

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 December 2012 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

One member of the public was in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public expressed concern that vehicles were continuing to enter the Churchyard and were at risk of damaging gravestones. Councillor Mrs E A Hill agreed to report the problems again to the District Council.

Concern was also expressed over the moss on the Keats Way footpath. The Clerk had reported the problem to the District Council who had passed the matter on to the County Council.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PCSO Land attended the meeting to report to the Parish Council on crimes and anti-social behaviour committed since the last meeting. In respect of crimes, there had been 7 which compared to 6 the previous month. There had been 4 of criminal damage and 3 of theft.

Regarding anti-social behaviour, there had been 10 incidents which compared to 19 the previous month. In respect of the problems on Broom Drive, the Police had an idea as to who was responsible for the harassment. Cameras had been installed at the property to help provide evidence.

A man had been issued with a community order and tagged and had a curfew in respect of the anti-social behaviour, violence and criminal damage reported to the November meeting.

Inspector Glenn Hoggard, the new Section Inspector for the North East Section also attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Parish Council and to discuss local policing issues.

1772. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A H Booker and Mrs A Browne.

1773. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, E Grant, Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no.1778 refers).

1774. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 November 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1775. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

1776. 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 - Dec)	£ 695.95
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - Dec)	£ 550.25
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - Dec)	£ 361.07
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - Dec)	£ 35.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - Dec)	£ 1.13
2845	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI)	£ 502.48
2846	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 172.00
2847	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - Dec)	£ 1454.19
2848	Grassmoor Community Centre (Parish Council Room Hire)	£ 32.50
2849	Grassmoor Community Centre (Working Communities Project – November 2012)	£ 72.00
2850	Grassmoor Community Centre (Events Committee)	£ 2015.36
2851	Whittington Moor Printing Works (Newsletter)	£ 1408.80
2852	S Sowerby (CCTV Camera fee)	£ 40.00
2853	L Hardy (CCTV Camera fee)	£ 40.00
2854	J Singh (CCTV Camera fee)	£ 40.00
2855	T Marriott (CCTV Camera fee)	£ 50.00
2856	M Dovinson (Work Clothing)	£ 128.85
2857	National Coal Mining Museum (Memorial Garden)	£ 50.00
2858	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£ 496.08

1777. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the hedging at Atkinson's had been cut as requested. The cuttings from the hedging had however, been left on the road and pavement and the Parish Council's Streetcleaner had cleared them away. It was agreed that the Clerk send a bill to Atkinson's to recover the costs of the Streetcleaners time in clearing the cuttings.

There continued to be issue with the width of a stile on Atkinson's land which the Clerk was asked to take up with the County Council.

The Clerk circulated information on the Localism Act and the general power of competence which it was proposed would be considered in more detail at the next meeting.

1778. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Centre Manager was continuing to review the procedures in place at the Community Centre and also any new initiatives that could generate income.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1779. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the District Council had indicated that to install the new roadside seat in the same location would be costly owing to the existing concrete seat base and also because the ground was not level. It was agreed that the seat be located immediately adjacent to the previous seat location. The Clerk would ask the District Council to remove the old seat ends which were currently still in place.

The Clerk had asked the Football Club to provide more details of the issues directly to the District Council. It was not clear whether this had happened to date.

The Clerk had investigated the position in respect of the Durham Avenue entrance to the Park following a complaint by a local resident that damage had been caused to his fence along with a request that the entrance be closed off as a result. The Parish Council had purchased the entrance from North Homes in 1997. This followed a complaint from the same resident to have the entrance closed and the purchase was made to ensure that the entrance remained open. The entrance was well used and to close it would likely give rise to complaints from other residents. It was agreed that the entrance not be closed.

The Clerk reported that over 300 survey forms had been received and would be analysed as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the request to close the Durham Avenue entrance to Barnes Park be not acceded to.

1780. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he and Councillors Mrs P J Hemsley and Ms J A Hill had met with NW Systems on 16 November to discuss taking over the management of the CCTV system. As a result, NW Systems had prepared an initial outline report on the system and a more detailed technical survey had recently been undertaken. If a new recorder was not required the cost was likely to be £7,743. If a new recorder was

required however, the cost would be £9,129. The costs included full training on the system and provision of all details of the system specification. The cost of an annual maintenance package was £2,750. It was suggested that the monitoring of the cameras for faults and problems should be undertaken in-house rather than paying for external monitoring. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to agree to works to restore the CCTV system.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised if necessary, to agree to works to restore the CCTV system required prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

1781. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

There were no matters relating to Mill Lane Allotments to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1783. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

There were no matters relating to the Grassmoor Lagoons to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1784. GRASSMOOR COUNTRY PARK PROJECT

There were no matters relating to the project to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1785. PARISH PLAN

There were no matters relating to the Plan to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1786. DERBYSHIRE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRE

RESOLVED that a donation of £300 be made to the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre.

1787. 50+ FORUM

RESOLVED that a donation of £300 be made to the 50+ Forum.

1788. GRIT BIN- NORTH WINGFIELD ROAD

It was reported that a request had been received for a grit bin on North Wingfield Road close to the entrance to the Golf Club. It was noted that the County Council had a policy of not installing grit bins on main gritting routes except at particular problem areas. It was agreed that as the proposed location of the grit bin was on a main gritting route, that the request should be not acceded to.

It was also reported that the grit bin on Mill Lane had been moved again. The matter would be considered further at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the request for a grit bin on North Wingfield Road be not acceded to.

1789. COMMUNITY FORUMS/BIG LOCAL

Steve Lee, Strategic Partnership Coordinator, North East Derbyshire District Council attended the meeting to discuss the Big Local Project and also the future of Community Forums in the District.

Big Local was a Lottery funded project which had allocated the parish and part of Hasland £1m to be distributed over the next 10 years. The project targeted small, disadvantaged areas which had been overlooked for funding in the past. Allocation of the funding would be managed by Local Trust. Local Trust had appointed David Brennan to lead on the local project. A local partnership group would be formed which would comprise a majority of community activists and a minority of locally elected councillors. Consideration would need to be given as to local activists who could represent Grassmoor, although the allocation of funding would be a lengthy process.

The District Council had for some time been concerned over the performance of the local Community Forums. The Parish Council agreed that the Forums in their current format were not operating effectively. It was noted that the District Council were looking to format Forums based on parish areas with the aim of assisting in the delivery of local priorities.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1790. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
12/01050/FL Land off Hagg Hill	61 dwellings	The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds: - the highways access to the site is totally

Westleigh Developments Ltd		unsuitable and dangerous - if the application was approved the villages of Grassmoor and Tupton would be very close to being joined.
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RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1791. PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2013/14

The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer presented draft budget proposals for the Parish Council's consideration. The Government's reform of Localisation of Council Tax Benefit may have implications for the setting of the budget and further clarification was expected from the District Council in the near future. A provisional precept of £102,812 was agreed subject to the position relating to the Council Tax Benefit Reform being clarified by the District Council. This represented a 0% increase on 2011-2012. It was agreed therefore that the setting of the precept for 2013-2014 be deferred until the January meeting.

RESOLVED that (a) the setting of the precept for 2013-2014 be deferred until the January Parish Council meeting; and
 (b) a provisional precept of £102,812 be agreed to be ratified at the next meeting.

1792. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 42/12, 43/12, 44/12, 45/12 and 46/12.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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Chairman