

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 16 December 2009 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, B Garbutt, K Hemsley, Mrs P J Hemsley and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters taken in public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PSCO Land apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

Since the last meeting there had been 11 crimes in total, 2 of violence, 1 of fraud, 2 damage to motor vehicle, 2 of theft from motor vehicle, 2 of theft, 1 of production of class B drugs and 1 of non-dwelling burglary. On Friday the 27 November 2009, a drugs warrant was executed at an address in Grassmoor. Three people have been arrested for cultivation of over 700 cannabis plants and immigration offences.

In respect of Hasland Public Footpath No.2 and vehicles travelling at excessive speed, the witness had been spoken to by the Police as well as advice given to the alleged vehicle user regarding driving at speeds inappropriate to the driving conditions on the track and Westhill Lane.

There had been only 1 nuisance call during the same period compared with 12 the previous month. The incident related to youths being seen entering the garage site on Chapman lane.

1099. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ms J A Hill and A H Booker.

1100. 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. 1104 refers). Councillor I F Barlow declared a personal interest in the item relating to 23 Dymond Grove (Minute no. 1111).

1101. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 November 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1102. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

1103. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Lorna Thomas to her first meeting of the Parish Council.

1104. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

There were no matters relating to the Community Centre to report.

1105. BARNES PARK

It was noted that Acorn had attended to the uneven surface of the paved area around the War Memorial.

The Clerk had placed an order with the District Council for a new litter bin in the same location as the old one near the main gate to the Park. The Clerk was requested to ask the District Council to repair the damaged fencing along the North Wingfield Road boundary opposite the school.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk place an order with the District Council for the repairs to the boundary fencing as reported.

1106. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the CCTV camera at Winsick had not been recording for a short period owing to a problem caused inadvertently by Advance Monitoring. The matter had now been resolved.

The CCTV questionnaire had now been delivered with a closing date of 13 December for returns.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1107. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that the Clerk had not heard anything from the Association regarding the Allotment accounts and audit.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1108. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

There were no matters relating Gill Lane Allotments to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1109. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

Mr Peter Storey from Derbyshire County Council and Mr Frank Westcott from Remedex attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on matters relating to the clean up of the Grassmoor Lagoons.

A detailed planning application was due to be submitted in late January or early February regarding the clean up works on the site. In the meantime work was being undertaken on the health and safety method statement and design regulations in order that works can start as soon as planning permission is granted. Work was also taking place to prepare the site and the treatment area. Clearance of the self set vegetation would commence in January or February. The Country Park would not be affected except for the need for access to the site.

There would inevitably be some problems with odour and smell although these would more of a problem when there was little or no wind. Wind would help disperse the odours. Extensive monitoring would be undertaken. It was important that news about the works and the potential odour problems were communicated to the local community. This would be achieved through the website and the newsletter set up for the clean up works. The Parish Council website and Newsletter would also be used. Relevant telephone numbers would be publicised and Parish Councillors would be given direct access to Mr Westcott's telephone number in order that problems could be reported immediately.

It was agreed that rather than have a formal liaison committee, Peter and Frank should meet with the Parish Council on a regular basis. Meetings would therefore take place quarterly in March, June, September and December along with additional meetings as necessary.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1110. PARISH PLAN

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1111. LAND ADJOINING 23 DYMOND GROVE

The Clerk reported that the District Council following consultation with the Parish Council, had declined a request from Mr and Mrs Widdowson of 23 Dymond Grove to incorporate 6m of amenity land in to their garden to combat anti-social behaviour problems they claimed to be experiencing. The Parish Council was reminded that Mr and Mrs Widdowson had already extended their garden once to combat similar problems experienced a few years ago.

Mr and Mrs Widdowson were seeking an explanation from the Parish Council as to why they had opposed the purchase of the additional land. The Parish Council noted that the purchase of the previous section of land had obviously not solved the anti-

social behaviour problems and there was nothing to suggest that the latest proposal would prove any more successful. It was felt that more effort needed to be put in to solve the problems in the area by the responsible agencies. It was noted that the Parish Council had received very few complaints regarding persistent problems in the area. As with all such requests, each case would be considered on its own merit. The Clerk agreed to respond to Mr and Mrs Widdowson accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to Mr and Mrs Widdowson on the basis detailed above.

1112. REQUEST FOR DOG BIN – CHURCHSIDE LANE

The District Council had confirmed that they could not install a dog bin on private land so in this case it would require the consent of every resident on Churchside Lane. This was not considered to be a practical proposition. The District Council intended to contact the County Council with a view to locating the dog bin on the right of way. Mr Gibbs had indicated that the problem was less severe in winter so it was intended to assess the matter in the Spring of 2010.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1113. SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME 2010

The Parish Council had again received a request to help fund the School Holiday Activity programme organised at Tupton Hall School for children from across North East Derbyshire, including Grassmoor. The Parish Council supported the project in 2009. It was agreed that the Parish Council make a donation of £500.00 towards the costs of the Programme.

RESOLVED that a donation of £500.00 be made to the School Holiday Activity Programme for 2010.

1114. GRIT BINS

Concern was expressed that the Parish Council's 5 grit bins had not yet been filled. The Clerk reported that an order to fill the bins had been placed and he had contacted the County Council on several occasions to try to get the bins filled. It was agreed that the Clerk look at alternative suppliers to fill the grit bins in the future. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to contact Les Roe to see if he could get some grit to put in the bin on Chapman Lane as a matter of urgency.

The County Council did not recommend locations for grit bins. The Clerk agreed to contact Mr Bacon from the Sportsman to see if he was still willing to have a bin located on the pub frontage on North Wingfield Road. It was also agreed that the Parish Council provide a grit bin on Mill Lane near Furnace Close and Whitmore Avenue.

RESOLVED that the Clerk (a) look at alternative suppliers to fill the Parish Council's grit bins;
(b) ask Les Roe to fill the grit bin on Chapman Lane as a temporary measure; and

(c) arrange for grit bins to be provided outside the Sportsman on North Wingfield Road and on Mill Lane.

1115. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – CORNWALL DRIVE

It was reported that a meeting with residents of Cornwall Drive had been held on 26 November in an attempt to resolve the problems being experienced on the road mainly through children playing football. The meeting had been attended by the Police, Alan Burley the District Council's Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator and representatives of the Parish Council.

The outcome of the meeting was that some trial measures would be introduced which would hopefully allow children to continue to play football on the road. The measures included the children using a sponge football and the Community Safety Partnership providing removable fencing to prevent damage to cars and balls entering properties. The problems would be kept under review.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1116. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
09/00776/FL Avenue Farm, North Wingfield Road, Grassmoor D J Atkinson	3 new dwellings and change of use of existing farm buildings	The application had been conditionally approved by the District Council.
09/00952/FL 2 Norfolk Avenue, Grassmoor. Mr N Combes	Construction of 2 storey side extension.	The Parish Council had received representations from the occupiers of a neighbouring property regarding this application. The Parish Council agreed with the objections presented in that they felt the application if approved would result in a loss of privacy to neighbours. The development also proposed building over a main drain in an area prone to flooding. The Parish Council also agreed that the appearance of a two storey extension on a single storey building would be out of keeping with other properties in the area. The Clerk agreed to submit objections on the

		above grounds to the District Council.
09/00864/FLH 30 Sutton View, Temple Normanton.	Construction of rear conservatory	The application had been conditionally approved by the District Council.
09/00609/CM Grassmoor Golf Club Mrs H Hagues	Golf Course Enhancement Scheme	It was noted that this application had been withdrawn.

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

1117. PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2010/2011

The Responsible Financial Officer and the Clerk presented details of the Parish Council budget for 2010/11 and also for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

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 £2,120.00. 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 2010/11

It was agreed that the Parish Council should set a precept for 2010/11 of £100,290.00 which represented an increase of 2.0%.

RESOLVED that (a) the 3 year budget covering the period 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 be approved;
(b) the fees and charges for use of the Barnes Park by the cricket and football clubs be set at a total of £2,120.00;
(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 2010/11 of £100,290.00 which represented an increase of 2.0%.

1118. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 60/09.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1119. 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)	£ 503.18
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Dec)	£ 503.17
SO	G Huckerby (Salary – Dec)	£ 341.20
SO	Derbyshire Chamber (CCTV – Dec)	£ 176.25
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply – Dec)	£ 43.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - Dec)	£ 15.13
DD	Fresh Mobile (Police Phone)	£ 1.63
2483	G Huckerby (Salary Balance)	£ 23.31
2484	R Ackrill (Salary Balance)	£ 15.90
2485	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - Dec)	£ 772.08
2486	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff funding - Dec)	£ 1454.19
2487	Derbyshire Army Cadets (Donation)	£ 50.00
2488	Grassmoor Primary School (Donation)	£ 200.00
2489	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 204.25
2490	R Ackrill (Remembrance Sunday Expenses)	£ 100.00
2491	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£ 394.23
2492	J Marriott (Internal Audit fee)	£ 175.00
2493	NEDDC (Trade Waste)	£ 164.15
2494	Grassmoor Community Centre (Worklessness Project)	£ 72.00
2495	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 67.00

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Chairman