

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 October 2009 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, A H Booker, D Chapman, B Garbutt, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill.

One member of the public was also in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eight members of the public attended the meeting to express concern over the speed of traffic belonging to Atkinson's using the lane from Westhill Lane to Avenue Farm which was presenting a danger to users of Hasland Public Footpath No.2. There had been several near accidents on the lane and also near the junction with Westhill Lane. The speed of the vehicles also created a significant dust problem for local residents. It had already been established that Atkinson's had right of access to the Farm using the lane. There was also a new stile on the lane which was felt to be dangerous and which may not comply with the Disability Discrimination Act.

It was explained that as it was a private lane and because the vehicles were using the lane legally it was a difficult problem to tackle. The Parish Council also had no powers to tackle the problem. The Parish Council agreed however, to undertake the following:

- Take the matter up with the Police:
- Request that Mr Wilmott the landowner introduce a lay-by for pedestrians to take refuge in:
- Councillor Chapman to take the matter up with the County Council highways Division:
- The Clerk write to Mr Atkinson seeking his co-operation in making vehicles using the lane slow down:
- North East Derbyshire District Council Environmental Services Department to be asked to monitor dust levels: and
- The lady who witnessed the near accident to be encouraged to make a statement to the Police.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PSCO Land apologised for not being able to attend the meeting. He had however, provided an update on the crime and disorder related matters which had occurred since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

There had been 16 crimes in total, 2 of violence, 2 of criminal damage, 1 of theft, 2 thefts from motor vehicle, 1 of theft of motor vehicle and 8 of burglary.

Of particular concern was the recent spate of damage to motor vehicle offences and this matter was being given attention although there had been no reported cases since 18 August.

There had been 21 nuisance calls during the same period. Several of these related to children playing football and causing an alleged nuisance on Cornwall Drive.

It was reported that a local resident had recently found evidence of drug activity on her property which she had reported to the Police. The resident had requested that the Police keep an eye on the situation with regard to her house something which they could not commit to do. In addition, the Police had also suggested that she should contact the Parish Council to have the drug equipment removed from her house. The Clerk was asked to contact Inspector Waterfall to express concern over the response.

1054. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs A Browne and K Hemsley.

1055. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 1059 refers). Councillor I F Barlow declared a personal interest in the planning application relating to Grassmoor Golf Club (Minute no. 1075).

1056. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 September 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1057. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

1058. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted that the December meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 16th December and not the 9th.

1059. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was reported that the gardens at the front of the Centre had been cleared by the Centre Co-ordinator. Mr Roe had been contacted regarding the regular maintenance of the gardens. The Clerk would report back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1060. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED that Mrs Lorna Thomas be co-opted on to the Parish Council for the period up to the next ordinary Parish Council elections in 2011.

1061. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the cost of providing a new litter bin for the Park was £207.20 excluding VAT. There was no charge for the emptying of litter bins. It was agreed that a litter bin for the Park be purchased from the District Council with the location of the bin being determined following a site visit.

RESOLVED that the Clerk place an order with the District Council for a new litter bin for the Park in the sum of £207.20, the location of which to be determined following a site visit.

1062. CCTV

Councillor Hemsley and the Clerk had met with the Derbyshire Chamber, Advance Monitoring and PCSO Land on 5 October to discuss the re-positioning of some of the cameras in order to maximise coverage of problems areas. Advance Monitoring had provided a quote of £3739.00 for the works. This included the purchase of a new camera to replace one which was faulty and also the repositioning of several existing cameras.

It was proposed to position one camera on Norfolk Avenue to look across the entrance to Barnes Park and up towards North Wingfield Road. The camera would be located on a near by street light for which the permission of the County Council would be required. The Clerk agreed to write to nearby residents to inform them about the camera position and to reassure them that it will in no way infringe on their privacy.

The Clerk reported that the CCTV questionnaires would be circulated in the near future. As with the last survey it was agreed to offer a £50.00 and two £25.00 prizes to encourage people to return the forms.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Clerk place an order with Advance Monitoring for the works to replace and relocate the cameras in the sum of £3739.00; and
(c) approval be given to offer a £50.00 and two £25.00 prizes to encourage people to return the CCTV forms.

1063. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Councillors Barlow and Garbutt reported that they had recently undertaken a site visit to the Allotments. The condition of the site continued to improve. The Allotment Committee had identified a couple of plots that were not being worked and action was being taken. The School project was still proving to be popular and successful and the poly tunnel had now been erected. The Association had run a Best Kept Allotment

prize this year. It was agreed that the Clerk liaise with the Association with a view to the Parish Council sponsoring the prize in future years.

The Allotment Association wanted some advice regarding funding and the auditing of the accounts. The Clerk agreed to contact the Secretary. The Association also were letting out small plots and the Clerk agreed to put a notice to this effect in the Community Newsletter.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Clerk liaise with the Allotment Association with a view to the Parish Council sponsoring a best kept allotment award in the future.

1064. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

There were no matters relating Gill Lane Allotments to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1065. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk reported that the County Council had recently issued a press release regarding appointment of Remedex to clean up the Lagoons in a scheme costing £4.9m. Detailed environmental assessments were currently being undertaken and a planning application for the necessary works is due to be submitted in February 2010. The approval of the Environment Agency will also be required for the works. The Clerk had included an article in the latest edition of the Community Newsletter.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1066. PARISH PLAN

There were no matters relating to the Parish Plan to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1067. POLICE MOBILE TELEPHONE

PCSO Land had reported that the mobile telephone purchased by the Parish Council for use by the Police was faulty and difficult to use. It was agreed that a replacement phone be purchased in the sum of £35.00.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to purchase a replacement mobile telephone in the sum of £35.00.

1068. REQUEST FOR DOG BIN – CHURCHSIDE LANE

It was reported that a request had been received for a dog bin on Churchside Lane. The cost of providing an additional dog bin was £228.00 plus £2.93 per emptying. It was agreed in principle to provide a bin providing that a suitable location could be identified.

RESOLVED that agreement in principle be given to provide a dog bin on Churchside Lane providing that a suitable location could be identified.

1069. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY WEBSITE

It was reported that a complaint had been received about the website. The complaint related to the website not being kept up to date and there being a lack of information about community activities. The Clerk reported that some difficulties had recently been experienced in uploading information on to the website but these had now been rectified. It was also noted that it had never been the intention of the website to include detail of all community events as the Parish Council did not have the capacity to keep the site updated on a daily basis. The Clerk had agreed in conjunction with the Community Centre to trial information about community activities that would be updated no less than monthly.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1070. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 8 NOVEMBER 2009

The Clerk reported that arrangements were in hand for this year's Remembrance Sunday Service which was to be held on 8 November. Reverend MacGhee would be conducting the Service and the School Choir would be attending. Matt MacGregor had again agreed to play the Last Post and Reveille for a fee of £30.00.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1071. DISTRICT/PARISH LIAISON MEETING – 18 NOVEMBER 2009

RESOLVED that Councillors Bedford and J A Hill along with the Clerk attend the meeting of the District/Parish Liaison meeting to be held on 18 November 2009.

1072. PARISH COUNCIL MINUTE BOOK

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council minute book was full. A new minute book would cost £86.00.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to purchase a new minute book in the sum of £86.00.

1073. PARISH CLERK, RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER AND STREETCLEANER PAY AWARD 2008/2009

It was reported that the National Joint Council had agreed a pay award of 1% for the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer backdated to 1 April 2009. The minimum wage applicable to the Streetcleaner had also increased with effect from 1 October 2009 from £5.73 to £5.80.

RESOLVED that (a) the increase in the minimum wage to £5.80 payable to the Streetcleaner with effect from 1 October be noted; and

(b) the payment of the 1% nationally agreed pay award to the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer backdated to 1 April 2009 be approved.

1074. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
09/00776/FL Avenue Farm Mr D J Atkinson	Change of use to 3 new dwellings	<p>The Parish Council made the following comments on this application;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicular access to the new build should be via the northern access • If approved, buildings materials used in the development should access the site via the northern access.
09/00780/FLH 23 Cotswold Drive Mr A Wood	Single storey rear extension	The Parish Council had no comments in respect of this application.
09/00609/CM and CW4/0609/72 Grassmoor Golf Club Mrs H Hagues	Golf Course Enhancement Scheme	<p>It was noted that consideration of this application by the Planning Committee had been deferred as the details of the application had been amended in respect of the mounds along the southern boundary of the Golf Course.</p> <p>It was also noted that lorries travelling to and from the Course were damaging the grass verges. This matter had been reported to the County Council. Concern was also expressed over the condition of the road between Churchside and the roundabout.</p>

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk submit comments on the above application as detailed above.

1075. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 40/09, 41/09, 42/09, 43/09, 44/09, 45/09, 46/09, 47/09, 48/09 and 49/09.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1076. 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 – Oct)	£ 494.00
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Oct)	£ 497.88
SO	G Huckerby (Salary – Oct)	£ 337.87
SO	Derbyshire Chamber (CCTV – Oct)	£ 176.25
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply – Oct)	£ 36.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - Oct)	£ 7.52
DD	NEDDC (Pavilion Rates - Oct)	£ 57.00
DD	Fresh Mobile (Police Phone)	£ 4.13
2472	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - Oct)	£ 716.45
2373	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff funding - Oct)	£ 1454.19
2474	NEDDC (Trade Refuse)	£ 164.15
2475	NEDDC (Chairs Appeal)	£ 50.00
2476	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 32.50
2477	Petty Cash	£ 70.00

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Chairman