

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 May 2011 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters taken in public participation.

**POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

PCSO Land apologised for not being able to attend the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes and anti-social behaviour which had occurred since the last meeting. There had been 11 crimes reported which compared to 10 the previous month. There had been 2 of criminal damage, 2 non-dwelling burglaries, 2 of damage to motor vehicle, 3 of theft and 1 drugs offence.

There had been 8 calls relating to nuisance and disorder which compared to 15 the previous month.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that at the last meeting it had been agreed to support an anti-burglary initiative up to the sum of £500.00. It had been confirmed that this funding would be used to purchase shed alarms, hasps and locks, warning signs along with some administration costs.

1382. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.
1383. **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)

1384. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN RESOLVED** that Councillor Ms J A Hill be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.
1385. **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.

**1386. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor B Garbutt.

**1387. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill declared an interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 1391 refers). Councillor Mrs J Bedford declared a personal interest in the item relating to Mill Lane Allotments (Minute no. 1394 refers).

**1388. MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 April 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**1389. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

**1390. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Eugene Grant to his first meeting of the Parish Council.

**1391. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Centre Coordinator had confirmed that she would give the Management Committee a minimum of 3 months notice of when she intended to leave her post. The laptops for community use were now operational.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**1392. BARNES PARK**

It was reported that the paths were becoming uneven due to root damage from the nearby trees. The Clerk agreed to ask the District Council if anything could be done to rectify the problems.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**1393. CCTV**

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Derbyshire Chamber as requested at the last meeting. The Chamber had asked that a report be produced and once this had been produced, a meeting with the Parish Council would be arranged.

It was agreed that the fees paid to the owners of properties hosting cameras be increased to £40.00 to fully cover the electricity costs.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the fees paid to the owners of properties hosting cameras be increased to £40.00 to fully cover the electricity costs.

**1394. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The Parish Council agreed to sponsor the Best Kept Allotment competition for 2011 in the sum of £250.00. The Association would be asked to request their members nominate themselves for consideration rather than having to judge all plots. It was agreed that the competition should be extended to include Gill Lane allotments.

It was reported that Graham Hardy had been unwell recently. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Graham wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the Parish Council sponsor the Best Kept Allotment competition in the sum of £250.00;  
(b) the competition be extended to include Gill Lane Allotments; and  
(c) the Clerk write to Graham Hardy.

**1395. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

It was reported that the gate off Gill Lane had been damaged and it was in need of repair. The Clerk agreed to arrange for the gate to be re-hung.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk arrange for the Allotment gate on Gill Lane to be re-hung.

**1396. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS/AVENUE SITE**

There were no matters relating to the Lagoons to report. Representatives of the County Council and Remedex were due to attend the next meeting.

In respect of the Avenue site, it was noted that some problems were being experienced with the thermal absorption plant which kept breaking down. This meant that there were some delays to the project timetable. It was agreed that Councillors Mrs E A Hill and Ms J A Hill be replaced on the Avenue Liaison Committee by Councillors E Grant and Mrs L Thomas.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors E Grant and Mrs L Thomas be nominated as the Parish Council's representatives on the Avenue Liaison Committee.

**1397. PARISH PLAN**

The Clerk reported that the meeting a meeting of the Steering Group had been held on 14 April. The Steering Group had agreed to publish the Plan on the website and to publicise it through the next edition of the Newsletter. Consideration would then be given to how to take the report forward and consider it recommendations.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**1398. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GREAT POPPY WEEKEND – JUNE 2011**

It was noted that it would not be possible to stage an event to celebrate the Great Poppy Weekend as the Community Centre was already being used for a large long-standing booking. It was agreed that a donation of £200.00 be made to the Royal British Legions.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and  
(b) a donation of £200.00 be made to Royal British Legion Funds.

**1399. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

The Clerk reported that the website was in the process of being re-constructed and improved. There would be no cost to the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**1402. HANGING BASKETS**

The Clerk reported that he had ordered 35 hanging baskets from Plantscape in line with the 3-year contract. The County Council now required a detailed application form to be completed which the Clerk was progressing.

It was noted that both the roundabouts at the end of Furnace Hillock Way now had floral decorations. The Clerk was asked to write to thank the Steve Brunt from the District Council for the displays.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to thank Steve Brunt for arranging the roundabout floral displays.

**1403. PLANNING MATTERS**

The application to increase the size of a garden wall from 1.8m to 2.4m metres (Application 11/00309/FLH) at Stable Cottage Churchside considered at the last meeting was understood to be of disputed ownership and was likely to be the subject of legal proceedings. The Clerk was asked to draw the dispute to the attention of the District Council.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk draw the District Council's attention to the dispute in respect of the above application.

**1404. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for 2010/2011 for approval and signature. The Internal Auditor was happy with the accounts and had signed the Statement. It was agreed that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Statement on behalf of the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Statement of Accounts for 2010/2011 on behalf of the Parish Council.

**1405. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS**

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 19/11, 20/11, 21/11 and 22/11.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**1406. 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 - May)	£ 509.67
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - May)	£ 526.59
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - May)	£ 361.07
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - May)	£ 41.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - May)	£ 37.92
2664	HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)	£ 688.79
2665	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staffing - May)	£ 1,454.19
2666	J Marriott (Internal Audit Fee)	£ 292.00
2667	Grassmoor Community Centre (Working Communities Project)	£ 90.00
2668	Grassmoor Community Centre (Parish Council Room Hire)	£ 32.50
2669	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£ 814.27
2670	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£ 399.17
2671	P Jackson (Lamp Column Tests)	£ 500.00
2672	NEDDC (Cemetery Maintenance)	£ 10,353.22
2673	Derbyshire Constabulary (Anti-burglary Initiative)	£ 500.00

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**Chairman**