the cricket outfield on Carnival Day;  
(d) The Parish Council agreed that in future no money would be spent on repairs to the Pavilion except for those necessary to maintain basic health and safety requirements; and  
(e) the Clerk ask the District Council to investigate the flooding problems caused by water running off the Park.

**566. CCTV**

The Clerk reported that technical problems were still being experienced that was preventing the switch over to running the system from Holmewood. Every effort was being made to ensure that these were sorted in the near future. Once these problems were resolved, the camera would also be erected at 153 Mansfield Road, Winsick.

Concern was expressed over the reliability of the cameras in general. UiT felt that the current problems were due to the cable being damaged by Atkinsons working on the extension to the Chapel. This was currently being investigated. The Clerk was asked to write to UiT in strong terms to express the Parish Council's concerns over the reliability of the cameras.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted;  
(b) the Clerk write to UiT in strong terms to express the Parish Council's concerns over the reliability of the cameras.

**567. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported that he had written a letter in support of the allotment garden project which would accompany the bid for funding.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**568. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

Concern was expressed over the condition of the allotment site in general. It was agreed that Councillors Barlow and Garbutt be asked to undertake a site visit to assess the situation and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

It was also noted that people were regularly using the part of the allotments used by Mr Burton as a footpath. The Clerk agreed to look into the cost of erecting private land signs.

**RESOLVED** that (a) Councillors Barlow and Garbutt be asked to undertake a site visit to assess the situation and report back to a future meeting of the Council; and

(b) The Clerk to look into the cost of erecting private land signs.

**569. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS**

The County Council had reported that an initial notice and the pre-qualification questionnaire had been drafted. It was hoped that the notice would be advertised in the European Journal by the end of July. This would give contractors 42 days to request and respond to the pre-qualification questionnaire. Hopefully a short list would be in place before the end of September and those on it will be invited to submit full tenders for the work.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**570. AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS REGULATIONS 2006**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley be added to the membership of the Audit and Accounts Sub-Committee

**571. PARISH PLAN**

The Clerk presented Councillors with information regarding the steps required to produce a parish plan. One of the first stages was to give consideration to the membership of the parish plan steering group which should comprise local community representatives. It was agreed that Stuart Watts and James Browne be invited to join the steering group.

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

(b) Stuart Watts and James Browne be invited to join the parish plan steering group.

**572. ADDITIONAL DOG BINS**

It was reported that the additional dog bins had not yet been erected. It was agreed that this matter would be considered further at the September meeting if the bins had still not been erected.

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

**573. NO SMOKING SIGNS**

The Clerk reported that the Pavilion in Barnes Park and also the two brick built enclosed bus shelters on North Wingfield Road were covered by the new law banning smoking in public places. Arrangements were in hand for appropriate signs to be erected in both the Pavilion and on the shelters.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**574. STREETLIGHT- PENNINE WAY**

Details had been received regarding streetlighting works to be undertaken in Grassmoor by the County Council in the current year. It was hoped that the additional streetlight funded by the Parish Council could be undertaken as part of these works which may help reduce costs.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**575. ATKINSONS – NORTH WINGFIELD ROAD**

At the last meeting of the Parish Council, complaints had been received about the activities taking place at Atkinsons, North Wingfield Road. The Parish Council had referred the matters to the District Councils Enforcement Officer and Environmental Health Officer regarding the noise complaints. The Clerk reported on the response from the District Council.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**576. HIRE OF FOOTBALL PITCHES**

**RESOLVED** that the application by Grassmoor Sports FC to use the Barnes Park football pitch during the 2007/8 season be approved.

**577. COUNTY AIR AMBULANCE – REQUEST FOR DONATION**

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £100.00 be made to the County Air Ambulance.

**578. NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL – CHAIRS APPEAL**

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £50.00 be made to the NEDDC Chairs Appeal.

**579. ST JOHN AMBULANCE – REQUEST FOR DONATION**

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £400.00 be made to the St John Ambulance to help fund

**580. DERBYSHIRE COALITION OF FOR INCLUSIVE LIVING – REQUEST FOR DONATION**

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £50.00 be made to the Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living.

**581. PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

| <b>Application No.</b>   | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Comments/objections/Material considerations</b>   |
|--|---|--|
| 07/00607/FL<br>Mill Lane Farm,<br>Grassmoor<br>W Briddon                   | New access<br>and track   | No objections were raised in respect of this application.  |
| 07/00510/FL<br>11 Cotswold Drive,<br>Grassmoor<br>P Nixon                  | Loft conversion   | This application had been approved by the District Council   |
| 07/00417/FL<br>The Croft, Mile Hill<br>Mrs L Booth                         | Conversion of<br>garage to living<br>accommodation  | This application had been refused by the District Council  |
| 07/00218/FL<br>33A Birkin Lane,<br>Grassmoor<br>J S Bloor (Measham)<br>Ltd | Demolition of<br>existing<br>bungalow and<br>construction of<br>26<br>two/three/four<br>bedroomed<br>houses | It was agreed that the Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Highway access to the site</li> <li>▪ The contamination of the land</li> </ul> <p>The density of the dwellings on the site and their proximity to the existing properties on Durham Avenue.</p> |

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

(b) the Clerk make representations in respect of those applications where objections have been raised; and

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 16/07 and 17/07.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**583. 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 – July)                    | £ 560.62      |
| SO             | M Dovinson (Salary - July)                   | £ 450.23      |
| DD             | Powergen (Pavilion Supply - July)            | £ 72.00       |
| SO             | R Ackrill (Salary – Aug)                     | £ 560.62      |
| SO             | M Dovinson (Salary - Aug)                    | £ 450.23      |
| DD             | Powergen (Pavilion Supply - Aug)             | £ 72.00       |
| DD             | Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - June)           | £ 1.74        |
| 2158           | NEDDC (Cemetery Maintenance)                 | £ 8,684.94    |
| 2159           | NEDDC (Grounds Maintenance)                  | £ 3,815.23    |
| 2160           | NEDDC (Park Repairs/Cricket Safety measures) | £ 2,078.88    |
| 2161           | G Huckerby (Salary – June)                   | £ 294.68      |
| 2162           | G Huckerby (Salary – July)                   | £ 294.46      |
| 2163           | Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)                  | £ 497.84      |
| 2164           | Grassmoor Community Centre (Cab grant)       | £ 10,000.00   |
| 2165           | Grassmoor Community Centre (Grant)           | £ 3,720.00    |
| 2166           | J S Marriott (Internal Audit fees)           | £ 200.00      |
| 2167           | Grassmoor Post Office (TV Licence Scheme)    | £ 53.75       |
| 2168           | Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)       | £ 39.00       |
| 2169           | Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)                  | £ 506.42      |
| 2170           | H Jones (Newsletter Delivery)                | £ 30.14       |
| 2171           | R Ackrill (Reimbursement of expenses)        | £ 26.88       |

.....  
**Chairman**