

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 November 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, D Chapman, B Garbutt, 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

PCSO James Land attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. There had been a total of 23 crimes reported including 7 of criminal damage, 2 of damage and vandalism, 7 thefts, 4 assaults, a burglary, one incident of indecent exposure and a warning over cannabis use. 8 of the crimes had been detected, 14 remained undetected with one still under investigation.

There had been several incidents around the St John Ambulance building on Chapman Lane with up to 20 youths gathering in the area. The County Councils youth van had been parking nearby and the problems had started when the van first moved to this location. The van had originally been parking in the entrance to the Park, the location agreed with the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to take this matter up with the Youth Service. As a result of the increase in problems in Grassmoor the Police had agreed to step up their activity in the village including nightly patrols on Chapman Lane.

Inspector Bates had advised the Chairman of the new policing arrangements for Grassmoor under the Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Grassmoor would be allocated one Beat Officer along with four PCSO's to be shared between Wingerworth, Tupton, North Wingfield and Grassmoor. The Police proposed to hold monthly Safer Neighbourhood meetings with local Councils and interested parties the first of which was to be held in Grassmoor on 3 December.

624. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

625. 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.629 refers). Councillors Mrs E A Hill and Ms J A Hill declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to Gill Lane Allotments (Minute no. 633 refers)

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

627. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

628. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

629. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that he had received no response to the letter to Chief Superintendent Kelly regarding the Police Office. Councillor Chapman agreed to take the matter up on behalf of the Parish Council.

At the last meeting of the Council it had been agreed to make a grant to the New Street Tots Group to cover the estimated costs of the room hire for a year in the sum of £700.00. The actual costs would be £728.00. The grant would be paid in quarterly instalments directly to the Community Centre.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the Parish Council agree to a grant of £728.00 to cover the costs of the rent for the Community Centre by the New Street Tots Group for a full year period.

630. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the outside toilet at the Pavilion had been broken into and considerable damage caused. The Handyperson had been forced to shut off the water supply to the whole building which meant that none of the facilities needing water could be used until repairs could be completed. The Clerk had advised the football club of the situation.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the repairs to the plumbing system to be undertaken by the Handyperson be authorised.

631. CCTV

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting of Parish Council, UiT had contacted him to indicate that they felt unable to solve the problems with the CCTV system owing to the technical complexities involved. They recommended that the Parish Council engage the Advance Group to undertake the work to get the system operational again. The Clerk had checked with Gordon Booth who indicated that the Advance Group were a reputable company capable of sorting the system out. On this basis the Clerk had

authorised Advance to undertake some preliminary work to identify the cause of the problems.

The investigations had confirmed that when the damage to the cable had occurred, it had at the same time caused irreparable damage to the radio receiver situated in the Centre Office. The receiver would need replacing at a cost of around £2,800. the total cost of putting the system right following the damage was now estimated to be in the region of £4,000. The Methodist Church had been advised of the situation and had placed the matter in the hands of the project manager.

Advance had produced a report on the current state of the system. The report suggested that the Parish Council could make improvements to the system by changing the box inside properties where there were cameras to a small box located on the outside of the properties. This would give the advantage of access not being required to the properties if repairs were required. The costs of this work was estimated at approximately £70.00 per box giving an estimated total cost of £1,000 if the works were undertaken at the same time as the works to repair the system. If the works were undertaken at a later date the costs would be in the region of £2,200. The owners of the properties had indicated that they were in favour of changes.

A letter had been received from the Police regarding the possible linking of the system with other parishes to provide greater monitoring and support. It was agreed that this matter be considered further at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;

(b) the action in engaging the Advance Group to undertake the repairs to the CCTV system be ratified; and

(c) the Parish Council agree to upgrading the system to boxes located on the outside of properties with cameras at a total cost of approximately £1,000.00.

632. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Councillors Barlow and Garbutt reported on a recent site visit to the Allotment site. It was pleasing to report that the conditions had continued to improve. There remained however, one or two allotments plots that were a cause of concern. The Clerk agreed to write individual letters to these plot holders to support the Association Secretary. The Secretary had also reported that there were problems with plot holders selling on or transferring pigeon lofts and sheds in situ without the prior permission of the Association. Again, the Clerk agreed to write a letter to support the Association Secretary.

It was also reported that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Allotment Garden Project had resigned. It was hoped that the project would still proceed although on a reduced scale.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;

(b) the Clerk write letters to individual plot holders in relation to the condition of their plots;

(c) the Clerk write a general letter to the Secretary setting out the Parish Council's position against the transfer or sale of sheds and pigeon in situ without the permission of the Allotment Association.

633. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the issue of the Parish Council's access to the Allotments via Gill Lane had again been raised by a local resident to the contractor hired by the Parish Council to fit the new gate on the allotments. No formal approach had been made to date.

Councillors Garbutt and Barlow would be undertaking a site visit in the near future.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

634. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The County Council had reported that 46 inquiries had been received to undertake the work to clean up the Lagoons. Of these 24 had submitted bids which were in the process of being evaluated and 4-6 companies would be included on a long short list for the work. Once this process had been completed further evaluation would take place leading to 2-3 companies being asked to submit prices for undertaking the work. The Clerk was asked to pass on the Parish Council's thanks to Peter Storey.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

635. PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported that Sue Sihota, Ian Walton, Mick Arnold, Malcolm Ainscough, Helen Hagues, Ian Woolven and Christine Woolven had all agreed to join the Parish Plan Steering Group. Grassmoor Working Mens Club and Doris Harris had declined the offer to join.

It was agreed that the Clerk should also approach Lorna Thomas of the OAP Group, and Julie Stott and also Jonathan Reeve, Methodist Church Layworker. It was also felt that the Clerk should approach Karen Needham again as her circumstances may now have changed giving her time to join the Group.

The Clerk proposed that once the Steering Group was in place that the first meeting be held in the New Year.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

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

636. DISTRICT/ PARISH LIAISON EVENT – 30 JANUARY 2008

The Clerk reported that the next District/Parish Liaison event was to be held on 30 January 2008 at 6.30pm. It was agreed that the Parish Council be represented at the event by Councillors A Browne, P J Hemsley, J A Hill and the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council be represented at the District/Parish Liaison event by Councillors A Browne, P J Hemsley, J A Hill and the Clerk.

637. DERBYSHIRE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CENTRE – REQUEST FOR DONATION

RESOLVED not to accede to the request for a donation from the Derbyshire Children's holiday Centre.

638. 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	The District Council had granted permission for this application.
07/001009/FL Avenue Farm, North Wingfield Road D J Atkinson	3 dwellings plus outbuildings	The District Council had granted permission for this application.
07/00292/FL Sunny Bank, Mill Lane Enable Housing Association	Erection of 2 dwellings	The District Council had granted permission for this application.
Planning Appeal 33A Birkin Lane J S Bloor	Construction of 25 two/three and four bed detached properties	The Parish Council agreed to present objections to the planning appeal on the grounds of the dangers of the highway access to the site of the proposed development.

07/01246/FL Manor Mansfield Winsick House, Road, Mr and Mrs Hobson	Demolition of fire damaged house and erection of new dwelling	No objections were raised in respect of this application.
CD2/1007/132 Hasland Infants School Derbyshire County Council	Installation of 3 sun canopies to play ground	No objections were raised in respect of this application.
CW4/0507/39 Avenue Coking Plant Derbyshire County Council	Remediation works	No objections were raised in respect of this application.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;

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

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 26/07 and 27/07.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

640. 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 – Nov)	£ 560.62
SO	M Dvinson (Salary - Nov)	£ 450.23
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply – Nov)	£ 72.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile - Oct)	£ 7.79
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates)	£ 7.55
2202	I Walton (TV Licence)	£ 247.25

2203	Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£	127.97
2204	NEDDC (Trade Refuse)	£	131.98
2205	NEDDC (Trade Refuse)	£	131.98
2206	Derbyshire County Council (Streetlighting)	£	12,150.98
2207	G. Huckerby (Wages - Oct)	£	294.46
2208	H. Jones (Newsletter)	£	30.14
2209	HM Customs and Excise(Tax & NI)	£	642.32
2210	Grassmoor Community Centre (Centre Manager)	£	4,245.28
2211	NEDDC (Bollard Repair)	£	156.05
2212	J S Marriott (Internal Audit Fee)	£	250.00
2213	Chubb Fire (Pavilion Extinguishers)	£	25.50
2214	NEDDC (Swing Repairs)	£	312.59
2215	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£	39.00
2216	Grassmoor Community Centre (New Street Tots)	£	102.00
2217	Audit Commission (External Audit Fee)	£	646.25

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Chairman