

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 9 April 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, D Chapman and K Hemsley.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two members of the public attended the meeting to ask for the Parish Council's support for the introduction of traffic calming measures on Birkin Lane following a recent accident involving a local child. A petition was in the process of being raised to be presented to the County Council. The Parish Council agreed to support the campaign and would write to the County Council at the appropriate time.

**POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

PCSO James Land apologised for not being able to attend the meeting. Since the last meeting a total of 11 crimes had been reported. These included 5 of violence, 1 attempted burglary, 3 of damage, 1 theft from motor vehicle and 1 public order incident. There had been a series of racial incidents involving local shopkeepers See Minute no 735.

**723. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors B Garbutt, Mrs E Greenall, Mrs E A Hill and Ms J A Hill.

**724. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillors I F Barlow and Mrs P J Hemsley declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no.728 refers).

**725. MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 March 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**726. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**727. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**728. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

It was reported that June Dix had left the Café and a replacement had been appointed.

Susan Brighthouse had received support for creating a healthy living project at the Centre in order to attract funding. Following discussions, The Primary Care Trust, North East Derbyshire District Council, Surestart and Grassmoor Primary School had all agreed to support the project. Further discussions were taking place to produce a viable budget for the project.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**729. BARNES PARK**

The Clerk reported that no response had been received from the District Council regarding the drainage problems in Barnes Park. The area adjacent to Norfolk Avenue and Durham Avenue boundary of the Park was overgrown and in need of cutting down. The Streetcleaner had found used needles in the area. The Clerk agreed to ask the District Council to trim down and clear the area.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and  
(b) the District Council be requested to cut down the overgrown area close to the Norfolk Avenue and Durham Avenue boundary of the Park.

**730. CCTV**

The camera on 153 Mansfield Road required an adjustment to the IP address which would hopefully be resolved in the near future.

The Advance Group were experiencing on-going problems with accessing the system to repair the pixilation and other problems owing to passwords attached to the system by UiT which were not known. UiT had now gone out of business. Advance proposed that the most cost effective solution to the problem was to completely "clear" the system and remove all existing passwords and start afresh. It was estimated that this would cost around £1,000.00.

The Parish Council were currently paying a significant amount in call-out fees as it did not have a maintenance agreement in place. The Advance Group estimated that this would cost in the region of £500.00 per year. The Clerk agreed to get further details from Advance Group.

The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting as soon as possible with Gordon Booth to discuss the moving of the management of the system to Holmewood. The Safer Neighbourhoods partnership had given a grant of £1,000.00 which could be used to help cover the costs.

Councillor Hemsley had met on site with Cunningham and Lindsay the insurers dealing with the claim against D J Atkinsons relating to the damage to the CCTV system. The Clerk had also supplied them with additional information relating to the claim.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted;  
(b) the Clerk be authorised to place an order for the works to clear the system of passwords;

- (c) the Clerk arrange a meeting with Gordon Booth to discuss the change over of the system to Holmewood; and  
(d) the Clerk ask Advance Group for further details of the possible maintenance agreement.

**731. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**732. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The Secretary had reported that they had cleared the glass and rubbish from the hedgerow and they would continue to do so in the future.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**733. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS**

Interviews with six contractors had recently been held over 3 days and 94 questions had been raised on their submissions. The submissions were currently being evaluated in order to reduce the numbers to two or three. It was hoped the tender process would be completed by the end of the summer.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**734. POLICE OFFICE**

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

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**735. RACIAL ABUSE**

It was reported that local shopkeepers were suffering racial abuse at the hands of local youths. In response the Parish Council had convened a meeting with the shopkeepers, the Police and North East Derbyshire District Council to discuss the problems. All parties agreed to gather as much evidence as possible against those responsible in order to build a case that could be acted upon. The Parish Council agreed to write a letter to the parents of two those responsible setting out the concerns and indicating that all action necessary would be considered to stop the problems occurring. A further meeting had been arranged for 8 May.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**736. PARISH PLAN**

The Clerk reported that the Steering Group had met and agreed a love it/hate it consultation paper. The consultation would remain open until the Carnival Day on 5 July. Other consultation events would be arranged involving local voluntary groups. Unofficially, the Clerk had been advised that a grant of £2,700 had been awarded to cover the costs of the Parish Plan.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**737. GARAGE SITE – CHAPMAN LANE**

It was reported that the garage sites were gradually being cleared but leases still existed on some of the garages. No new leases were being let. The insurance claim on the St John Ambulance building remained pending.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**738. MENCAP – REQUEST FOR DONATION**

**RESOLVED** not to accede to the request for a donation from Mencap.

**739. PLANNING MATTERS**

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>                                      |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| CD2/0308/241<br>Hasland Junior School<br>Derbyshire County Council | Outside Play Area       | No objections were raised to this application.  |
| 08/00197/FL<br>The Stables, Birkin Lane.                           | Erection of rear porch. | The Parish Council questioned the need for a porch for a building designated as a barn. |

The District Council had confirmed that there were no restrictions on the number of lorries which could enter the Golf Club in any one day. They were however, restricted to the hours of 8am to 6pm Monday to Fridays and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. No journeys could be made on Sundays or on Bank Holidays. The Clerk had asked the District Council to monitor the times the vehicles were delivering to site.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and  
(b) the Parish Council comment on the applications as detailed above.

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 13/08, 14/08, 15/08 and 16/08.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**741. 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 – Apr)                     | £ 459.18      |
| SO             | M Dvinson (Salary - Apr)                     | £ 464.40      |
| DD             | Powergen (Pavilion Supply – Apr)             | £ 30.00       |
| DD             | Carphone Warehouse (Mobile Phone)            | £ 5.51        |
| DD             | Severn Trent (Water Rates)                   | £ 7.52        |
| DD             | NEDDC (Pavilion Rates)                       | £ 53.85       |
| 2263           | Advance Monitoring Systems (CCTV)            | £ 4,389.80    |
| 2264           | Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - PC)  | £ 39.00       |
| 2265           | Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - PP)  | £ 105.50      |
| 2266           | Grassmoor Community Centre (New Street Tots) | £ 84.00       |
| 2267           | G Huckerby (Wages – Mar)                     | £ 301.83      |
| 2268           | HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)             | £ 687.46      |
| 2269           | Grassmoor Community Centre (Centre Manager)  | £ 2,122.64    |
| 2270           | D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)                 | £ 107.50      |
| 2271           | Derbyshire County Council (Grit Bins)        | £ 451.20      |
| 2272           | R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses)        | £ 36.35       |
| 2273           | DALC (Subscription)                          | £ 537.50      |
| 2274           | Grassmoor Community Centre (Grant)           | £ 4,000.00    |

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**Chairman**