

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 September 2011 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

Six members of the public attended the meeting.

BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT AWARDS

The Chairman presented plaques to some of the winners of the Best Kept Allotment competition for 2011. The first prize was presented to Andrea and Steve Evans. Also present was Mandy and Tom Wardlow who were joint runners-up. Members of the Parish Council congratulated the Allotment Association on the significant progress made in improving and developing the site in general.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

See Minute no. 1454 relating to Mill Lane Allotments.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PCSO Land apologised for being unable to attend the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes and anti-social behaviour which had occurred since the last meeting in July. There had been 20 crimes reported which compared to 9 in July. There had been 7 of criminal damage, 2 of damage to motor vehicle, 4 of theft, 1 of theft from a motor vehicle, 1 of non-dwelling burglary, 1 of violence, 1 of fraud and forgery, 1 drugs offence and 2 of distraction burglary.

There had been 19 calls relating to nuisance and disorder which compared to 16 the previous month. This included several neighbour nuisance reports, eggs thrown at windows, children throwing stones and paint thrown over a car.

The Parish Council expressed concern that the level of crime and disorder in Grassmoor was beginning to increase again. Gangs of youths were again congregating around the Doctor's Surgery and damage had recently been caused to the coping stones on the Surgery wall. There was a general view that PCSO Land was not spending as much time as before in Grassmoor and that this lack of visible policing was impacting on crime and nuisance figures in the Parish. The Clerk was asked to contact Inspector Shooter to express these concerns.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor D Chapman attended the meeting and reported that the County Council had announced that they were to build a new school at Tibshelf although full details had not yet been released.

It was also reported that the Parliamentary constituency and County Council division boundaries were currently being reviewed.

1446. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

1447. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms E A Hill declared a personal interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 1451 refers). Councillor Mrs J Bedford declared a personal interest in the item relating to Gill Lane Allotments (Minute no. 1455 refers).

1448. MINUTES

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

1449. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

1450. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the District Council regarding the donation made to the Chair's Appeal.

It was noted that there was to be an auction on 30 October to help raise funds for the Primary School playground project. It was agreed that the Parish Council make a donation of £500.00 towards the costs of the project.

The new properties at the top of Chapman Lane would be numbered 69-79.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) a donation of £500.00 be made to the Primary School Playground Project.

1451. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre Management Committee would be meeting on 19 September.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1452. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reminded the Council that had £8,750 of Section 106 funding which had to be spent on “works to improve play facilities in Barnes Park” by August 2014. It was agreed that a site visit be arranged to look at the condition of the existing equipment.

It was reported that a resident of Durham Avenue had complained about the smell from a Parish Council dog bin situated adjacent to his garden. The Parish Council had recently considered another request from the same resident and had decided to leave the dog bin in the same location. The District Council had agreed to deodorise the bin to try to keep the smells to a minimum. It was agreed that the dog bin should not be moved.

Complaints had been received over the problem of dog fouling in Barnes Park and a member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the issue. It was agreed that the Parish Council should give publicity to the potential health issues arising from dog fouling as well as encouraging dog owners not to allow their dogs to foul the Park or the pavements. It was also reported that a dog owner watching the cricket in the Park had also allowed his dog to foul. The Clerk was asked to write to the Cricket Club to request that they remind those associated with the Club to ensure dogs did not foul in the Park.

The Parish Council indicated that they would encourage the District Council to prosecute dog owners where there was sufficient evidence. The Clerk would also investigate the possibility of erecting suitable signs in the Park.

The Parish Council had received correspondence from a resident of Durham Avenue concerned that roots from a tree on his property may cause problems for grass cutting in the Park. The resident was also concerned about over hanging branches being a haven for young people to climb on. The Clerk had reported both matters to the District Council but to date had not received a response.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Clerk arrange a site meeting to discuss the Section 106 funding in the Park;
(c) the Clerk write to the Cricket Club regarding dog fouling in the Park;
(d) the dog bin near the Durham Avenue entrance to the Park to remain in its current location;
(e) the Clerk to investigate the possibility of erecting suitable signs in the Park; and
(f) the Clerk arrange for publicity to be given to adverse health impact of dog fouling as well as the problem itself.

1453. CCTV

The Clerk reported that Advance were in the process of trying to contact the tenant of 50 Tennyson Way to arrange for the works to hard wire the camera to be carried out.

The Clerk confirmed that the Derbyshire Chamber had written to local businesses contacted by Business Watch.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1454. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Members of the Allotment Association attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council entering in to a lease arrangement with Association to enable it to apply for funding for the Gardens For All project, security fencing and other projects. The majority of funding bodies required a minimum of 5 years remaining on a lease as a pre-requisite to funding bids, others potentially required longer. The Clerk agreed to clarify the position.

The following motion was moved by Councillor A H Booker and duly seconded:

“That the Parish Council do not enter in to a lease with the Allotment Association”.

The following amendment was moved by Councillor B Garbutt and duly seconded;

“That the Parish Council agree in principle to enter in to a lease with the Allotment Association with the matter to be considered further at the next meeting pending further information regarding the required length of any such lease and other relevant information”.

A vote was taken and the amendment was carried, thus becoming the substantive motion before the Council (7 votes for, 3 against with 1 abstention).

Members of the Association agreed to cut back the hedging along the North Wingfield Road boundary.

The Clerk was asked to look at the possibility of those awaiting plots on Mill Lane being offered plots on Gill Lane Allotments. Details of the numbers of vacant plots on Gill Lane would be requested.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Parish Council agree in principle to enter in to a lease with the Allotment Association with the matter to be considered further at the next meeting pending further information regarding the required length of any such lease and other relevant information” (7 votes for, 3 against with 1 abstention).

1455. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had arranged for the gate to the allotments on Gill Lane needed to be re-hung by S Mitchell at a cost of £150.00.

Councillors Barlow and Garbutt agreed to arrange a site visit to the allotments.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) Councillors Barlow and Garbutt agreed to arrange a site visit to the allotments.

1456. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

Members of the Parish Council expressed concern over the continued delays in the project to clean up the Lagoons site which they considered could jeopardise the entire project if the outstanding issues were not resolved in the near future. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of the Planning and Regulatory Committee to ascertain the reasons for the delays and to ask that he take steps to ensure that the planning application was put before the Committee as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Chairman of the Planning and Regulatory Committee on the basis detailed above.

1457. GRASSMOOR COUNTRY PARK PROJECT

The Clerk was in the process of trying to arrange a meeting of the relevant parties on either 3 or 5 October.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1458. PARISH PLAN

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1459. HASLAND CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that the cost of an interment at Hasland Cemetery for a resident of the Parish Council was £419.00 for a single plot with the cost doubling at £838.00 for non-Parish residents.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1460. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that they had entered in to a 3-year agreement with Came and Company to provide the Council's insurance cover. The premium for the final year of the agreement was £3,919.63.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to pay the Parish Council insurance premium in the sum of £3,919.63.

1461. GRIT BINS

The Clerk reported that at the meeting of the Parish Council held in February 2011, it was agreed that a grit bin would be provided on Brackenfield Close and that other sites would be looked at based on the merits of individual cases.

The Parish Council currently had grit bins on New Street, Chapman Lane, outside the Sportsman, Mill Lane, Norfolk Avenue, Vernon Rise, Broom Drive and Churchside

Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council provide an additional grit bin at the junction of Shakespeare Street and Westhill Lane at a cost of £270.00 including the first load of grit.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Parish Council provide a grit bin at the junction of Shakespeare Street and Westhill Lane at a cost of £270.00.

1462. HANGING BASKETS

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Plantscape regarding the poor condition of the hanging baskets. Plantscape had indicated that they considered the problem was the result of poor quality compost and they were awaiting test results on the compost. It was generally agreed that the quality of the baskets had improved late in the season.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1463. 50+ FORUMS

It was noted that 24 people from Grassmoor were involved in the local 50+ Forum. It was agreed that the Parish Council make a donation of £300.00 towards the running of the local Forum.

RESOLVED that a donation of £300.00 be made to the local 50+ Forum.

1464. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

The Clerk reported that the District Council were undertaking a review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations. The Parish Council indicated that they were satisfied with the existing provision.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1465. DISTRICT/PARISH LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Liaison Committee was to be held on 30 November 2011 at 6.30pm. It was agreed that the Parish Council ask for an item on the Localism Bill to be included on the agenda.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk arrange for the Localism Bill to be included on the agenda. .

1466. REVIEW OF SEX ESTABLISHMENT POLICY

RESOLVED that consideration of this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

1467. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
11/00694/FLH 7 Birkin Lane West Miss C Dale	Erection of single storey side extension	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
11/00641/FL The Stables, Avenue Farm, North Wingfield Road	Erection of entrance porch, alteration of store to stable block and construction of menage	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
11/00278/DISCON 109-145 Mansfield Road, Hasland William Davis Ltd	Discharge of conditions	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
11/00794/FLH 133 North Wingfield Road Mr A Chapman	Erection of conservatory to rear	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

The Clerk reported that he had reported the condition of the former Newsagents shop on North Wingfield Road to the District Council. Planning Control had been asked to look in to the matter but to date, no response had been received. It was noted that some action had been taken at the shop.

It was reported that the application for a waste transfer station at Corbriggs had been approved. An appeal was being considered by local residents on the grounds that the correct procedures had not been followed. It was agreed in principle to make a donation of £500.00 towards the costs of the appeal.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) a donation of £500.00 be approved in principle towards the costs of an appeal against the decision to approve the planning application in respect of the waste transfer station at Corbriggs.

1468. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 33/11, 34/11, 35/11, 36/11 and 37/11.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1469. 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 - Sept)	£ 509.67
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - Sept)	£ 526.59
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - Sept)	£ 361.07
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - Sept)	£ 23.00
DD	Severn Trent (Water Rates - Sept)	£ 1.10
DD	M Earrye (Broadband)	£ 157.71
2696	HM Customs and Excise (Tax & NI)	£ 688.99
2697	Derbyshire County Council (Newsletter Printing)	£ 385.50
2698	Grassmoor Community Centre (Working Communities Project)	£ 54.00
2699	Grassmoor Community Centre (Parish Council Room Hire)	£ 32.50
2700	Derbyshire County Council (Newsletter Distribution)	£ 652.63
2701	Audit Commission (Audit Fees)	£ 660.00
2702	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 387.00
2703	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staffing - Sept)	£ 1,454.19
2704	NEDDC (Grounds Maintenance)	£ 13,784.76
2705	NEDDC (Election Fees)	£ 193.79
2706	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£ 439.45
2707	Grassmoor Community Centre (Working Communities Project)	£ 72.00
2708	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£ 137.45
2709	Broker Network Ltd (Insurance Premium)	£ 3,919.63

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Chairman