

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 April 2010 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended the meeting to express their concern over anti-social behaviour in Grassmoor. (See below)

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PSCO Land attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed and calls for service arising since the last meeting of the Parish Council. Since the last meeting there had been 7 crimes in total, 2 of criminal damage, 1 of theft, 1 of damage to motor vehicle, 2 drugs offences and 1 sexual offence.

There had been 6 nuisance calls during the same period compared with 5 the previous month.

A member of the public attended the meeting to express concern over a recent upsurge of anti-social behaviour in the area around the jitty near the Doctors Surgery. Property had been damaged, young people were drinking and having sex near neighbouring properties. The Police were aware of the recent problems but PCSO Land stressed the need for the problems to be reported to the Police. As a result of the problems the Police had agreed to install Mosquito device which emitted a high pitch sound which affected only young people which discouraged them from staying in the immediate vicinity. The Clerk agreed to report the problems to the District Council Community Safety Officer.

Problems of drug taking, drinking and anti-social behaviour on land near the junction of Chapman Lane and Oak Road. The problems were on the same piece of land which a neighbouring resident had tried to purchase unsuccessfully from the District Council as a result of previous problems. The Clerk agreed to contact the District Council Community Safety Officer with a view to having the bushes on the land cut back in order that they could not be used to hide behind.

There had recently been several problems of drinking on the play area in the Park and of bottles being broken. There had been further fire damage to the remaining garage on Chapman Lane. The Clerk had reported the matter to the County Council and was seeking clarification over the future use of the building.

Further problems had been reported about children playing football on Cornwall Drive and Whitmore Avenue. Drugs problems were reported on Byron Close which the

Police were aware of but no action appeared to have been taken. The owner of the noisy vehicle reported to the last meeting had been identified and spoken to by the Police. It was noted that builders blocks had recently been placed in the entrance to the lane to Avenue Farm. These had been removed but threats of arson had been made.

The Police had recently raided the Sportsman Inn to combat nuisance and under age drinking. The raid had involved a significant number of officers but had only identified one case of underage drinking.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Assistant Chief Constable regarding the current levels of policing in Grassmoor and the lack of public confidence in the Police at present. The Parish Council were particularly dismayed that PCSO Land was walking between his duties in Grassmoor and Calow which was taking up almost half a shift in travelling time. The Clerk was also asked to write to the Home Secretary regarding the current community policing issues.

1154. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs J Bedford and Mrs A Browne.

1155. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 1159 refers).

1156. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1157. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

1158. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

1159. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk agreed to provide details of the current financial position in respect of the Centre and to clarify the position regarding applications for grant funding to cover the staffing costs at the Centre.

It was noted that the Hasland Pre-School Play Group were looking to use the Centre as their permanent base which would bring in regular income to the Centre. Susan was due to undergo her second eye operation in the near future meaning that she would be absent from work for a short period.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1160. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that complaints had been received about the amount of broken glass on the Park and particularly around the play equipment. PCSO Land was aware of the problem and was keeping an eye on the situation.

The situation in respect of drainage problems along the Birkin Lane boundary to the Park had not yet been clarified by the County Council. The Cricket Club had written to Yorkshire Water regarding the problems to see if they could assist.

The Parish agreed that in future the Street Cleaner would no longer undertake cleaning duties at the Pavilion as they would rather he concentrate on his street cleaning duties. Cleaning of the Pavilion would be left to Cricket and Football Clubs.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Clerk advise the Cricket and Football Clubs that the Street Cleaner would no longer be responsible for cleaning duties at the Pavilion.

1161. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the new camera on Norfolk Avenue had now been installed. One or two problems with camera faults remained which would hopefully be resolved in the near future.

The Clerk and Councillor Mrs Hemsley were concerned at the value for money the Parish Council was getting from the service provided by the Derbyshire Chamber. As a result the Clerk had written a strong email to Gordon Booth seeking clarification of the situation. One particular issue was how problems with cameras were identified and subsequently rectified. The Chamber had responded indicating that the problems with the cameras were caused by the Police when interrogating the system for footage and not leaving the system as they found it. Mr Booth had indicated that there was nothing the Chamber could do to identify these problems. The Clerk and Mrs Hemsley were not happy with this response and proposed to discuss the issue at the meeting at the Advance offices on 26 April.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1162. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Allotment Association had formally requested permission to remove the existing hedging around the site and replace it with security fencing subject to grant funding being obtained. The reasoning behind the request was the safety of the children on the School allotment. The Parish did not wish to see the existing hedging replaced by security fencing although they would not object in principle to fencing being erected inside the existing boundary hedging. It was noted that the Association had erected a second container next to the existing garage adjacent to the gate off Mill Lane.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from a resident on Norfolk Avenue complaining about the nuisance caused by bonfires on the Allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Association to ask them to minimise the nuisance caused by bonfires.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Clerk write to the Allotment Association regarding the issue of bonfires.

1163. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

A letter had been received from Mrs Lowe regarding the height of the hedging along the rear boundary of her property and the allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Burton to ask him to trim the hedging along the boundary.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Mr Burton to request that he cut the hedging as detailed above.

1164. PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported that a meeting of the Parish Plan Steering Group had been held on 22 March 2010. The Steering Group had agreed to complete the Plan as soon as possible and then consider the most practical means of overseeing its implementation.

One issue that had arisen out of discussions on the Plan was the possibility of the Cricket Club moving in to the Country Park following the completion of the reclamation works on the Lagoons. The Parish Council briefly discussed the matter although no conclusion was reached.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1165. MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

The Clerk reported that the County Council were unaware of the proposal to move the Library Van back on to North Wingfield Road. The Clerk had told them of the proposal which would need to be checked out with Highways Officers but this had not yet happened. The County Council had stated that there had not been a drop off in usage of the Van whilst it had been sited at the Centre and there was no intention to remove the service from Grassmoor.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1166. DERBYSHIRE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CENTRE – REQUEST FOR DONATION

RESOLVED that the request for a donation be not acceded to.

1167. PARISH COUNCIL CHARTER

The Clerk reported on the draft Parish Council Charter for North East Derbyshire. The Charter sets out the basic principles which underpin the way in which the Parish Council interacts with partners such as the District Council and the County Council. The Parish Council had no comments to make but was happy with the idea and principles of the Charter.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council submit no comments on the draft Parish Council Charter.

1168. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
09/00576/FL Mill Lane Farm, Mill Lane Mr W Briddon	Erection of agricultural shed/construction of manege and creation of access track	The Parish Council had no comments or objections on this application.
10/00278/FLH 2 Norfolk Avenue Mr N Combes	Construction of 2 storey side extension.	The Parish Council agreed to comment on this application on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were concerns regarding the drainage of water in an area already prone to flooding.• If permission was granted it should be a condition of the approval that the drainage issues are fully resolved.
10/00259/AD Street Record, Birkin Lane Mr G Poyser	Retention of 3 housing development advertising signs	The Parish Council agreed to comment on this application on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The signs which had already been erected without planning permission, were very distracting to motorists.• If permission is granted this should be on the condition

		that the signs are reduced in size.
09/00889/FL Land at rear of 109-145 Mansfield Road, Winsick Abode Partnership and Hallam Land Management	Construction of 54 two storey houses and 1 special needs bungalow (all affordable housing)	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.

It was noted that the planning application relating to the Golf Club had been put on hold for the time being. The Clerk was asked to clarify the position in respect of the planting of trees and shrubs required as part of the original planning application.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Parish Council submits objections to the applications as detailed above: and
(c) the Clerk seek clarification from the District Council regarding the planting of trees and shrubs as part of the original planning application in respect of the golf Club.

1169. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 13/10, 14/10, 15/10, 16/10, 17/10 and 18/10.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1170. 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 – April)	£ 499.13
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - April)	£ 503.17
SO	G Huckerby (Salary – April)	£ 341.30
SO	Derbyshire Chamber (CCTV – April)	£ 172.50
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply – April)	£ 62.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - April)	£ 15.13
DD	Fresh Mobile (Police Mobile Phone)	£ 2.85
DD	M Earrye (Broadband Connection)	£ 157.51
2519	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - April)	£ 726.25
2520	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff funding - Apr)	£ 1454.19

2521	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - Working Communities)	£	36.00
2522	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - Parish Council)	£	32.50
2523	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - Parish Council)	£	32.50
2524	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - Working Communities)	£	36.00
2525	NEDDC (Trade Waste)	£	182.99
2526	PCSO Land (New Police beat phone)	£	35.00
2527	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses – Litter Picker)	£	55.04
2528	Derbyshire County Council (Grit bin filling)	£	75.74
2529	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - Parish Council)	£	32.50
2530	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - Parish Council)	£	22.00
2531	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire - Working Communities)	£	90.00
2532	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses – New minute book, bouquet of flowers for the Chairman and replacement print cartridge)	£	233.25
2533	Derbyshire County Council (New Grit Bins)	£	592.34
2534	Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (Donation)	£	150.00

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Chairman