

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 10 October 2007 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters considered under public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

There were no Police Officers in attendance at the meeting. Concern was expressed at the lack of Police presence at the meeting and it was also understood that PC Bronwen Walton had been replaced as Grassmoor's beat officer after only a short period.

It was noted that the Police had not been seen much in Grassmoor in recent weeks and that this had coincided with an upsurge in serious anti-social behaviour. A gang of youths had been had been causing problems around the Working Men's Club, the Park, Chapman Lane, Oak Road, Norfolk Avenue, North Wingfield Road and the footpath near the Doctor's Surgery. The Clerk agreed to contact the Divisional Commander and Inspector Bates to express concern over the problems and to complain about the lack of policing in the village at the present time.

603. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Garbutt.

604. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, Mrs E A Hill and Mrs P J Hemsley declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no.609 refers).

605. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 September 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

606. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

607. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

Hilary Jones and Ian Spencer attended the meeting to bring the Parish Council up to date on the present position regarding Neighbourhood Partnerships. It was widely accepted by all, including the District Council, that the previous arrangements for the Partnerships had not worked and that Parish Councils had become disillusioned and disinterested.

The District Council were committed to the process of bringing partners together to work on common aims and objectives and it had allocated 2 officers to support the process. It was intended therefore to make a new start for the Forums with the officers being responsible for ensuring that the action plans are prioritised and implemented. A small pump-priming budget would be available to support the work of the Forums. Some details regarding the working of the Forums were still to be clarified including the arrangements for the chairing of the meetings. It was intended that the first meeting of the new forums would be held in November. The Chairman thanked Hilary and Ian for attending the meeting.

608. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

609. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Divisional Commander had now demanded that the rent that the Police should pay for the use of the Police Office should be reduced to £500.00 per year and the Parish Council should pay half the costs of altering the building to accommodate the office. The Clerk had with the exception of the rent, agreed the wording of the agreement some weeks ago. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Divisional Commander to object to the proposed changes to the draft agreement.

It was reported that Surestart had withdrawn support for the New Street Tots Group who were now operating independently. The Parish Council agreed to make a grant to the Group of £700.00 to cover the costs of the rent for the Community Centre. The grant would be paid directly to the Centre.

RESOLVED that (a) the Clerk write to the Divisional Commander to object to the proposed changes to the agreement for the Police Office at the Centre; and

(b) the Parish Council agree to a grant of £700.00 to cover the costs of the rent for the Community Centre by the New Street Tots Group.

610. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received regarding a damaged swing seat. A replacement seat had been ordered from the District Council.

The District Council were investigating the drainage problems in the Park. The bottom corner of the Park would be cleared of rubbish and a camera would be used to investigate the problems.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the Clerk was authorised to place an order with the District Council for a replacement swing seat.

611. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the technical problem had still not been solved. Concern was expressed over UiTs ability to sort out the technical problems being experienced with the CCTV system. It was agreed that UiT should be given a deadline of 7 days to sort out the system. The Clerk agreed to look at possible alternative companies to look after the servicing of the CCTV system.

It had been confirmed that the cable between the Community Centre and aerial had been damaged. The Clerk agreed to inform the Methodist Chapel in order that they could take the matter up with Atkinsons.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;

(b) the Clerk advise the Methodist Chapel of the damage; and

(c) the Clerk give UiT a deadline of 7 days to sort out the CCTV system.

612. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

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The original supplier, SMS Ltd had been contacted on a number of occasions but had failed to provide the Parish Council with an estimate for the cost of replacing the gate. The Clerk reported that a new gate for the Allotments would cost around £400.00. The Clerk was authorised to place an order for the gate with Paul White.

RESOLVED that the Clerk place an order for a replacement gate for the allotments with Paul White.

614. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

There were no matters relating to the Lagoons to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

615. PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported that Stuart Watts and Karen Needham had both declined the offer to become a member of the Parish Plan Steering Group. Peter Hague and James Land had agreed to join the Group. The Cricket Club had nominated Alan Woolven and the Allotment Association would be making a nomination in the near future. The Clerk had not heard from Grassmoor Sports FC, Grassmoor Gladiators, the Events Committee, the Primary School and Mrs Harris from Churchside. James Browne was currently undecided.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact all local businesses, local pubs, the Working Mens Club, the Golf Club, Reverend Magee and Reverend Ainscough and Jim Burnside from the Corbriggs Caravan Park.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the above organisations and individuals be invited to join the Parish Plan Steering Group.

616. REPLACEMENT SWING SEAT – WINSICK PARK

The Clerk reported that a swing seat in Winsick Park was in need of replacement. The District Council had estimated the cost of the replacement swing was £300.00.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to instruct the District Council to replace the swing seat in Winsick Park.

617. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2007

The Clerk reported that arrangements were in hand for the Remembrance Sunday service on 11 November.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

618. PARISH COUNCIL PARK MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Clerk reported that the District Council were proposing to withdraw the subsidy for park maintenance contributions in respect of Barnes Park and Winsick Park. The District Council currently subsidised the maintenance contributions meaning that the Parish Council only contributed 33% of the total cost of the maintaining the Parks. The intention was that the subsidy would be reduced over the next 3 financial years eventually leading to the Parish Council paying the full costs. This would mean that the Parish Councils contribution would increase from £3,247 in 2007/8 to £13,607 in 2010/11. The Parish Councils would collect the costs of maintaining the cricket and football pitches directly from the Cricket and Football Clubs. It would be for the Parish Council to set the rates to be charged to the Clubs for these services.

One option available to the Parish Council was to opt out of the District Council providing the maintenance services. The Clerk reported that the services provided, particularly in respect of the cricket pitches were of a specialist nature. The service

provided by the District Council was generally very good particularly the ability to respond to urgent repairs. It was agreed that the maintenance services for the Parks should remain with the District Council for 2008/09 with the matter to be reviewed annually. The District Council had agreed to provide the Parish Council with a breakdown of the current charges it makes to the Cricket and Football Clubs. The charges to be levied by the Parish Council for maintenance services would also need to be reviewed annually.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;

(b) arrangements for the park maintenance continue with the District Council for 2008/09; and

(c) the arrangements for park maintenance and the charges to be levied to the Cricket and Football Clubs to be reviewed by the Parish Council on an annual basis.

619. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
07/00927/FL 183 Mansfield Road, Winsick R J Hattersley	Change of use of land for keeping of horses	No objections were raised to this application.
07/001101/FL 21 Birkin Lane Mr and Mrs Fuller	3 detached dwellings including new access	It was agreed that objections be raised to this application on the grounds of the dangers caused by the highway access to the site.
07/001035/FL St Pauls Church, Hasland Reverend M Ainscough	Installation of window guards	No objections were raised to this application.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;

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

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 22/07, 23/07, 24/07 and 25/07.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

621. PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET MONITORING

The Responsible Financial Officer presented an update on the Parish Council's budget position covering the period April to September 2007.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

622. DOG CONTROL ORDERS

The Parish Council identified areas of the Parish where it wished the District Council to impose dog control orders.

RESOLVED that the Clerk advise the District Council on the areas to be covered by dog control orders.

623. 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 – Oct)	£ 560.62
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Oct)	£ 450.23
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - Oct)	£ 72.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - Oct)	£ 4.10
2189	UiT (CCTV)	£ 352.50
2190	UiT (CCTV)	£ 528.75
2191	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 78.00
2192	I Walton (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 118.25
2193	I Walton (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 129.00
2194	G. Huckerby (Wages - Sept)	£ 294.68
2195	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£ 633.74
2196	NEDDC (Cricket outfield repairs)	£ 451.53
2197	Grassmoor Community Centre (Centre Manager)	£ 6,804.00
2198	Tell to web (CCTV IT repairs)	£ 211.50
2199	M Dovinson (Equipment)	£ 38.00
2200	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of expenses)	£ 104.66
2201	M Earrye (Broadband)	£ 64.46

..... **Chairman**