

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 13 February 2008 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, Mrs A Browne, B Garbutt and Ms J A Hill.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters considered under public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PC Callum Marrows and PCSO James Land attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. The Chairman welcomed PC Marrows to his first meeting of the Parish Council as the new Beat Officer. There had been a total of 10 crimes reported including 1 of violence, 1 of harassment, 6 of criminal damage, 1 non-dwelling burglary and 1 public order incident. It was thought that someone had been sleeping rough in the bus shelter in the bus shelter on North Wingfield Road near the junction with Westhill Lane.

Problems were reported relating to the garage site adjacent to the St John Ambulance building. The land was owned by the County Council and the Clerk agreed to find out if there were any plans regarding the future use of the site.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Land for arranging the youth activities in the Community Centre which were to take place over half-term week.

683. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors A H Booker, D Chapman, Mrs E Greenall, K Hemsley and Mrs E A Hill.

684. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford and Mrs P J Hemsley declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no.688 refers).

685. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 January 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

686. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

687. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that the County Council had announced that Deincourt School was to close under proposals to reorganise secondary education in the area. Grassmoor was also to get a new primary school built on the existing site.

688. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Community Centre had employed a new caretaker, Alan Bird. Susan Brighthouse had prepared a report on the progress made with the bid for funding for a Centre Co-ordinator. The proposals included the Centre adopting a healthy living theme. A report on the finances provided to the Centre would be presented in the budget outturn report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

689. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that he, the RFO and Councillors Booker and Mrs Hemsley had met with representatives of the football and cricket clubs to discuss the fees to be paid for maintaining the pitches and wickets.

The cricket and football clubs had accepted that fees had to increase as a result of the District Council withdrawing the park maintenance subsidy over the next 3 years. For 2008/9 the Clubs had been notified that the Parish Council had agreed that the fees should increase to £735 for the football club and £1,470 for the cricket club. This represented an increase of around 18% over 2007/8 fees. The fees for future years would be determined at the annual budget meeting. The clubs had indicated that significant increase in the future could not be afforded.

The Clerk had written to the District Council regarding the drainage problems in the Park but to date had not received a response.

It was agreed that works needed to be carried out to the paved area around the War Memorial.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the fees for the cricket and football clubs for 2008/9 be agreed; and
(c) repairs works be carried out to the paved area around the War Memorial.

690. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the cameras were mostly running properly. One camera was missing and Advance was taking this matter up with UiT. The new lighting on Your Choice was interfering with 2 of the cameras. Advance had indicated that the problem could be solved by the purchase of camera covers at a cost of around £150 per cover. The District Council had confirmed that planning permission was required for the cameras where 2 were located within 10 metres of one another. The Clerk would arrange a meeting with the District Council to discuss the situation.

The occupiers of 50 Tennyson Way had refused to have the operating box changed to one on the outside of the property. This would not affect the running of the system so no further action was needed.

The licensee of the Boot and Shoe had indicated that she was not in a position to purchase a new camera. She was however, willing to share the cost of a new camera with the Parish Council to cover the top of Birkin Lane. A new camera would cost in the region of £800.00. The offer of purchasing a new camera was declined and the Clerk was asked to discuss with the Licensee the possibility of moving the existing camera.

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The Vice-Chairman agreed to confirm whether or not the School required an additional camera. It was hoped the camera on 153 Mansfield Road would hopefully be erected in the near future.

The Advance Group would be meeting with Gordon Booth from the Derbyshire Chamber to discuss transferring the management of the system to the centre at Holmewood as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;

(b) the Clerk liaise with the Licensee with a view to changing the positioning of the existing camera at the Boot and Shoe; and

(c) the Clerk arrange a meeting with the District Council to discuss the situation with regard to planning permission for the cameras.

692. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that Chris Meads had written to the Parish Council indicating that he intended to leave his plot at the end of March. He also indicated that he had not cleared his plot owing to ill health. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Meads stressing that he should vacate his plot by the agreed time and that he should have removed his goats from the plot. It should also be stressed that under no circumstances should he sell his sheds and livestock to another plot holder without the prior permission of the Allotment Committee.

The Clerk also agreed to contact the Committee to stress that as soon as Mr Meads had vacated his plot, the sheds should be cleared from the plot as soon as possible to prevent their reuse. The Committee should not accept rent off Mr Meads for the next year if Mr Meads changed his mind about vacating his plot without his plot being tidied up to the satisfaction of the Committee and the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the Clerk write to Mr Meads and to the Committee to explain the Parish Council's position regarding his plot.

693. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

694. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The County Council had reported that the assessments of the submissions had now been completed and all the references had been received. Discussions were continuing with Procurement Officers to finalise the shortlist companies.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

695. POLICE OFFICE

The Clerk reported that the draft agreement for the Police Office was currently with the Police.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

696. PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported that the open meeting to start the Parish Plan process was to be held on 28 February. The meeting would be run by the Derbyshire Rural Community Council and would seek to explain the Parish Plan process and formally identify the members of the Steering Group. Parish Plan funding ran out at the end of March which meant that bids for funding needed to be submitted by 14 March at the latest.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

697. DISTRICT/ PARISH LIAISON EVENT – 30 JANUARY 2008

The Clerk reported on the meeting with the District Council held on 30 January 2008.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

698. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It was reported Councillor Mrs E A Hill had resigned as a representative of the Parish Council on the Community Centre Management Committee.

RESOLVED that Councillor Ms J A Hill be appointed to the Community Centre Management Committee with immediate effect.

699. DERBYSHIRE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRE – REQUEST FOR DONATION

The Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre had requested a donation towards their running costs. In previous years the Parish Council had given a donation of £300.00.

RESOLVED that a donation of £150.00 be made to the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre.

700. CHERNOBYL CHILDRENS LIFELINE – REQUEST FOR DONATION

The Chernobyl Children’s Lifeline had also requested a donation towards their running costs. In previous years the Parish Council had given a donation of £300.00. It was agreed that on this occasion the Parish Council do not make a donation.

RESOLVED not to make a donation to the Chernobyl Children’s Lifeline.

701. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
07/01433/FL 183A North Wingfield Road. Derbyshire County Council	Change of use from offices to residential	The District Council had granted permission for this application.
07/01335/FL 25 Chapman Lane Mr A Pacey	Erection of conservatory	The District Council had granted permission for this application.
07/01538/FL 135 North Wingfield Road Mr Soar	Single storey front extension	The District Council had granted permission for this application.

A letter had been received requesting Parish Council representation at the planning appeal in respect of 33A Birkin Lane. The Clerk agreed to advise that the Parish Council had already submitted objections to the application and would not be attending the hearing.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 1/08, 2/08, 3/08, 4/08, 5/08, 6/08, 7/08, 8/08 and 9/08.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

703. 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 – Feb)	£	459.18
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Feb)	£	464.40
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply – Feb)	£	72.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile Phone)	£	1.28
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates)	£	7.55
DD	Information Commissioner (CCTV Licence)	£	35.00
2236	G. Huckerby (Wages - Jan)	£	301.83
2237	M Dovinson (Wages – balance)	£	37.62
2238	R Ackrill (Wages – balance)	£	6.87
2239	HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)	£	687.46
2240	I Walton (TV Licence)	£	268.75
2241	D Holden (TV Licence)	£	75.25
2242	Grassmoor Community Centre (New Street Tots)	£	76.50
2243	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£	39.00
2244	Grassmoor Community Centre (Centre Manager)	£	2,122.64
2245	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£	70.07
2246	Wish Computers (Computer Repairs)	£	220.00
2247	NEDDC (School Milk)	£	143.85
2248	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£	52.00
2249	Grassmoor Community Centre (New Street Tots)	£	76.50
2250	Advance Solutions (CCTV Repairs)	£	6873.75

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Chairman