

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 September 2013 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, Mrs E A Hill, Ms J A Hill and L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public attended to the meeting to express their concern over the planning application to erect between 160-165 dwellings on land at Windwhistle Farm (Application 13/00658/OL). Of particular concern was the highways access to the site along with the impact on local facilities such as the School. The Parish Council had already submitted objections to the District Council in respect of this application.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PCSO James Land and Sergeant Aidan Stones attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crime and anti-social behaviour which had occurred in the area since the last meeting.

There had been 24 calls relating to anti-social behaviour compared to 18 the previous month. These included 8 calls for service on New Street and North Wingfield Road for which one male had been arrested and 2 individuals had been issued with fixed penalty fines for disorder. 3 ABCs issued in relation to problems on Broom Drive had been breached and were currently being reviewed. 4 incidents involving anti-social behaviour by 6 year olds had been reported and action was being taken.

There had been 17 crimes in July, 3 of violence, 1 of damage to vehicle, 1 burglary, 5 of theft, 5 of theft of vehicle, 1 of theft in a dwelling and 1 sexual offence. In August there had been 15 crimes, 2 of criminal damage, 1 of damage to vehicle, 1 of theft from a vehicle, 2 of theft, 1 of violence, 1 of burglary, 4 of non-dwelling burglary, 2 of attempted burglary and 1 drugs offence.

As reported at the last meeting, the drugs situation in Grassmoor was particularly bad at present with a significant number of dealers active in the area. Action was planned by the Police in the coming weeks to address the issues.

There were continuing problems with scrap dealers operating in the area although it was hoped that new legislation would help alleviate these issues in the future.

1923. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B Garbutt and Mr E Grant.

1924. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford and Mrs P J Hemsley declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no.1929 refers).

1925. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1926. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

1927. 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 – Sept) | £ 515.04 |
| SO | M. Dovinson (Salary - Sept) | £ 552.84 |
| SO | G. Huckerby (Salary - Sept) | £ 361.07 |
| DD | E-on (Pavilion Supply - Sept) | £ 45.00 |
| DD | Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - Sept) | £ 12.49 |
| 2922 | HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - Sept) | £ 676.48 |
| 2923 | Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - Sept) | £ 1454.19 |
| 2924 | Grassmoor Community Centre (PC Room Hire) | £ 47.50 |
| 2925 | Broker Network (Insurance Premium) | £ 3,441.38 |
| 2926 | R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses – Litter Picker) | £ 40.27 |
| 2927 | D Holden (TV Licence Scheme) | £ 172.00 |
| 2928 | R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses -Printer) | £ 712.59 |
| 2929 | Plantscape (Hanging Baskets) | £ 1,698.00 |
| 2930 | NEDDC (Chair's Appeal) | £ 50.00 |

1928. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that Councillor Grant had thanked the Parish Council for the basket of fruit and had indicated that he hoped to attend a Council meeting in the near future.

It was also reported that several hanging baskets were missing or had been pulled down. Plantscape proposed to stop watering the baskets on 16 September and it was agreed that the watering period should not be extended.

1929. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Real Ale Festival had been well attended and had gone well and it was hoped to organise another event next year. The Baby Clinic had reluctantly agreed to move in to the downstairs meeting room. The fold-away tables had been moved from the upstairs room to make setting up the room easier.

A request from 1st Grassmoor Brownies, who were relocating to the Community Centre, for support with a Brownies trip to Caythorpe Sands was reported. It was agreed that a donation of £500.00 be made to the Brownies.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) a donation of £500.00 be made to the 1st Grassmoor Brownies to support the trip to Caythorpe Sands.

1930. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the main gates had been damaged and were in need of repair. J B Littlewood who made the original gates was assessing the damage. It was suggested that a collapsible bollard could be erected to prevent vehicles parking in the entrance.

There had been an accident on the toddler play area where a young girl had tripped up on the play surface and caused bruising to her face. The Clerk had reported the problem to the District Council and would also advise the insurers.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1931. CCTV

The Clerk reported that a Lend A Cam system could not be purchased for the sole use of the Parish Council. The system would be managed by the Police and would be allocated by them on a strict priority basis only, which may or may not include cases in the Parish. The cost of a camera was approximately £1,900.00 and it was agreed that one be purchased for use within the Division.

It was noted that the camera on 50 Tennyson Way was currently not working and the reason would be investigated.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk arrange for the purchase of a Lend A Cam system.

1932. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Allotment Association had confirmed that they were no longer pursuing the Garden for All project and it was noted that he had contacted the Secretary to confirm that all monies including those due to the Parish Council, needed to be returned as soon as possible. It was agreed that the Association be advised that the area set aside for the project needed to be returned to use as allotments as soon

as possible. It was also agreed that any remaining funds should be donated to the School Allotment Project.

A letter had been received from a plot holder regarding the condition of their plots and issues relating to the allotments. The plot holder was refusing to vacate the plots despite formal requests from the Association to do so. Following a site visit by Members of the Parish Council, the Association had been told to ensure that letters to other plot holders whose plots were in a poor state of upkeep had been issued. Until these letters had been issued it would not be possible to pursue who the plot holder was refusing to vacate the plots. The matter would be considered further at the next meeting.

Complaints had also been received about the hedging on North Wingfield Road boundary. The Clerk agreed to ask the Association to cut it back as soon as possible and that it be cut back in August each year prior to the end of the school holidays.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) any excess funds remaining from the Garden for All project be donated to the School Allotment;
(c) the area of the allotments set aside for the Garden for All project be returned to use as allotments as soon as possible;
(d) the Clerk clarify the position with regard to the issuing of letters to plot holders;
(e) the position be considered further at the next meeting; and
(f) the Clerk ask the Association to cut back the hedging along the North Wingfield Road boundary.

1933. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that Mr Burton had cut back part of the hedging up to the edge of the allotment plot at the rear of Mrs Lowe's property. Mrs Lowe had complained again that the hedging had not been fully cut back.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1934. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk reported that the County Council and RemedX were importing clean soil in to the site from a housing development for final landscaping of the site once the remediation works had been completed. This may be potentially disruptive in terms of lorry movements etc but measures were being put in place to reduce the impact on the local community.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1935. BARNES PARK PROJECT

It was agreed that the refurbishment of the Park be undertaken in two phases. The first phase would be the redevelopment of the play equipment and the Park infrastructure such as the entrances and pathways. The second phase would be the

replacement of the Pavilion which would be undertaken in conjunction with the Cricket and Football Clubs.

The Clerk reported that in respect of Phase one, the first open meeting to display the proposed plans for the Park had been well attended and it was proposed to hold a further meeting on 18 September. There was general agreement that the proposed layout of the equipment needed to be changed to move the skate park on the North Wingfield Road side of the Park to mitigate the impact on those living nearby. This may require a reduction in the width of the football pitch. Other suggested alterations to the type of equipment were suggested and these would be considered once the second consultation meeting had been held. Planning permission would be sought at the earliest opportunity.

The Clerk had been in contact with NW Systems regarding installing CCTV coverage of the Park as part of the project. NW Systems proposed an extension to the current system which would house equipment in the new Pavilion and mount cameras on a pillar situated in the Park. This would be part of Phase two of the project and would have the benefit of allowing additional cameras to be provided in the area of the village should the Parish Council so wish. Coverage following Phase one could be provided through the camera on the School building which was in need of replacement.

The Clerk and the Chairman had met with the Football and Cricket Clubs. Consideration initially would need to be given to the specification and design of the building and to any necessary consultation required. Further meetings were planned.

In terms of funding for both phases of the project, the Clerk proposed to apply to Viridor for funding by the closing date of 31 October if possible. Viridor would require a Third Party Contributor and New Street Tots had agreed to undertake this role although the amount had not yet been finalised. Other funding options would be considered. The Police and Crime Commissioner Crime Prevention Fund was a possible source of grant funding for the CCTV as part of Phase two of the project. The Parish Council agreed to make up any shortfall in funding through the Public Works Loans Board and the use of reserves.

As part of Phase One of the project, the Clerk would need to seek at least three competitive quotes for the works.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted:
(b) the Clerk be authorised to proceed with Phase One of the project as detailed above including funding applications as necessary; and
(c) the Parish Council agreed to make up any shortfall in funding through the Public Works Loans Board and the use of reserves.

1936. PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that the vacancy on the Parish Council had been advertised and no candidates had stood for election. The Parish Council were therefore able to co-opt on to the Council. It was agreed that Alan Pemberton be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that Alan Pemberton be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

1937. NATIONAL SALARY AWARDS 2013

The Clerk reported that the National joint Council had agreed a 1% pay award for local government employees. It was agreed that the pay award be applied to the salaries of the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer. The Streetcleaner was paid in line with the National Minimum Wage.

RESOLVED that the 1% pay award be applied to the salaries of the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer, backdated to 1 April 2013.

1938. DOG FOULING – CLAY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting at Clay Cross Town Council along with other interested Parish Council's to discuss dog fouling. The outcome of the meeting was very positive and it was clear that the service received by Parish Council's should improve in the future.

It was agreed that the Parish Council purchase 15,000 dog bags to be stored in the Community Centre to be given out to local residents to encourage them to clear up after their dogs. The cost was £100.00. Dog fouling stencils were also available.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;
(b) the Clerk purchase dog bags at a cost of £100.00; and
(c) the Clerk purchase dog fouling stencils.

1939. PRINTER

The Clerk reported that he had purchased a HP Laser Jet Pro 400 MFP printer at a cost excluding VAT of £513.59.

RESOLVED that purchase of the printer by the Clerk be ratified by the Parish Council.

1940. STREETCLEANER'S BARROW

The Clerk reported that the Streetcleaner's barrow was in need of replacement. It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to purchase a replacement barrow.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to purchase a replacement barrow for the Streetcleaner.

1941. INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's insurance policy was due for renewal. The Parish Council had agreed a three year contract with Came and Company and the premium renewal was £3,441.38.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to renew the Parish Council's insurance premium with Came and Company in the sum of £3,441.38.

1942. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2013

The Clerk reported that this years' service was to be held on 9 November. Arrangements with the bugler were in hand and it was agreed that as in previous years, the Clerk arrange for a marquee to be erected by Buster Marquees.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk be authorised to provide a marquee from Buster Marquees for the Service.

1943. PLANNING MATTERS

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

| Application No. | Description | Comments/objections/Material considerations |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| 13/00805/FL Keats Way/Scott Close Rykneld Homes Ltd | Erection of 25 dwellings | The Parish Council fully supported this application. |
| 13/00736/FLH 86 Churchside Mr C Gregory | Conservatory and raised decking | The Parish Council had no objections to this application. |
| 13/00608/LDC Hornbeam House, Mile Hill | Certificate of Lawful Development | The Parish Council had no objections to this application. |
| 13/00459/FLH 24 Dymond Grove | First floor side extension | The District Council had approved this application. |

It was noted that the applicant for the development of land at the rear of 109-247 Mansfield Road, Hasland had submitted an appeal against the decision of the District Council to refuse the initial application. The Parish Council's original objections to the application would automatically be taken in to account by the Inspector.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk submit comments on the applications as detailed above.

1944. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 13/13, 14/13 and 15/13.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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Chairman