

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 13 February 2013 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, B Garbutt, E Grant, Mrs E A Hill and Mrs L Thomas.

Five members of the public were in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public expressed concern regarding the amount of dog fouling that was occurring particularly on the path between Chapman Lane and MacDonald Close. The problem had already been reported to the District Council who had been asked to clear the area as soon as possible.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

The Clerk reported on the crime and nuisance and disorder figures for December and January. In December, 2 crimes had been reported, 1 of burglary and 1 of violence. There were no nuisance matters reported. In January, there had been 6 crimes reported, 3 of criminal damage, 2 of violence and 1 attempted burglary. There had been 21 nuisance calls which related mainly to snowballing incidents.

1814. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs J Bedford, Mrs A Browne, Ms J A Hill and K Hemsley.

1815. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, E Grant and Mrs P J Hemsley declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no.1820 refers).

1816. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 January 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1817. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

1818. 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 - Feb)	£ 695.95
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - Feb)	£ 550.25
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - Feb)	£ 361.07
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - Feb)	£ 35.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - Feb)	£ 11.95
DD	Information Commissioner (CCTV Data Registry)	£ 35.00
2871	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI)	£ 502.28
2872	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - Feb)	£ 1454.19
2873	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses – Shovel)	£ 30.61
2874	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses – Website)	£ 70.78
2875	Chubb Fire (Pavilion Extinguishers)	£ 308.34
2876	Grassmoor Community Centre (PC Room Hire)	£ 32.50
2877	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 182.75
2878	M Dovinson (Salary Balance)	£ 3.60
2879	NEDDC (New Litter Bin)	£ 418.33

1819. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk reported that the District Council had advised that owing to the Council Tax benefit localisation, the contribution for residents of Grassmoor, based on Band D equivalent had reduced by 4.58% on the previous year whilst the Parish Council's precept had remained unchanged.

Blue Dykes Surgery had thanked the Parish Council for its contribution towards the costs of a defibrillator.

It was reported that the footpath from Hasland Cemetery to Winsick had been blocked by a gate. The Clerk agreed to take the matter up with the County Council.

1820. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Community Centre had recently received a very large electricity bill. It was agreed that the Clerk investigate the possibility of installing solar panels at the Centre.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1821. BARNES PARK

The seat had been installed on Birkin Lane by the District Council. It was noted that a lady had slipped in the snow at the entrance to the Park on 24 January.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1822. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the works to reactivate the cameras had not yet taken place owing to issues regarding permissions to work on the public highway. It was understood that these issues had now been resolved and work would commence as soon as possible. It was likely that some additional costs would be incurred for plant hire to undertake the works.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1823. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Four members of the newly formed Allotment Committee attended the meeting to explain the current position as they understood it with regard to the Gardens for All project and also to request that the Parish Council enter in to a lease with the Association.

The Gardens for All project had received funding from a variety of sources including Rykneld and the Parish Council. It was understood that this funding was secure, although at present none of the new Committee members had access to it. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the previous Secretary to clarify the position with regard to the funding.

The Association still intended to proceed with the project. Councillor Mrs E A Hill agreed to contact the District Council to see if any assistance could be provided to the Association regarding landscaping of the raised bed area. It was agreed that a decision on the lease be deferred until the situation regarding the Garden for All project had been fully clarified. It was also agreed that a Working Group comprising Councillors E Grant, Mrs P J Hemsley and Mrs E A Hill and the Clerk along with representatives of the Allotment Association be established to look at the completion of the Garden for All project.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) a decision on the issuing of a lease be deferred pending clarification of the situation regarding the Garden for All project;
(c) the Clerk contact the previous Secretary to clarify the position regarding the Garden for All funding; and
(d) a Working Group comprising Councillors E Grant, Mrs P J Hemsley and Mrs E A Hill and the Clerk along with representatives of the Allotment Association be established to look at the completion of the Garden for All project.

1824. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1825. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk reported that he would invite representatives of the County Council and Remedex to the next meeting to discuss progress on the project.

The Clerk was also asked to arrange a visit to see progress on clean up works at the Avenue site.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1826. BIG LOCAL PROJECT/BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that two meetings of the Big Local Steering Group had been held to set plans in motion to establish a Big Local Partnership for the area. Further meetings were planned along with meetings with the voluntary and community sector and the business sector to widen participation in the process.

The results of the recent consultation on Barnes Park were considered. The key themes arising from the survey were:

- The general appearance of the Park needed improving
- Anti-social behaviour in the Park needed to be addressed. CCTV should be introduced.
- Litter/dog fouling needed to be addressed
- Seating and garden areas should be introduced
- Play equipment for all ages needed to be installed including looking in to the possibility of a skate park and green gym
- Improved sports facilities including the Pavilion which is in urgent need of replacement. The Pavilion should also include space for social events and for young people to meet.
- Access to the Park needed to be improved including disabled access and lighting
- The Park needed to be able to host outdoor events

The Clerk had commenced producing a draft specification for the development of the Park. The possibility of utilising loans from the Public Works Loans Board would be looked in to.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1827. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – COUNCILLOR ANNE BROWNE

The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs A Browne had not attended a meeting since September 2012 and owing to work commitments she was unable to attend meetings until May 2013. This would mean that she would be disqualified from office as a result of not attending meetings for a period of 6 months. The Parish Council if it so wished, could approve Councillor Browne's leave of absence owing to work commitments which would mean that she would not be disqualified from office.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs A Browne's leave of absence be approved.

1828. CHEMISTS – DISABLED ACCESS

The Clerk reported that the Chemist had advised that it was hoped to install the disabled access to the shop later in the year. The Clerk was asked to suggest that in the meantime a handrail be installed.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk request that the Chemist install a handrail at the shop entrance pending the introduction of the disabled access.

1829. WEBSITE HOSTING RENEWAL

It was reported that the Clerk had renewed the website hosting at a cost of £70.78.

RESOLVED that the renewal of the website hosting be authorised.

1830. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk reported that the Council met the criteria in terms of a qualified Clerk and also electoral mandate to allow it to adopt the General Power of Competence as set the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council adopt the General Power of Competence.

1831. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
12/00141/FL 192A North Wingfield Road Mr G Smith	Change of use from retail shop to café/sandwich shop	This application had been approved.
12/01150/TPO 2 Hazlehurst, Churchside	Pruning works to trees	The Parish Council had no comments/objections on this application.
13/00118/FLH 284 North Wingfield	Alterations to roof for disabled use	The Parish Council had no comments/objections on this application.

Road Mr and Mrs D Lowe		
13/00122/FL Farm View, 192 Chesterfield Road, North Wingfield	Construction of detached bungalow	The Parish Council had no comments/objections on this application.

It was understood that the application for 61 affordable dwellings at Hagg Hill had been approved.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk contact the Chemist regarding the disabled access to the building.

1832. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 1/13, 2/13 and 3/13.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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Chairman