

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 March 2008 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, Mrs A Browne, 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 1 crimes reported including 3 of violence, 5 of criminal damage, 3 of public order, 1 theft of motor vehicle and 1 assault. 6 of the crimes had been detected but 7 remained undetected.

It was reported that young people were being encouraged to cause damage on the Cory Coal site by adults. There had also been a number of incidents which appeared to be racially motivated. The Police were aware of the problems and they were working with Rykneld Homes to try to solve them.

It was noted that the youth activities organised by PCSO Land had been successful with over 60 young people having attended. The Chairman thanked PCSO Land for arranging the activities.

703. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs J Bedford and D Chapman.

704. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no.708 refers).

705. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 February 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

706. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

707. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked the Parish Council for the card and flowers and best wishes following her recent illness.

708. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

There were no matters relating to the Community Centre to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

709. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the District Council had still not responded to the Parish Council regarding the drainage problems in Barnes Park. It was agreed that the Clerk take the matter up with the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk write to the Chief Executive to seek an explanation as to why the Council had not responded to the Parish Council regarding the drainage problem in Barnes Park.

710. CCTV

The Clerk reported that in respect of the missing camera, UiT claimed that the camera had been moved to replace the camera on the Sportsman which had been faulty and out of warranty. The cost of replacing the camera was around £200.00. It was agreed that the camera be replaced although the Clerk would continue to take the matter up with UiT.

The camera on 153 Mansfield Road had now been erected although it was not yet connected to the system.

The system had also now been connected to the Holmewood Centre although there was a problem with accessing the system which would hopefully be resolved in the near future. It was hoped to extend the Clay Cross Pub Watch scheme to Grassmoor covering all the 7 licensed premises including off licences. The Derbyshire Chamber was in the process of negotiating with companies including Advance about transferring monitoring of the cameras to another centre. Advance had offered the Parish Council the opportunity to view the monitoring station at Barlborough.

D J Atkinsons had indicated that they were not responsible for the damage to the cable and they would be contesting the claim. It was agreed that the Clerk pass the matter on to the Parish Council's insurers.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Clerk be authorised to place an order for a replacement camera;
(c) the Clerk arrange for the Parish Council to visit the Advance monitoring station at Barlborough; and

(d) the Clerk place the issue of the damage to the CCTV system in the hands of the insurers.

711. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Councillors Barlow and Garbutt had recently visited the Allotments. They reported that the condition of the allotments was continuing to improve. The Clerk agreed to write to the Secretary passing on the Parish Council's gratitude for the work the Committee had done to improve the condition of the site.

The School had requested permission to put a gate from the School directly on the site. The Parish Council agreed to the request.

The Clerk reported that Chris Meads had now vacated his plot and had removed all livestock from the allotments. His sheds which had been purchased by Ann Johnson had also been removed from the site.

The Allotment Association had written to Gavin Bowater regarding the condition of his plot. Correspondence had been received from Julie and Brian Bowater indicating that the plot was in fact in their name and they considered that the plot was kept in good condition. Both Brian and Gavin had been unwell and had been unable to tend to the plot recently. Gavin had indicated that he was moving his pigeon sheds off the site. Given the health problems it was suggested that the Bowaters be given a time limited extension to clear their plot to the satisfaction of the Allotment Committee.

The Allotment Association had requested that the Parish Council pay for a sealed skip to help dispose of asbestos which had been found on the site. The Association had received a quote of £200.00 for the skip. The Parish Council agreed to cover the costs of the skip provided the Association get assurances in writing that the skip operator had the necessary licences and knew the procedures for dealing with asbestos disposal.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Clerk write to the Association regarding the situation with Mr and Mrs Bowater and also to thank them for their efforts in improving the condition of the plot;
(c) the School be authorised to introduce a gate directly from the School to the Allotment site; and
(d) the Parish Council provide a skip for the removal of asbestos from the site provided the Association get assurances in writing that the skip operator had the necessary licences and knew the procedures for dealing with asbestos disposal.

712. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the glass and rubbish had not been cleared from the hedgerow between the allotments and the Grants Farm. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Secretary asking that the problem be sorted out.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Secretary to request that the glass and rubbish be cleared from the hedgerow as soon as possible.

713. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk reported that the County Council had arranged the interviews with the companies tendering for the clean up works for the Lagoons for March in the Community Centre.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

714. POLICE OFFICE

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

715. PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported that the open meeting to start the Parish Plan process had been held on 28 February. The meeting attended by 17 people had established a Steering Group and had identified sub groups covering 6 subject areas of children and young people, senior citizens, environment and community safety, sport and leisure, community spirit and community engagement and Winsick, Corbriggs and Churchside. Mr Rob Whitehead had been elected as Chairman of the Steering Group and Alan Woolven as its Vice-Chairman.

The Group had prepared and submitted a bid for funding from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

716. HANGING BASKETS

The Clerk had received quotes from Civic Pride and Plantscape for the provision of 35 hanging baskets in the sum of £4,835 and £4,025 respectively. It was agreed that an order be placed with Plantscape for hanging baskets and planters at the Centre.

It was agreed that the cost of planting bedding plants on the roundabout between Churchside be investigated along with the possibility of the Golf Club sponsoring the plants

RESOLVED that (a) the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Plantscape for the provision of hanging baskets; and
(b) the Clerk look in to the possibility of planting bedding plants on the roundabout between Grassmoor and Churchside.

717. TWINNING LINK - ELANCOURT

The North East Derbyshire Twinning Federation was looking for Parish Council's to participate in a twinning arrangement with Elancourt.

RESOLVED not to participate in the twinning arrangement with Elancourt.

718. DERBYSHIRE CHILDRENS HOME CENTRE – REQUEST FOR DONATION

RESOLVED not to make a donation to the Derbyshire Children's Home.

719. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
07/00812/OL Mill Lane Allotments Grassmoor Parish Council	Creation of Community Garden	The application had been withdrawn.
07/00006/AD 216-218 Wingfield Road Surjit Sihota	Advertisement consent	The District Council had granted permission for this application.
07/00167/OL 21 Birkin Lane Mr and Mrs Fuller	Erection of 3 detached dwellings	The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of the dangerous highway access to the site.
08/00197/FL The Stables, Birkin Lane.	Erection of rear porch.	The Parish Council questioned the need for a porch for a building designated as a barn.

Concern was expressed regarding the number of lorries entering the Golf Club. The Chairman agreed to ask the District Council for details of the planning application and the conditions attached to it.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Parish Council comment on the applications as detailed above; and
(c) the District Council be asked to provide details regarding the planning application in respect of Grassmoor Golf Club.

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 9/08, 10/08, 11/08 and 12/08.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

721. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF DEINCOURT SCHOOL

(The Parish Council agreed to consider this matter as an urgent item as a decision was required before the next meeting)

The County Council had requested the Parish Council's views as part of a consultation exercise on the proposed closure of Deincourt School. The Parish Council having considered all the arguments, the Parish Council agreed not to oppose the closure of the School.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council do not oppose the closure of Deincourt School.

722. 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
2251	Derbyshire Unemployed Workers (Donation)	£ 150.00
2252	H Jones (Wages - Newsletter)	£ 29.92
2253	G Huckerby (Wages - Feb)	£ 301.83
2254	HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)	£ 696.04
2255	Grassmoor Community Centre (Centre Manager)	£ 2,122.64
2256	NEDDC (Litter bins)	£ 280.87
2257	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£ 26.88
2258	Derbyshire County Council (Newsletter)	£ 323.07
2259	Grassmoor Community Centre (New Street Tots)	£ 67.50
2260	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - PC)	£ 39.00
2261	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - PP)	£ 42.00
2262	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 86.00

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Chairman