

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 10 November 2010 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs A Browne, B Garbutt, K Hemsley, Mrs E A Hill, Ms J A Hill and Mrs L Thomas.

One member of the public was in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended to express concern over the number of lorries involved in the landscaping works at the Golf Course. The Parish Council advised that it had already made representations to the District Council on this matter.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PSCO Land attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes and nuisance and disorder that had occurred since the last meeting. During the last month there had been 14 crimes in total, 3 of criminal damage, 1 of theft, 1 of damage to vehicle, 4 of violence, 1 of damage to motor vehicle, 1 of theft of motor vehicle and 4 of burglary. This compared to 7 the previous month.

There had been 11 nuisance calls during the same period compared with 7 the previous month. These included 2 incidents of nuisance motorcyclists, 2 incidents of eggs being thrown at property, 1 of firework nuisance and 1 of children playing football.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mrs E A Hill, as a member of North East Derbyshire District Council reported to the Parish Council on matters currently affecting the District Council. It was reported that following the Comprehensive Spending Review, the District Council like other councils, faced unprecedented cuts of 28% over the next four years. The cuts were "frontloaded" which meant that 10% of the cuts would be borne in the first year. The precise detail of the impact on the cuts is not yet known. It was clear however, that all services would be affected and that they would have a major impact on those on housing and other benefits. Councillor Hill agreed to keep the Parish Council updated a more detail became available.

1266. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs J Bedford, A H Booker and D Chapman.

1267. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors 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. 1271 refers). Councillors Mrs P J Hemsley and K Hemsley declared personal interests in respect of planning application 10/00990/FL relating to the Former Miners Arms Public House, North Wingfield Road (Minute no. 1283 refers).

1268. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1269. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

1270. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

1271. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre accounts for 2009/2010 were received. It was pleasing to note that the financial position represented a considerable improvement on the previous year. The Clerk was asked to pass on the Parish Council's thanks to the Centre Co-ordinator and her staff and volunteers for their hard work at the Centre.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1272. BARNES PARK

There were no matters relating to Barnes Park to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1273. CCTV

The Clerk reported that Advance Monitoring Solutions had completed the external works on the new CCTV system and all the cameras were currently recording although at present footage could not be viewed from the Centre. To be able to do this a new card reader was required to replace a faulty one provided with the new system. The new card had arrived and it was hoped that training on the system and the formal handover could take place on 11 November.

The Parish Council noted the receipt of an invoice from the North Derbyshire Chamber for services in respect of the CCTV system. It was agreed that the invoice be not paid at this time.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the invoice from the North Derbyshire Chamber be not paid.

1274. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Barlow and Councillor Garbutt updated the Parish Council in respect of Mill Lane Allotments following a site visit undertaken on 6 November. The position relating to the Pigeon Club was still unclear. The Pigeon Club would be meeting on 19 November to discuss the matter. The situation in respect of moving the container had therefore not been clarified. Whatever the outcome of these discussions, the Allotment Association hoped to have the disabled raised beds in place by the Spring. It was agreed that if the Pigeon Club did require the £300, the money could be used to assist with the purchase of the raised beds.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the School to congratulate them on their plot. It was also agreed that the Clerk arrange for a basket of fruit and flowers for Graham and Margaret Hardy as thanks for assisting on the School Allotment and also the numerous other community activities they have been involved in over many years.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk arrange for a bouquet of flowers and a basket of fruit to be sent to Margaret and Graham Hardy as a thank you for their support to the local community over many years.

1275. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

There were no matters to report relating to Gill lane Allotments.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1276. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

Peter Storey apologised for not being able to attend the meeting. Since the last meeting the Clerk at the request of the Chairman had written to the District Council to express concern at the District Council at a very late stage in the process, questioning the methodology behind the clean up works at the Lagoons. To date no response had been received. The Clerk agreed to ask Peter Storey to attend the December meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1277. PARISH PLAN

The Clerk was continuing to work on the Plan.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1278. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk reminded Members that Remembrance Sunday was on 14 November. All the arrangements were in hand including the marquee which would be trialled this year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1279. GRASSMOOR COUNTRY PARK – LEADER PROJECT

It was reported that initial discussions had taken place between the District Council, the County Countryside Service and the Parish Council with a view to accessing Leader Funding to provide for activities and facilities on the Country Park. The proposals included improvements to the Park entrances, resurfacing works on the pathways, a community events area, public art and a possible gala day. Discussions would be continuing. The Parish Council agreed to set aside £5,000 in the 2011/2012 budget as match funding for the project.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) match funding for the project be set aside in the 2011/2012 budget.

1280. GRASSMOOR AUDIO TRAIL

The Clerk reported that Grassmoor had been chosen to be included in an audio trail project produced by Audio Trails. The audio trails involved short walks around local areas with directional information and interviews with local people about history, heritage and wildlife. Audio Trail would be seeking local volunteers to provide information for the recording which would be downloaded on to MP3 players.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1281. LIBRARY VAN

The Clerk reported that the Libraries Service had agreed to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the location of the Library Van. Unfortunately however, they were unable to attend this evenings meeting. The Parish Council agreed at this stage to take no further action in respect of this matter.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken at this stage regarding the location of the Library Van.

1282. DOG BINS – BARNES PARK AND WINSICK PARK

The Clerk reported that the dog bin in Winsick Park was rotten and was in need of replacement. The Clerk had placed an order for a replacement in the sum of £276.31 plus VAT. It was also noted that the broken bin at the Chapman Lane entrance to the Country Park had not been replaced. The Clerk agreed to take the matter up with the District Council.

A request had been received from resident requesting that the dog bin adjacent to his property near the Durham Avenue entrance to the Park be moved owing to the smell. It was considered that there was not a suitable place to move the bin to without creating a potential problem for other residents. The request to move the bin was therefore not acceded to.

RESOLVED that (a) the placing of the order by the Clerk for a replacement bin in Winsick Park in the sum of £276.31 plus VAT be approved:
 (b) the Clerk contact the District Council regarding the replacement bin at the Chapman Lane entrance to the Country Park; and
 (c) the request to relocate the dog bin at the Durham Avenue entrance to Barnes Park be not acceded to.

1283. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
10/00991/FL 1 Mill Lane Mr & Mrs Sihota	Conversation of retail unit to 2 flats	The Parish Council commented that if this application was approved it should have sufficient off-street parking.
10/01003/FL St Pauls Church, Hasland Reverend M Ainscough	Exterior lighting	The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.
10/00994/FLH Stable Cottage, Churchside Lane, Hasland Mrs Hodgson	Construction of conservatory	The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.
10/01026/FL Former Avenue Site The Environment Agency	Flood Alleviation Scheme	The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
 (b) the Clerk object to applications where appropriate as detailed above.

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10/00990/FL Former Miners Arms, North Wingfield Road Mr & Mrs Sihota	Conversion to 7 one bedroomed flats	The Parish Council objected to this application on highway grounds given the location of the proposed access to the site. Objections were also raised in terms of the impact on on-street parking which was already a problem in the near vicinity of the proposed development.
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RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk object to application 10/00990/FL as detailed above.

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

1284. BUDGET UPDATE 2010/2011

The Responsible Financial Officer and Mr John Marriott, the Parish Council's Internal Auditor, presented the interim audit of the Parish Council's accounts and a budget update covering the period to 30 September 2010. The estimated outturn for 31 March 2011 showed an overspend of £15,458 which was virtually entirely due to the costs of the new CCTV system which had not been accounted for in the 2010/2011 budget.

Mr Marriott reported that overall he was happy with the way in which the Parish Council managed its accounts. Two points were raised. Firstly, the Parish Council needed to ensure that it addressed budget overspends by the virement of funds between budget headings. These virements also needed to be formally recorded.

Secondly, a cheque in the sum of £50.00 for the North east Derbyshire District Council Chair's Appeal dating back to the previous financial year needed to be formally written off as it had not been cashed for some reason.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the cheque in the sum of £50.00 for the North east Derbyshire District Council Chair's Appeal dating back to the previous financial year be formally written off.

1285. PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2011/2012

The Responsible Financial Officer and Clerk presented a draft budget for 2011/2012 which was based on a 0% precept increase. The Parish Council would consider the budget formally at its December meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1286. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 48/10, 49/10, and 50/10.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1287. 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 – November)	£ 499.13
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - November)	£ 513.41
SO	G Huckerby (Salary – November)	£ 351.26
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply – November)	£ 26.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - November)	£ 37.97
DD	NEDDC (Pavilion Rates - October)	£ 51.00
2610	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff funding – November)	£ 1,454.19
2611	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - November)	£ 734.79
2612	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 236.50
2613	J Marriott (Audit Fee)	£ 175.00
2614	R Ackrill (Expenses – Paper/Printer)	£ 90.99
2615	Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (Donation)	£ 300.00
2616	Grassmoor Community Centre (Parish Council Room Hire)	£ 32.50
2617	Grassmoor Community Centre (Working Communities Project)	£ 72.00
2618	Grassmoor Community Centre (Parish Council Room Hire)	£ 32.50

(b) the following virements between budget headings be approved:

Community Centre Running Costs to CCTV	£ 8,940.00
Community Centre Staff Funding to CCTV	£ 3,350.00
Non- allocated reserves to CCTV	£ 14,173.00

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Chairman