

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 10 December 2008 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended the meeting to discuss Mill Lane Allotments (See Minute no. 883)

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

It was reported that there had been a total of 10 reported in the Parish since the last meeting. These included 6 of criminal damage, 1 of non-dwelling burglary, 1 dwelling burglary, 1 of theft of motor vehicle and 1 of violence.

There had been 6 calls to deal with nuisance/rowdy behaviour problems and 2 for inappropriate use of fireworks. The majority of the problems were regarding youths causing problems on Barnes Park and Chapman Lane. One youth had been spoken to regarding the emptying of the dog bins and the Police and partners were looking to issue an Acceptable Behaviour Contract. Enquiries were continuing to identify the others involved.

The Police and other agencies had carried out a local walkabout and groups of youths had been spoken to. Further events and facilities were discussed.

It was noted that there had been an incident involving a group of girls relating to a party at the Community Centre on 6 December. The Police were aware of the incident and were currently examining CCTV for evidence.

The Clerk was asked to write to Inspector Waterfall to express concern about the lack of Police presence in Grassmoor in recent weeks and also about the problems that have been experienced in reporting incidents to the Police.

875. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

876. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford and Mrs P J Hemsley declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 880 refers). Councillor Mrs J Bedford declared a personal interest in the item relating to Gill Lane Allotments (Minute no. 884 refers).

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

878. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

879. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that it was likely that there would be no carnival next year owing to a lack of volunteers to assist with the arrangements for the carnival. No-one had recently attended a public meeting aimed at identifying volunteers. A further meeting was planned for the New Year when a final decision would be made.

880. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

There were no major matters relating to the Community Centre to report. Susan Brighthouse had arranged a meeting with Sandra Pink from Links to discuss the business plan early in the New Year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

881. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the members of the Parish Council who had attended the site visit were concerned over the condition of the Pavilion and whether it was fit to use. It was agreed that the Clerk ask the District Council to examine the Pavilion. The costs of temporary changing accommodation would be examined in case the Pavilion needed to be closed for use. The costs of replacing the Pavilion could possibly be funded from grants although this would be a lengthy process. Alternatively it was possible that the funding of a new Pavilion could be by loan from the Public Works Loans Board.

It was noted that the outside toilet had been broken into twice since the last meeting of the Council.

Members of the Parish Council had also viewed the war memorial and it was agreed that the Clerk seek quotes for works to renew the area around the memorial.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;

(b) the Clerk ask the District Council to examine the condition of the Pavilion to ensure it was fit for use;

(c) the Clerk seek quotes for works to improve appearance of the area around the war memorial.

882. CCTV

The Clerk reported that all the cameras were now working including the one on Tennyson Way. Councillor Hemsley and the Clerk would be reviewing the camera positions in the near future.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

883. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that Councillors Barlow and Garbutt had undertaken a site visit on 15 November to assess the condition of the Allotments. An allotment holder attended the Parish Council meeting to express concern over the manner in which she had been spoken to during the site visit by Councillor Garbutt. Councillor Barlow indicated that it was the plot holder who had become very angry and abusive not Councillor Garbutt. The Chairman of the Parish Council apologised to the allotment holder for any offence that may have been caused. Both Councillors had concerns over the condition of the plot in question and it was agreed that the Clerk write to both the plot holder and the Secretary to the Association.

In general, it was noted that the Allotments were again continuing to improve particularly the area near the Working Men's Club. The Allotment Committee were looking to improve the condition of the entrance to the site from the School. It was also planned to have an orchard near the School plot on land which was not suitable to use as an allotment.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk write to both the plot holder and the Secretary to the Allotment Association regarding the poor condition of the plot in question.

884. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Members of the Allotment Working Group were asked to look at the condition of the Gill Lane Allotments and report back to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the Allotment Working Group examine the condition of the Gill Lane Allotments.

885. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

Work was on-going to progress the scheme in conjunction with County Procurement. A series of half day meetings had been held at the Community Centre with the short listed tenderers. The meetings had been held to develop the method statements from initial draft through to final draft covering a wide range of issues relevant to the scheme. This process was completed in late November. The tenderers were in process of preparing a priced bid for submission by 22 December. This will be followed by a period of detailed assessment which will take around 3 to 4 weeks. The outcome of this process will be that one of the tenderers will drop out of the process.

Competitive dialogue will then take place with the 2 remaining tenderers. The intention was to confirm the successful contractor in March.

Discussions with the Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform were on-going regarding the financing of the scheme.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

886. POLICE OFFICE

To date the works to convert the IT room into a Police office had not been undertaken despite the lease being effective since July 2008. The Clerk agreed to chase up the Police to ensure that the works were undertaken as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Police to express concern over the lack of progress with the Police Office.

887. PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported around 120 responses had now been received date to the Love it/hate it form distributed to all households in Grassmoor. The next meeting of the Steering Group was to be held on 15 December.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

888. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD

The Clerk reported that a noticeboard capable of holding 10 A4 sheets was available from Display Systems Ltd at a cost of around £750.00 excluding erection. Urbanscape, a partner company of Plantscape who provided the hanging baskets had also been asked to quote but had not yet submitted a price.

RESOLVED that subject to a quote not being received from Urbanscape, the Clerk be authorised to purchase a new Parish Council noticeboard from Display Systems Ltd at a cost of around £750.00 excluding erection.

889. DISTRICT PARISH LIAISON GROUP – 28 JANUARY 2009

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the District Parish Liaison Group was to be held on 28 January 2009.at 6.00pm. The Clerk and Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley agreed to attend.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

890. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
08/00982/FL Sunny Bank Mill Lane Enable Housing Association Ltd	4 bedroom detached special needs bungalow	The District Council had granted permission for this application.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

891. BUDGET 2009/2010

The Responsible Financial Officer and the Clerk presented details of the Parish Council budget for 2009/10. The main budget pressure for the year related to the support for the Community Centre, grounds maintenance of Barnes Park and Winsick Park, the potential problems with the Pavilion and the affect of lower interest rates on Parish Council income. In 2008/9, the Parish Council had agreed to spend money on services over and above that received in income, with the shortfall being met from reserves. This position could not however, be sustained and needed to be addressed. It was agreed that a working group comprising the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor I F Barlow be established to look at the budget in more detail for 2009/10.

The Parish Council considered the fees and charges it levied for use of Barnes Park by the football and cricket clubs. It was agreed that the total amount to be paid was £2,370.00. The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer would liaise with the Clubs regarding the precise split of fees between them. The rent payable by Mill Lane and Gill Lane Allotments was also considered and it was agreed that these should remain unchanged for 2009/10.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should set a precept for 2009/10 of £98,325.00 which represented an increase of 3.5%.

RESOLVED that (a) a working group comprising the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor I F Barlow be established to look at the budget for 2009/10 in more detail; (b) the fees and charges for use of the Barnes Park by the cricket and football clubs be set at a total of £2,370.00; (c) the rents payable on Mill Lane and Gill Lane Allotments remain unchanged at £300.00 and £20.00 respectively; and (d) the Parish Council set a precept for 2009/10 of £98,325.00 which represented an increase of 3.5%.

892. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 53/08, 54/08, 55/08, 56/08 and 57/08.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

893. 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 – Dec)	£ 472.63
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Dec)	£ 479.15
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply – Dec)	£ 63.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - Dec)	£ 0.20
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile Phone)	£ 2.45
SO	Derbyshire Chamber (CCTV - Dec)	£ 176.25
2361	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 355.00
2362	Derbyshire County Council (Parish Plan Survey)	£ 522.95
2363	R.Ackrill (Printer cartridge/Paper)	£ 71.97
2364	R.Ackrill (Salary Balance)	£ 81.24
2365	G Huckerby (Salary - Nov)	£ 379.42
2366	M Dovinson (Back Pay)	£ 16.42
2367	HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)	£ 812.77
2368	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staffing - Oct)	£ 1,454.19
2369	Y Wood (CCTV Fee – Tennyson Way)	£ 20.00
2370	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 37.50
2371	Derbyshire County Council (Parish Plan)	£ 656.70
2372	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£ 288.49
2373	NEDDC (Fence Repairs)	£ 61.19

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Chairman