

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, A H Booker, B Garbutt.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters taken in 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 9 crimes reported in the Parish. These included 4 of criminal damage, 1 of non-dwelling burglary, 2 of theft of motor vehicle and 2 of theft from motor vehicle.

It was reported that all the youths identified as causing trouble around the doctors surgery had been spoken to and to date no further problems had been reported to the Police. No reports of problems with motorbikes on Grasshill had been reported to the Police although the position was being monitored. Problems of graffiti had also been reported in Wingerworth which may be linked to the Grassmoor problems. One male had been identified as being responsible for emptying the contents of the dog bins and he had been spoken to. There had been 17 nuisance calls since the last meeting.

It was noted that the Safer Neighbourhood Team Priority Profile covering the recent problems in the village referred to the problem "owners" as being only the Police and the Parish Council. It was felt that other agencies such as the District Council should be included. The problem was also identified as intimidation of elderly residents. It was felt that it was more a problem which related to the whole community. PCSO Land agreed to raise the matter. It was noted that there was a walkabout meeting to be held on 21 November leaving the Community Centre at 5.30pm.

Janice Hacz of the Derbyshire Youth Service attending the meeting to advise the Parish Council that the Youth Bus would no longer be visiting Grassmoor owing to the current extremely bad behaviour of some local youths. There were particular problems with drinking and drug taking. Youth workers would however, still be operating in the village. Janice agreed to liaise with James to try to resolve the problems. The position regarding the youth bus would be kept under review.

**853. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs A Browne, D Chapman, K Hemsley, Mrs E A Hill and Ms J A Hill.

**854. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford and Mrs P J Hemsley declared an interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 859 refers).

**855. MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**856. AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE - MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee held on 15 October 2008 be received.

**857. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**858. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of the Parish Council were invited to attend the North East Derbyshire District Council Chairman's Civic Service on 30 November at St Peter's Church, Calow.

**859. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

There were no major matters relating to the Community Centre to report. It was noted however, that the annual Christmas Fair had been cancelled owing to a lack of volunteers. No response had been received regarding the request to purchase part of his land to provide additional car parking for the Centre.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**860. BARNES PARK**

The Clerk reported that the Streetcleaner/Handyperson had expressed concern over the condition of the Pavilion. It was agreed that a site visit be arranged in order that the Parish Council could see the condition of the building for themselves. The Pavilion had suffered a second graffiti attack which the Clerk had asked the District Council to remove as soon as possible.

Members of the Parish Council who had attended the Remembrance Sunday service expressed concern over the condition of the paved area around the war memorial. It was agreed that the memorial would be looked at the same time as the site visit to view the Pavilion.

The Clerk had now received 3 quotes for the drainage works to the Park aimed at solving the flooding problems to houses on Norfolk Avenue. The quotes were as detailed below:-

Grade A Groundworks Ltd	£6,410.00
Field Face Ltd	£6,450.00
Pugh Lewis	£1,778.00

The quote from Pugh Lewis was for less work than the quotes from the other 2 companies. Pugh Lewis was however, confident that the work they proposed would address the problem. It was agreed to accept the quote from Pugh Lewis and authorise the Clerk to place an order for the work.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted;  
(b) the Clerk arrange a site visit to view the Pavilion and the war memorial;  
(c) the actions of the Clerk in asking the District Council to clear the graffiti on the Pavilion be ratified; and  
(d) the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Pugh Lewis for the drainage works in the Park.

**861. CCTV**

The Clerk reported that all the cameras were now working except the one on Tennyson Way. He was currently investigating why this was the case. Whilst the majority of the cameras were working it was not clear whether all the changes to camera positions had been undertaken as discussed with Gordon Booth of the Derbyshire Chamber. The Clerk agreed to contact the Chamber to clarify the position.

It was noted that the cheque covering the costs of the electricity for the camera on Hairdayz had now been accepted as the payment was backdated covering the previous 2 years.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and  
(b) the Clerk contact the Derbyshire Chamber regarding the positioning of the cameras.

**862. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

It was noted that Councillors Barlow and Garbutt were due to undertake a site visit to the Allotments on 15 November. A full report would be made to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**863. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**864. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS**

There were no matters relating to the Lagoons to report.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**865. POLICE OFFICE**

To date the works to convert the IT room into a Police office had not been undertaken. North East Derbyshire District Council had agreed to fund the cost of a lap top up the sum of £500.00. It was hoped that grant funding would also be available to purchase a second machine.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**866. PARISH PLAN**

The Clerk reported around 90 responses had been received to date to the Love it/hate it form distributed to all households in Grassmoor. There appeared to be 4 main themes to these returns namely, anti-social behaviour, dog fouling, litter and the general condition and appearance of the village. The closing date for returns was 21 November.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**867. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD**

The Clerk provided details of some examples of replacement noticeboards for consideration. It was agreed that the Clerk look at further examples and provide detailed costings.

Concern was expressed that Parish Council information was not being put up in the noticeboard at the Boot and Shoe. Councillor Bedford agreed to investigate.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk look at further examples of noticeboards and provide detailed costings.

**868. INTERNAL AUDIT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS**

John Marriott attended the meeting to report on his recent part year audit of the Parish Council accounts. It was pleasing to report there were no issues to raise. A meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee had been held on 15 October. One issue arising was that the Parish Council was recommended to purchase a memory stick on which computerised records could be stored as a back and kept at the Centre. It was agreed that 2 memory sticks be purchased as a back up for the work of the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and  
(b) two memory sticks be purchased in order that computerised data held by the Parish Council can be backed up.

**869. CONSULTATION ON THE MAKING OF BYE-LAWS**

The Clerk reported on a consultation paper on the proposals to give Parish Councils the power to create and enforce byelaws through the issuing of fixed penalty notices. The main issues raised was how much use of the proposed new powers Parish

Councils would make given the complexity of the process and also the capacity of Parish Council's to effectively enforce byelaws on their own.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk comment on the consultation paper on behalf of the Parish Council.

**870. BUDGET 2009/2010**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the budget was to set at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**871. CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER (RFO) - INTERIM PAY AWARD 2008**

The RFO reported on the interim agreement reached between Local Government Employers and the Trade Unions in respect of the 2008 pay award for the Clerk and RFO. The settlement agreed a pay increase of 2.47% backdated to 1 April 2008. Negotiations were continuing to agree a final settlement.

**RESOLVED** that the interim pay ward to the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer of 2.47% backdated to 1 April 2008 be agreed.

**872. 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>
08/00823/FL North Wingfield Road/Westhill Lane SYHA Ltd	11 Affordable dwellings	It was noted that the District Council's Cabinet were considering the issue of the access to this land in the near future.
08/00763/FL 31 Durham Avenue Mr S Ball	Erection of 2m high fence.	The District Council had refused permission for this application.
08/00889/FL 173 Mansfield Road, Winsick	Change of use to domestic garden from recreational use.	The District Council had granted permission for this application.

08/00167/OL 21 Birkin Lane Mr and Mrs Fuller	Erection of 3 detached dwellings	The District Council had granted permission for this application.
08/1000/FL 10 Chapman Lane	Formation of dropped access and rear porch.	No objections were raised to this application.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**873. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS**

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 37/08, 47/08, 48/08, 49/08, 50/08, 51/08 and 52/08.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**874. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk presented the accounts due for payment and it was agreed that cheques be signed as detailed below.

**RESOLVED** that (a) approval be given for the payment of the following accounts:-

<u>CHQ NO.</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SO	R Ackrill (Salary – Nov)	£ 472.63
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Nov)	£ 479.15
SO	NEDDC (Pavilion Rates - Nov)	£ 54.00
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply – Nov)	£ 63.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - Nov)	£ 7.52
DD	Carephone Warehouse (Mobile Phone)	£ 2.29
SO	Derbyshire Chamber (CCTV)	£ 176.25
2351	G Huckerby (Salary - Oct)	£ 319.39
2352	HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)	£ 687.27
2353	M Dovinson (Back Pay)	£ 16.22
2354	Derbyshire County Council (Summer Play Activities)	£ 526.36
2355	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staffing - Oct)	£ 1,454.19
2356	G Huckerby (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£ 37.00
2357	R.Ackrill (Printer and Bugler fee - expenses)	£ 383.11
2358	NEDDC (Graffiti Removal)	£ 183.69
2359	J Marriott (Audit Fee)	£ 175.00
2360	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 37.50

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**Chairman**