

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 December 2013 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended the meeting to discuss Mill Lane Allotments (See Minute no. 1992.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PCSO James Land apologised for not being able to attend 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 5 calls relating to anti-social behaviour compared to 14 the previous month. The calls mainly related to nuisance neighbour issues.

There had been 5 crimes in September which compared to 16 the previous month. These included 1 of criminal damage, 2 of theft from a vehicle and 2 of non-dwelling burglary.

1983. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor A H Booker.

1984. 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.1989 refers).

1985. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 November 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1986. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

1987. 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)	£ 515.04
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - Dec)	£ 561.94
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - Dec)	£ 361.07
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - Dec)	£ 45.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - Dec)	£ 12.49
2955	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - Dec)	£ 682.77
2956	G Huckerby (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£ 7.20
2957	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - Dec)	£ 1,454.19
2958	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 32.50
2959	NEDDC (Grounds Maintenance)	£ 11,353.73
2960	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 236.50

1988. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that Councillor Ms J A Hill had decided to stand down as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect. The Clerk agreed to inform the District Council and advertise the casual vacancy in line with the laid down procedure.

A letter of thanks had been received from Grassmoor Brownies in respect of the donation given towards the costs of the Big Brownie Birthday Stay Away. A letter had also been received from the Grassmoor Craft Group also thanking the Parish Council for their donation.

The Vice-Chairman had been invited to formally switch-off the Thermal Absorption Plant on the Avenue Plant on 20 December 2013.

1989. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that discussions were on-going to try to enable the Brownies to use the Community Centre on a regular basis. The CCTV equipment had been moved from the office in to the Police Room. The Christmas Fair had been held recently and had gone well.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1990. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the insurers had agreed to discuss the Parish Council's claim for the Park Gates. If the amount covered was sufficient to cover the costs of all the Council's assets, they would ask Aviva to consider the claim.

It was noted that a tree near the Pavilion had blown down in the recent storm.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1991. CCTV

The Clerk reported that NW Systems were hoping to be able to look at the faulty camera on 50 Tennyson Way on 16 December.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1992. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Treasurer of the Allotment Association attended the meeting to discuss the situation regarding the allotments, and in particular, the on-going dispute with one allotment holder and recent correspondence between the two parties. The Clerk and Chairman also referred to correspondence from the same plot holder. It was agreed that, in an attempt to resolve the issue, the Clerk arrange a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and the plot holder as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk arrange a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and the plot holder at the earliest opportunity.

1993. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1994. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

There were no matters relating to the Lagoons to report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1995. BIG LOCAL

The Interim Steering Group had met and it had been agreed to establish four separate Committees to pursue funding options.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1996. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had met with a Virridor Officer on 28 November. A decision on the funding bid was due to be taken on 20 December. It was understood that the Parish Council were unlikely to receive the full amount of £49k requested as Virridor did not provide funding for incidental costs of projects.

The Clerk had submitted the planning application to the District Council.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

1997. DEFIBRILLATOR – COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that he had not received a response from the Ambulance Service regarding the type of defibrillator required. He had however, contacted Clay Cross Parish Council who had recently purchased a defibrillator for their Community Centre from the St John Ambulance in the sum of £980.00. It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase a defibrillator for use at the Community Centre from the St John Ambulance.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council purchase a defibrillator for the Community Centre, from the St John Ambulance in the sum of £980.00.

1998. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
13/01023/AD Land at Hagg Hill Westleigh Developments Ltd.	Advertisement Consent	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

The Clerk was requested to check the current position regarding the diverted footpath across the Grassmoor Golf Course.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and
(b) the Clerk ask the County Council for an update on the position regarding the diverted footpath on the Golf Course.

1999. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET UPDATE

The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer reported to the Parish Council on the position in respect of the Precept for 2014/15. Changes to the Localisation of Council Tax Benefit introduced by the Government meant that the Parish Council would need to increase its Precept by 3.75% to maintain its current level of Precept income.

The Parish Council was committed to undertake the refurbishment of Barnes Park and it would be necessary to part fund the project by the use of a loan from the Public Works Loans Board and also the possible use of reserves. The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer agreed to provide details of funding options for the next meeting. The Precept needed to be set by 10 February 2014.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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Chairman