

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 February 2009 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 and Ms J A Hill

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public attended the meeting to express concern over the condition of the frozen pavements. Responsibility for clearing pavements lay with the County Council. There was a national shortage of grit and the County Council were concentrating on gritting the main roads. The Clerk had enquired about the possibility of having the grit bins filled. The bins would be filled as soon as possible although it may take a while. The Parish Council agreed to look in to the possibility of providing an additional grit bin at the junction of North Wingfield Road and Chapman Lane/Wingerworth Terrace.

Two other issues relating to a potentially dangerous dog and a nosey neighbour which related to District Council business were reported.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PSCO Land attended the meeting to discuss crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. There had been 5 crimes reported. 1 theft of motor vehicle, 1 theft from motor vehicle, 1 of arson, 1 dwelling burglary and 1 of violence. There had been 5 nuisance calls.

With regard to the previous damage in the Park, youths had been interviewed although the lack of evidence meant that it was going to be difficult to take the matter further. It had been decided to close the wide ranging priority profiles relating to Grassmoor and replace them with more local profiles. These would be discussed further at the next meeting.

912. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

913. 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. 917 refers). Councillor I F Barlow declared a personal interest in the item relating to planning application 09/00063/FL relating to Grassmoor Golf Club (Minute no. 928 refers).

914. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 January 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

915. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

916. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

917. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was noted that Sharon Stokes and Ella March had resigned from their posts at the Centre.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

918. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that he had written to 7 local companies seeking quotes for the works to improve the war memorial. To date only 1 response had been received.

Pugh Lewis had completed the drainage works in the Park. In doing so they had discovered that when the boundary fence had been erected a fencing post had broken an existing drain. The damage had been repaired. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the owners of the properties affected to explain the work that had been undertaken to help solve the flooding problems. Pugh Lewis had caused some damage to the cricket outfield. The Clerk had reported the problem to Pugh Lewis and they had agreed to sort the problem out once the inclement weather had improved.

North East Derbyshire District Council had reported that the outcome of the independent playground inspection. The outcome was satisfactory except for some minor repairs which the Clerk was authorised to ask the District Council to undertake.

The District Council had examined the Pavilion structurally and in terms of environmental health. It was understood that the Pavilion was in a fit state to use although this had not been confirmed in writing.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk be authorised to request the District Council to undertake the repairs arising from the independent playground inspection.

919. CCTV

The Clerk reported that there had some minor problems recording images from the system which Advance were looking in to. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for members of the Parish Council to visit the Advance Group Headquarters at Barlborough to see the system in operation.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

920. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Allotment Association had requested that the Parish Council pay for the cost of a skip as in previous years to assist with the clearing up of the site. The Association had also requested that a donation be made towards the cost of fruit trees for the new orchard area. It was agreed that the Parish Council would cover the costs of a skip only.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agree to cover the costs of providing a skip for the allotments.

921. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Members of the Allotment Working Group had undertaken a site visit on 17 January. It was noted that the majority of the plots were used to keep livestock as opposed to only 2 which were cultivated. The dangerous buildings on the site had now been removed.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

922. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The County Council had reported that they were in the final stages of the procurement process to find a contractor to undertake the cleaning up of the Lagoons. The bids had been evaluated and one of the 3 companies had been eliminated. The Project Team had met with the companies on 22 January. The latest submissions from the companies have recently been received and were currently being evaluated. The 2 remaining companies will be asked to submit their final proposals with the intention of the contract being awarded to the successful bidder before the end of March.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

923. POLICE OFFICE

The IT issues regarding the laptops in the Café area had been resolved and it was intended to run them from a wireless internet connection. The Police did not intend having any IT equipment in the Police Office. The Centre was in the process of having keys cut for use by the Police.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

924. PARISH PLAN

The Steering Group had met and considered a draft action plan arising from the consultation process produced by the Clerk. It was important that the Steering Group took the lead on the development of the action plan rather than it being seen as a Parish Council document. Clear themes had been identified and were being developed.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

925. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD

The Clerk reported that the recent bad weather had prevented him from meeting with Stuart Watts to discuss the location of the noticeboard in the Chapel grounds.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

926. HANGING BASKETS

The Clerk reported that he had received the following quotes for the provision of hanging baskets for the coming summer:

Plantscape - £4,025.00

Civic Pride - £3,900.00 (price held on 3 year contract)

It was agreed that the Clerk ask the companies to quote again for both a 1 year and also a 3 year contract.

RESOLVED that Plantscape and Civic Pride be asked to submit new quotes for both 1 year and 3 year contracts.

927. CHERNOBYL CHILDREN LIFE LINE

A request for a donation had been received from the Chernobyl Children Life Line.

RESOLVED that a donation not be made on this occasion

928. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
09/00028/FL The Croft, Mile Hill Mrs L Booth	Removal of condition re employment of staff	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
09/00030/FL 7 Gill Lane Mrs J Keaveny	Change of use to 7 pen cattery.	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

09/00063/FL Grassmoor Golf Club Mrs H Hagues	Golf course enhancement Scheme	The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential loss of light to neighbouring properties. • Potential drainage problems caused by the mounds and the impact they may have on neighbouring properties.
08/00823/FL Land at the junction of North Wingfield Road/Westhill Lane SYHA Ltd	Construction of 11 affordable dwellings	This application had been withdrawn.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

929. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 1/09, 2/09, 3/09 and 4/09.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

930. PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2009-2012

The Parish Council had previously agreed to look at developing a 3 year budget in order to make financial planning easier and also to address the financial pressures facing the Parish Council over the next few years. A working group comprising Councillors Mrs E A Hill, Mrs P J Hemsley and I F Barlow had been established to look at the issue in detail.

The working group had met on 4 February and it made recommendations to the Parish Council to address the budget issues. The Parish Council needed to reduce its expenditure as it was currently spending more than it received in income and this could not be sustained in the future. It was felt that reluctantly the Citizens Advice Bureau sessions could no longer be afforded and it was recommended that they be discontinued. The cost of this service was currently £10,000 per annum. The Centre

would still have advice sessions provided though the Unemployed Workers Centre which could be increased if necessary. The removal of the CAB advice session would have significant impact on the budget. It was also felt that the level of support to the Community Centre for staffing could be reduced from £25,500 to £22,000.

The Parish Council agreed to adopt the 3 year budget plan although the situation would need to be reviewed annually when the precept was set.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council approve the 3 year budget plan.

931. 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 – Feb)	£ 472.63
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Feb)	£ 479.15
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply – Feb)	£ 40.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - Feb)	£ 7.52
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile Phone)	£ 1.49
SO	Derbyshire Chamber (CCTV - Feb)	£ 176.25
DD	Information Commissioner (CCTV Licence)	£ 35.00
2391	R Ackrill (Salary Balance)	£ 10.11
2392	M Dovinson (Salary Balance)	£ 16.22
2393	G Huckerby (Salary)	£ 327.16
2394	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI)	£ 702.03
2395	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 172.00
2396	NE Derbys Detached Youth Work (Youth Activities)	£ 300.00
2397	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding)	£ 1,454.19
2398	Pugh Lewis (Drainage Works)	£ 2,119.45
2399	Grassmoor Community Centre (Parish Plan)	£ 15.00
2400	Pugh Lewis (Drainage Works, Barnes Park)	£ 2,119.45

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Chairman