

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 15 December 2010 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters taken in public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PCSO Land apologised for not being able to attend the meeting. It was noted that there had been 8 crimes reported which compared to 14 the previous month. There had been 1 case of criminal damage, 3 of violence, 1 of damage to motor vehicle and 3 non-dwelling burglaries. There had been only 4 calls relating to nuisance and disorder which compared to 11 the previous month.

The Clerk reported that the Home Office had responded to his second letter regarding the current policing situation in Grassmoor. It was agreed to note the letter.

1288. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs A Browne, K Hemsley, Mrs E A Hill and Mrs L Thomas.

1289. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford and Mrs P J Hemsley declared an interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 1293 refers).

1290. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 November 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1291. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

1292. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vice-Chairman reported on the outcome of the recent meeting of the Avenue Community Representatives Group for the Parish Council's information.

1293. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

There were no major matters relating to the Community Centre to report. Councillor Chapman reported that all monies from the Community Priorities Fund grant had now been spent.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1294. BARNES PARK

There were no matters relating to Barnes Park to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted;

1295. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he and Councillors Mrs P Hemsley, I F Barlow and Ms J A Hill and PCSO Land had all received training in how to access the CCTV system. It was noted Councillors Barlow and Hill were still awaiting passwords to enable them to access the system. The Clerk agreed to chase this up with Advance.

It was reported that complaints had been received from users of Room 1 at the Centre over the noise coming from the main control computer for the system. The Clerk had liaised with Advance regarding possible solutions. One solution would be purchase an acoustic cabinet for the system which would cost around £700.00. It may also be possible to purchase a quieter fan which was currently being investigated by Advance. Another option would be to locate the system elsewhere in the Centre, most probably in the office. It was agreed that the various options be explored in more detail.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the options to reduce the noise emanating from the CCTV system in Room 1 be explored further.

1296. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Pigeon Club had decided to close and would therefore no longer require the container. It was understood that the Allotment Association were considering purchasing the container although a final decision had not yet been made. Councillors Barlow and Garbutt intended to visit the Allotments in January where hopefully the situation would be clarified.

It was noted that the hedging along the North Wingfield Road boundary had not yet been cut. The Clerk agreed to ask the Association to ensure that the hedging be cut back as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk ask the Association to ensure that the hedging be cut back as soon as possible.

1297. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk agreed to ask about progress with the sign for the Allotment Gate.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1298. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

Peter Storey from Derbyshire County Council and Peter Russell from Remedex attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on the current situation in respect of the works to clean up the Grassmoor Lagoons.

It was reported that unfortunately the process was running slightly behind the intended planning timescale. Planning permission had been submitted in June and the issues arising from the application were taking longer to address than had been originally anticipated. The Environment Agency had raised several queries regarding the methods proposed to be used to clean up the Lagoons and they had also requested that more information be collected to confirm that the Brook would not be affected. The recent severe weather had delayed the collection of the information.

Some comments on the application had been received from North East Derbyshire District Council although further queries were still to be raised. The District Council had responded to the Parish Council's letter regarding concerns over potential delays to the planning process which could jeopardise funding for the project from EMDA. The District Council had indicated that they had a duty to satisfy themselves that the most appropriate means of cleaning up the site is to be used to ensure that once the process is complete, the site is safe for use in respect of human health. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the District Council to ensure that there were no delays in the District Council responding to the planning application.

It was hoped to have all the necessary information in place by the end of January in order that the application could be determined in March to allow for an April or May start for the site works. Concern was expressed that the information on the website needed to be updated.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Parish Council ask the District Council to ensure that there are no further delays in the planning process.

1299. PARISH PLAN

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1300. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Parish Council were pleased with the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday Service which had been held on 14 November. Whilst the weather had been fine it

was felt that the marquee had proved a successful idea and it was agreed that it be used in future years.

The Clerk reported that the bugler, Matt MacGregor would be at University in Plymouth for next year's Service although he had indicated that he would be willing to travel back to play. The Parish Council agreed to make a contribution towards his travel costs to be determined nearer the date of the 2011 Service.

It was also noted that the Chairman had purchased £30.00 of book tokens to give to the children who had sung in the School Choir at the Service.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Parish Council make a contribution towards Matt MacGregor's travel costs should he agree to play the bugle at the 2011 Service; and
(c) that purchase of book tokens in the sum of £30.00 for children who sang at the Service be approved.

1301. REQUEST FOR GRIT BIN – BRACKENFIELD CLOSE

The Clerk reported that Brackenfield Residents Association had requested that the Parish Council provide a grit bin for the Close. The request was not supported as it was considered that to agree would set a precedent for similar requests throughout the Parish. The Parish Council agreed that grit bins would only be provided where a genuine need based on road safety grounds could be established. Each request would be considered on its merits.

RESOLVED that the request for a grit bin on Brackenfield Close be not acceded to.

1302. LIBRARY VAN

Consideration was given to providing additional street lighting on New Street to improve access to the Library Van. It was agreed however, not to pursue this further.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1303. DOG FOULING

The Clerk reported that a resident of Durham Avenue had complained about dogs fouling the footways on Durham Avenue and Norfolk Avenue and also on Barnes Park. Clarification on the legal position regarding dogs fouling on private property was also requested. It was agreed that the Clerk respond regarding the need for witnesses prior to action being able to be taken. The Clerk indicated that he was not in a position to answer the query regarding dog fouling on private property.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1304. PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk reported on the following planning matters received since the last meeting;

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
10/00811/OL 21 Birkin Lane Ms F Fuller	Erection of 3 detached dwellings	This application had been conditionally approved by the District Council.
10/01057/AMEND 27 Durham Avenue Mrs L Jackson	Installation of rooflights	No objections were raised to this application.
10/00561/FL Former Miners Arms Public House Mr and Mrs Sihota	Erection of 7 flats	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.
10/00900/OL Builders Yard, Birkin Lane Mr J Newman	Erection of 5 dwellings	This application had been refused by the District Council.

It was reported that the planning application for a waste incinerator at Sinfin had been turned down by Derby City Council. At this stage it was unclear on how this would impact on the application for a waste transfer station at Corbriggs.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1305. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

There were no DALC Circulars presented for information.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1306. PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2011/2012

The Responsible Financial Officer and the Clerk reported on the Parish Council budget for 2011/2012. The Parish Council agreed a budget for the coming year based on a precept for 2011/2012 of £101,794 which represented a 1.5% increase. Provisional budgets for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 were also agreed.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

- (b) the Parish Council budget for 2011/2012 be approved along with provisional budgets for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014: and
(c) the Parish Council set a precept for 2011/2012 of £101,794.

1307. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk presented the accounts due for payment and it was agreed that cheques be signed as detailed below.

RESOLVED that 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)	£ 499.13
SO	M Dvinson (Salary - Dec)	£ 513.14
SO	G Huckerby (Salary - Dec)	£ 351.26
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply – Dec)	£ 26.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - Dec)	£ 37.92
2619	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staffing - Dec)	£ 1,454.19
2620	HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)	£ 735.39
2621	L Hardy (CCTV Fee)	£ 20.00
2622	R.Ackrill (Website - expenses)	£ 10.56
2623	P Hemsley (Remembrance Sunday expenses)	£ 30.00
2624	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 172.30
2625	Grassmoor Community Centre (Parish Council Room Hire)	£ 32.50
2626	Grassmoor Community Centre (Working Communities Project)	£ 72.00
2627	Buster Marquees (Remembrance Sunday)	£ 352.50

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Chairman