

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 June 2008 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, Mrs A Browne, D Chapman, K Hemsley, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill.

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. There had been a total of 8 crimes reported. These included 4 of damage, 2 of violence, 1 arson and 1 non-dwelling burglary.

It was reported that unfortunately a well known drug dealer had moved in to a house on Chapman Lane and that drug dealing was taking place near the St John Ambulance building. Under-age drinking in the Miners Arms and the Boot and Shoe was reported although it was noted that the Miners Arms was due to close in the near future.

766. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors A H Booker, B Garbutt and Mrs E Greenall.

767. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, 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. 771 refers). Councillor Mrs A Browne declared an interest in the item relating to Barnes Park (Minute no. 772 refers).

768. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 May 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

769. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

770. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that the official opening of the new Methodist Church Hall was to be celebrated at events on 5 and 6 July. All Members of the Parish Council were invited to the events.

771. COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN - PRESENTATION

Mr Ian Shuttleworth, County Emergency Planning Officer attended the meeting to inform the Parish Council about its role to support the County Council and the emergency services in a community response to an emergency. The Parish Council had already agreed to prepare a community response plan.

772. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the funding approved by the Parish Council for a one-year period expired at the end of June. The Management Committee had just been informed that the bid for funding from the Big Lottery had unfortunately been rejected. The Management Committee proposed to continue with its bid for funding from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust which meant that the issue of funding for the post in the short-term pending the outcome of this bid needed to be considered.

The Parish Council considered that there may be benefits in it permanently funding the management of the Centre as did North Wingfield Parish Council rather than employing staff on short-term limited contracts. It was agreed in principle therefore, that the Parish Council offer to fund staffing costs up to a maximum of £26,000 as considered at the December budget meeting. This was subject to a detailed review being undertaken in to the staffing requirements at the Centre. In order to allow time for the review to be undertaken, funding for a period of 3 months was agreed. It was noted that Peter Hague had decided that he did not wish to continue as Centre Co-ordinator when his current contract expired on 30 June. The Management Committee would be considering how to cover the vacancy in the short-term.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) agreement in principle be given to funding staffing costs at the Centre on a permanent basis up to a maximum of £26,000 subject to the Management Committee undertaking a detailed review of the staffing requirements at the Centre; and
(c) funding for staffing costs be agreed for a 3 month period to enable the review to be completed.

773. BARNES PARK

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley had attended a site meeting with the District Council to discuss the drainage problems in the Park. It was apparent following an inspection that the drains in the gardens were not connecting for some reason with the drains in the Park to take the water away. There was a need to clear the area in the bottom corner of the Park and to take action to ensure that the drains were working correctly. Whilst the Parish Council as landowner could be liable for any problems, owners of properties also had a duty to defend their properties. It was agreed that Gary Fletcher be asked to look in to the drainage problems on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that graffiti had been painted on the walls and doors of the Pavilion. It was agreed that the District Council be asked to clean up the graffiti on the walls and the Handyperson be asked to re-paint the doors.

It was reported complaints had been received about the cutting of the grass in Barnes Park and Winsick Park. The problem appeared to be that the cutting was not taking place so often and that the cuttings were not being cleared up. The Clerk was asked to write to the Parks Department and the Chief Executive to ask that the problem be investigated.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) Gary Fletcher be asked to look in to the drainage problems on behalf of the Parish Council;
(c) the graffiti on the Pavilion be cleared; and
(d) the Clerk was asked to write to the Parks Department and the Chief Executive to ask that the problem with grass cutting in the Parks be investigated.

774. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the majority of the cameras were now working. Problems remained however with the cameras that had been repositioned and these were being dealt with by Advance. The management of the cameras was in the process of being switched to Advance at Barlborough.

There was a problem with the BT broadband line which had been installed at 153 Mansfield Road. BT was insisting that the service required could not be delivered through a domestic broadband connection. Part of the problem was that BT will only talk to the owner of the property who is obviously not a technical expert. Gordon Booth from Business Link had agreed to arrange for someone to be with the owner when he was in contact with BT.

The Clerk reported that the insurance company had settled in full the claim for damage to the system arising from the building works at the Chapel.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

775. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

776. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk had not received a response from Parkers regarding the clarification of the legal position of the access from Gill Lane. The Parish Council proposed to take no further action on this matter. It will be for the residents to prove that the Council did not have a legal right to access the Allotments.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Parish Council to take no further action on this matter and it will be for the residents of Gill Lane to prove that the Council did not have a legal right to access the Allotments.

777. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

There were no matters regarding the Lagoons to report.

778. POLICE OFFICE

The Clerk had asked that the works to establish the Police office be undertaken as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

779. PARISH PLAN

Work was continuing on gathering information in support of the Plan. The Clerk circulated details of the “emerging themes” based on the first forms returned. The Steering Group had arranged to attend the Carnival as part of the consultation process. The County Council’s climbing wall was due at the Centre on 16 June and members of the Group would be attending to consult with young people.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

780. GRASSMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL – OLYMPIC EVENT

RESOLVED that consideration of this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

781. DISTRICT/PARISH COUNCIL EVENT – 25 JUNE 2008.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council attend the District/Parish event to be held on 25 June.

782. PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the District Council had monitored the lorry movements in and out of the Golf Club on three occasions to see if there were any breaches of planning conditions. On these occasions no breaches had been witnessed.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council’s information DALC Circulars 22/08 and 23/08.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

784. SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2008

(The Parish Council agreed to consider this matter as an urgent agenda item as a decision was required before the next meeting of the Council in order that if agreed, there was sufficient time to arrange the summer holiday activities.)

The Parish Council had been invited to join with other local Parish Councils in providing summer holiday activities at Tupton Hall School for Grassmoor children. The activities were free and transport to and from Tupton Hall would be provided. The costs to the Parish Council would be £1,000.00.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agree to participate in the summer holiday activity programme organised from Tupton Hall School at a cost of £1,000.00.

785. 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 – June)	£ 472.63
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - June)	£ 479.15
SO	NEDDC (Pavilion Rates)	£ 53.85
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply – June)	£ 63.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates)	£ 7.52
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile Phone)	£ 2.94
2287	Plantscape (Hanging Baskets)	£ 2,261.88
2288	NEDDC (Cemetery Maintenance)	£ 9,039.25
2289	Grassmoor Community Centre (Centre Manager)	£ 2,122.64
2290	J Marriott (Audit fees)	£ 283.00
2291	Mr M Earrye (Broadband - May)	£ 64.46
2292	Mr M Earrye (Broadband - June)	£ 64.46
2293	HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)	£ 526.30
2294	G Huckerby (Salary - May)	£ 319.39
2295	Grassmoor Community Centre (CAB Grant)	£ 10,000.00
2296	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - PC)	£ 78.00
2297	Grassmoor Community Centre (New Street Tots)	£ 84.00
2298	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of expenses)	£ 11.68
2299	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 118.25

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Chairman