

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 May 2008 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Mrs J Bedford, Mrs A Browne, Mrs E Greenall, K Hemsley, Mrs P J Hemsley, Ms J A Hill and Mrs E A Hill.

Mr J Marriott also attended.

Five members of the public attended the meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters taken under public participation.

**POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

PCSO James Land attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on the crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. Since the last meeting a total of 7 crimes had been reported. These included 5 of damage, 1 of violence and 1 theft from motor vehicle.

742. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs E A Hill be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

743. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED** that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Mrs E A Hill read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Parish Clerk.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

744. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

745. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN RESOLVED** that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Parish Clerk.

746. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, D Chapman and B Garbutt.

**747. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillors Mrs J Bedford, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill declared an interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 753 refers). Councillor Mrs A Browne declared an interest in the item relating to Barnes Park (Minute no. 754 refers).

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

**749. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**750. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**751. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE RESOLVED** that Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill be appointed to serve on the Planning Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

**752. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED** that Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill be appointed to serve on the Grassmoor Community Centre Management Committee for the ensuing year.

**753. APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON MEMBERS TO THE ALLOTMENTS RESOLVED** that Councillors I F Barlow and Garbutt be appointed as the Parish Council's Liaison Members with the Allotment Associations.

**754. NEIGHBOURHOOD CHAMPION**

Michaela Cockayne, Housing Manager attended the meeting to discuss her work as Rykneld Homes Neighbourhood Champion. The post involved a wider community role rather than simply as a Housing Manager dealing with problem tenants. It involved working closely with other organisations such as the Parish Council, Police and the Youth Service to tackle problems such as anti-social behaviour. It also involved working on the Youth Diversionary Project designed to help organise activities during the school holidays.

**755. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

It was reported that the initial funding application to support a healthy living project at the Centre had now been submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**756. BARNES PARK**

The District Council had responded to previous correspondence regarding the drainage problems in Barnes Park. Investigations had proved inconclusive. The District Council had noted that as a new ditch had been created this could make the Parish Council liable as land drainage law could be being breached. It was agreed that a site meeting with the District Council in order that the problems can be discussed in more detail.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and  
(b) a site meeting be arranged with the District Council to discuss the drainage problems.

**757. CCTV**

The Clerk reported that the majority of the problems with the CCTV system had been resolved. Some problems still existed and these were being dealt with by Advance. Advance was also in the process of reconfiguring the system in line with Parish Council requirements.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**758. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The Allotment Association had indicated that they were having difficulty sorting out one problem plot holder who had been asked to vacate the plot after several warning letters had been issued regarding the condition of the plot. They were seeking the Parish Council's support to remove them from the site. Since the request for assistance some progress had been made as the pigeon loft had been removed from the site. The Clerk was authorised following consultation with the Allotment Secretary, to write to the problem plot holder to demand that they vacate their plot with immediate effect should this be necessary.

The Allotment Association had agreed that the School would take over a plot which backed on to the School boundary to enable a gate to put in to make access to and from the allotments easier for the School to manage. Subject to details of costs being provided, the Parish Council agreed in principle to pay for the gate.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted;  
(b) the Clerk was authorised following consultation with the Allotment Secretary, to write to the problem plot holder to demand that they vacate their plot with immediate effect should this be necessary; and  
(c) subject to details of costs being provided, the Parish Council agreed in principle to pay for the gate.

**759. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The residents of Gill Lane had written to the Parish Council to request the Council to provide legal proof that it had access to the allotments from Gill Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk take advice from Parkers Estate Agents regarding this matter.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk seek advice from Parkers Estate Agent regarding this issue of proof of access to the allotments from Gill Lane.

**760. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS**

There were no matters regarding the Lagoons to report.

**761. POLICE OFFICE**

Progress with the Police Office had been delayed over an issue regarding the rating of the office. This had however, now been resolved and it was hoped that the agreement should be signed in the next week or so.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**762. PARISH PLAN**

The Parish Plan Steering had met and was co-ordinating the work of the 6 working groups. The first forms had been collected for the love it/hate it consultation campaign. The Clerk agreed to send two of the young people attending the meeting forms for the love it/hate consultation and also details of the next meeting of the Steering Group.

Two members of the public attending the meeting expressed an interest in being involved in the Parish Plan. The Clerk agreed to send them details of the meeting and also copies of the love it/hate it forms. The members of the public felt that there were insufficient activities for people aged over 16 in the village. They felt that lights should be installed in the Park and they also complained that the teen shelter leaked. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries regarding the "Spider Rope" recently put up in Tupton.

The Clerk confirmed that a grant of £2,900 had been received from the Derbyshire Rural Community Council.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**763. VICTIM SUPPORT – REQUEST FOR DONATION**

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

**764. 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>
07/01041/RM 308-328 North Wingfield Road D Sangha	Affordable Housing Development	No objections were raised to this application.
08/00448/FL Manor House, Winsick Mrs S Hobson	Demolition of condemned house/Erection of new dwelling.	No objections were raised to this application.
08/00197/FL The Stables, Birkin Lane Mr Hyatt	Erection of porch to rear	The District Council had approved this application.
08/00463/RM Land off Mansfield Road, Winsick Mr M Lindley	Reserved matters – site access of Gorse Valley Road.	No objections were raised to this application.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 17/08, 18/08, 19/08, 20/08 and 21/08.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**766. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2007/2008**

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the Parish Council accounts for 2007/08. The Internal Auditor also presented his report on the accounts covering the same period. The accounts were agreed and the Chairman was authorised to sign the Statement of Accounts.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report of the Internal Auditor be received;  
 (b) the Parish Council accounts for 2007/08 be approved; and  
 (c) the Chairman be authorised to sign the Statement of Accounts on behalf of the Parish Council.

**767. 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 – May)	£ 459.18
SO	M Dvinson (Salary - May)	£ 464.40
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply – May)	£ 30.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates)	£ 7.52
2275	NEDDC (School Milk)	£ 101.50
2276	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 86.00
2277	NEDDC (Trade Refuse)	£ 131.98
2278	R Ackrill (Back Wages)	£ 13.45
2279	M Dvinson (Back wages)	£ 14.95
2280	G Huckerby (Wages – Apr)	£ 319.39
2281	HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)	£ 676.16
2282	Grassmoor Community Centre (Centre Manager)	£ 2,122.64
2283	P Jackson (Lamp Column Testing)	£ 330.00
2284	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - PP)	£ 94.00
2285	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - PP)	£ 84.00
2286	E A Hill (Telephone Allowance)	£ 100.00

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**Chairman**