

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 May 2010 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, Mrs A Browne, D Chapman, K Hemsley, P Hemsley, Mrs E A Hill, Ms J A Hill and Mrs L Thomas.

**COUNCILLOR BETTY HILL**

Councillor Betty Hill was standing down as Chairman of the Parish Council after exactly 17 years in the post. As a mark of their appreciation for the hard work, dedication and commitment she had shown as Chairman, the Parish Council marked the occasion by presenting Betty with a brooch as a thank you gift as well as a bouquet of flowers. Betty was staying on the Parish Council and would continue to play an active role in the local community.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters taken in public participation.

**POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

PSCO Land apologised for being unable to attend the meeting but he had provided an update for the Parish Council on crimes committed and calls for service arising since the last meeting. Since the last meeting there had been 8 crimes in total, 1 of criminal damage, 1 of theft, 5 of violence and 1 drugs offence.

There had been 5 nuisance calls during the same period compared with 6 the previous month. Reports had been received regarding youths congregating and throwing stones at cars near the jitty adjacent to the Doctor's Surgery. Five young people had been identified from the CCTV and spoken to in front of their parents.

Further complaints had been received about children playing football and causing a nuisance on Cornwall Drive. Details had been passed on the District Council Community Safety Team. No further complaints had been received in respect of the youths congregating around the bushes at the junction of Oak Road and Chapman Lane. The District Council had agreed to cut back the bushes.

The Clerk had written to the Assistant Chief Constable and to the Home Secretary but to date no responses had been received. It was agreed that the issue of confidence in the Police be put on the agenda of the next District/Parish Liaison Group.

The Clerk had not been able to renew the existing contract on the Police mobile. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a pay as you go package with Orange.

1171. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

**1172. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED** that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Parish Clerk.

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

**1173. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN RESOLVED** that Councillor Ms J A Hill be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

**1174. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN RESOLVED** that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council Vice-Chairman, Councillor Ms J A Hill read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Parish Clerk.

**1175. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**1176. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillors I F Barlow, J Bedford, Mrs P J Hemsley, Ms J A Hill and Mrs L Thomas declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 1180 refers). Councillor Ms J A Hill declared a personal interest in the item relating to Action for Children (Minute no. 1188 refers).

**1177. MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 April 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**1178. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**1179. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Clerk reported that he would be on holiday on the usual date of the July Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that the date of the meeting be moved to 28 July commencing at 6.30pm.

**1180. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Clerk clarified the previous decision of the Parish Council regarding the funding of staffing costs at the Centre taken at the meeting held on 11 June 2008. The Parish Council had agreed to fund staffing costs at the Centre up to a maximum of £26,000 subject to a report being produced to look at the staffing structure at the Centre. The Community Centre Management Committee had asked Chesterfield CVS to assist with the report. For several reasons including the upturn in business at the Centre and the need to spend the Communities Priority Fund and the Awards for All grants the report had never been concluded. The Centre Co-ordinator had indicated her intention

however, to write a report on the current position at the Centre including the staffing structure.

It was noted that the current staffing costs of £17,000 covered by the Parish Council were considerably less than £26,000 originally agreed. The Centre Co-ordinator, the Responsible Financial Officer and the Clerk had worked to reduce staffing costs at the Centre.

The original decision had been taken to provide the Centre with a degree of security over funding and to avoid the need to employ Centre Co-ordinators on 3 year fixed-term contracts. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to fund the Centre Co-ordinator post as at present but the Management Committee be asked to look at possible opportunities for grant funding administrative costs at the Centre.

The Clerk circulated copies of the Management Committee accounts for 2008/2009. The Management Committee's auditor, Mr John Marriott indicated that the accounts had been compiled in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with Charity Commission requirements. He also indicated that the Management Committee had performed considerably better in 2008/2009 than it had done the year previously.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted;  
(b) the Management Committee be asked to look at possible sources of funding for administrative staffing costs at the Centre.

**1181. BARNES PARK**

There were no matters relating to Barnes Park to report.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted;

**1182. CCTV**

The Clerk reported that the majority of the Members of the Parish Council had met at the Advance offices on 26 April and had been given a presentation on the Medusa system. Since the visit, correspondence had been exchanged between Advance, the Derbyshire Chamber and the Parish Council. The result was that there was confusion over who was responsible for what in respect of the Parish Council's CCTV system. It was clear however, that the Parish Council were not getting value for money from the Derbyshire Chamber. The Clerk had written to both Advance and the Chamber asking them to clarify the contractual position as to who was responsible for what prior to arranging a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss a way forward which provides the Council with a value for money service. Advance would be attending the next meeting to discuss what services they could provide for the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**1183. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Barlow reported that he and Councillor Garbutt had visited the allotments on 16 April and had met with the new Allotment Secretary, Anita Skelton. The new portable building to be used as a meeting room was due on site in the next two weeks. It will be situated to the right of the main gates. The two existing buildings to the left of the gates were to be moved to behind the new meeting room. Raised beds for use by disabled gardeners would then be sited where the buildings had originally been situated. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute towards the costs of moving the existing buildings to their new location. The Clerk would ask the Secretary to clarify the costs involved.

The Association also proposed to introduce a small gate in the hedging to provide for access to the pigeon room. A request had again been made for the Parish Council to judge the best kept allotment competition on the last weekend in June.

The School Allotment was now very impressive thanks to the hard work put in not only by the children but also Graham Hardy and Keith Hemsley. It was agreed that the Parish Council hold a site visit to the Allotments prior to the July meeting.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted;  
(b) the Clerk write to the Allotment Association seeking clarification of the costs of moving the 2 existing buildings to their new location;  
(c) Members of the Parish Council agree to judge the Best Kept Allotment Competition;  
and  
(d) the Clerk arrange a site visit immediately prior to the July meeting of the Committee.

**1184. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk had written to Mr Burton as agreed at the last meeting but to date no response had been received.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**1185. PARISH PLAN**

The Clerk was continuing to work on the Plan. Once finalised consideration would need to be given as to the most practical means of overseeing its implementation.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**1186. HANGING BASKETS**

The Clerk reported that he had placed an order for 35 hanging baskets with Plantscape in line with the 3 year contract. It was noted that one lamp column had failed the strength test and needed to be replaced as a matter of urgency. The County Council had agreed to do this.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**1187. STREETCLEANER**

The Clerk agreed to provide a breakdown of the duties undertaken by the Streetcleaner.

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**1188. ACTION FOR CHILDREN – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

Action for Children was a newly formed support group for parents of runaway children. It was agreed to provide financial assistance in the form of payments for room bookings for use of the Community Centre. Further details would be presented to the Parish Council at a future meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council agree in principle to support Action for Children Group subject to more detail on the costs.

**1189. LITTLE LEARNERS PRE SCHOOL GROUP – REQUEST FOR DONATION**

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council give a donation of £300.00 towards the running costs of the Little Learners Pre-School Group.

**1190. HASLAND BABY AND TODDLER GROUP – REQUEST FOR DONATION**

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

**1191. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2009/2010**

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the Parish Council accounts for 2009/2010. Mr John Marriott, the Parish Council's Internal Auditor had approved the accounts and had signed the Annual Return. It was agreed that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Statement of Accounts and Annual Return for 2009/2010.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the Parish Council approve the accounts for 2009/2010; and (b) the Chairman be authorised to sign the Statement of Accounts and Annual Return for 2009/2010.

**1192. PLANNING MATTERS**

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments/objections/Material considerations</b>
10/00336/FLH 27 Durham Avenue Mr and Mrs Jackson	Erection of conservatory.	The Parish Council had no comments or objections on this application.
10/00129/CM MXG Waste Transfer Station, Corbriggs RRS (Derbyshire Ltd)	Waste Transfer Station	The Clerk reported that the District Council had objected to this application which was being determined by the County Council.

The Clerk reported that further correspondence had been received from Mr Combes of 2 Norfolk Avenue indicating that he intended to take legal action against the producers of the Home Information Pack (HIP) and citing the Parish Council as the source of the information contrary to that contained within the HIP. The Clerk was asked to respond to Mr Combes.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and  
(b) the Clerk respond to the correspondence from Mr Combes.

**1193. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – CIRCULARS**

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 19/10, 20/10, 21/10 and 22/10.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**1194 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:-

<b><u>CHQ NO.</u></b>	<b><u>PAYEE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	
SO	R Ackrill (Salary – May)	£	499.13
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - May)	£	503.29
SO	G Huckerby (Salary – May)	£	341.30
SO	Derbyshire Chamber (CCTV – May)	£	176.25

DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply – May)	£	62.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - May)	£	15.13
DD	Fresh Mobile (Police Mobile Phone)	£	14.53
DD	NEDDC (Pavilion Rates)	£	53.84
2535	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - May)	£	728.93
2536	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£	139.75
2537	NEDDC (School Milk)	£	148.80
2538	NEDDC (Fence Repairs)	£	442.32
2539	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses – Paper)	£	16.39
2540	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff funding - May)	£	1454.19
2541	P Jackson (Streetlight Testing)	£	500.00

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**Chairman**