

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 March 2014 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, Mrs E A Hill, Ms J A Hill, B Garbutt, A Pemberton and Mrs L Thomas.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters taken in public participation.

**COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Concern was expressed over the current condition of the Primary School and that a new School had not been provided. It was noted that the Deputy Cabinet Member with responsibility for schools would be attending the School in the near future. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and also to Natascha Engel MP to express concern over the School. There was also a large pothole outside the School which needed to be filled and also the road needed the drainage sorting out to avoid large puddles forming when wet.

Concern was also expressed over an overgrown hedge on the road between Grassmoor and North Wingfield.

**POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

PC Matt Rodda attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes and anti-social behaviour that had occurred since the last meeting.

There had been 8 crimes in February compared to 9 in the previous month. These included 2 of criminal damage, 2 of violence, 1 burglary, 1 theft from vehicle, 1 of theft and 1 drugs offence. Investigations in to the criminal damage at the Community Centre were continuing and a known individual was the subject of an Anti-Social Behaviour hearing on 14 April. If successful, the individual would be precluded from entering certain areas. Drugs were a particular problem in Grassmoor at present and investigations into 3 suspects were on-going.

There had been 8 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour which compared to 7 the previous month. The Police were working with Rykneld and taking positive action against those suspected of harassing vulnerable persons in the village.

Concern was expressed over the behaviour at a recent traveller's funeral at Hasland Cemetery. It was understood that those attending had urinated in the Cemetery and had trampled on other graves. The Police had been in attendance at the service. The Clerk was asked to raise these concerns with the Police.

## **2017. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **2018. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, A H Booker and Mrs P J Hemsley declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no.2023 refers).

**2019. MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 February 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **2020. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

There were no items taken in exclusion.

## **2021. 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:-

| <b><u>CHQ NO.</u></b> | <b><u>PAYEE</u></b>                                | <b><u>AMOUNT</u></b> |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| SO                    | R. Ackrill (Salary – March)                        | £ 515.04             |
| SO                    | M. Dovinson (Salary - March)                       | £ 561.94             |
| SO                    | G. Huckerby (Salary - March)                       | £ 361.07             |
| DD                    | E-on (Pavilion Supply - March)                     | £ 45.00              |
| DD                    | Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - March)       | £ 12.49              |
| 2977                  | HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - March)            | £ 682.57             |
| 2978                  | Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - March) | £ 1,454.19           |
| 2979                  | Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)             | £ 32.50              |
| 2980                  | NEDDC (Dog Bins)                                   | £ 604.66             |
| 2981                  | R Ackrill (Expenses – Litter Pickers)              | £ 47.64              |
| 2982                  | D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)                       | £ 190.00             |
| 2983                  | G Huckerby Expenses – Office Supplies)             | £ 42.99              |
| 2984                  | R Ackrill (Expenses - Website Domain Renewal)      | £ 59.99              |
| 2985                  | Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (Donation)    | £ 300.00             |
| 2986                  | NW Systems (CCTV)                                  | £ 5,284.80           |
| 2987                  | D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)                       | £ 14.25              |

## **2022. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was reported that the cost of copying and binding the Grassmoor Remembrance Book was around £8.00 per copy. The copy quality would be diminished as the copy would be made from a hard copy as opposed to an electronic file.

The next District/Parish Council Liaison Committee was to be held on 19 March at 6.00pm at North East Derbyshire District Council Offices. Any Councillors wishing to attend were welcome to do so.

The District Council had advised that there was a Parish Council vacancy had arisen on the District Council's Standards Committee. Any Councillor interested in filling the vacancy was asked to complete the necessary application and return it to the District Council by 2 May 2014.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **2023. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Clerk reported that the Community Centre had continued to have problems with its boilers and heating system. Hamworthy's had been called out to look in to the problems and hopefully the problems had been rectified although some further work would be required to correct faulty wiring. It was agreed that the Parish Council pay the costs of the call-out by Hamworthy's in the sum of £812.42 plus VAT. The Parish Council wished to place on record their thanks to Councillor Ian Barlow for his assistance in sorting out the heating problems.

It was also reported that Councillor Janice Bedford had given up her voluntary work at the Centre. The Parish Council thanked Janice for the immense amount of voluntary work she had undertaken at the Centre over many years.

It was noted that the consultation event for the Keats Way project had had to use North Wingfield Community Centre as the Community Centre was booked.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **2024. BARNES PARK**

There were no matters relating to Barnes Park to report.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **2025. CCTV**

The Clerk reported that NW Systems had attended Grassmoor on 27 February to undertake the repairs to the Tennyson Way camera and the annual service of the system as a whole.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **2026. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

Three members of the Allotment Committee attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on matters relating to the Allotments.

One of the new gates had been put up and the other would follow shortly. Some of the hedging had been replanted and meshing had been put up on the inner boundary to help secure the site. The new noticeboard had also been erected. The Committee were looking to use the container as a shop to sell fertilisers. It was also intended to sell surplus produce to raise funds. The Clerk agreed to put information relating to the Allotments in the next edition of the Newsletter. It was noted that it was the centenary of the Allotment Association in 2014.

The transfer of the goats and livestock had not yet taken place although the tenant had started removing some property from the site.

It was suggested that the area covered by hard core should remain as a car park. The Association were continuing to clear the remainder of the site and it was agreed that £300.00 be donated to assist with this process. A site visit by the Parish Council's members was planned for 15 March 2014.

Reference was made to the allotment waiting list and it was agreed that preference should be given to Grassmoor residents.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and  
(b) £300.00 be donated to assist with the clearance of the site.

#### **2027. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **2028. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS**

It was noted that the smells from the Lagoons had been quite bad recently.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **2029. BIG LOCAL**

The Steering Group had been granted £17,800 to support activities under its 4 themes.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **2030. BARNES PARK PROJECT**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that he had applied to Viridor to fill the funding gap in full or in part and a decision was expected towards the end of March. If successful, the Parish Council would require additional third party contributor funding.

Possible sources of funding included Health Locality Funding or an additional contribution from Rykneld.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**2031. GRASSMOOR 50+ FORUM**

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

**2033. GRIT BINS**

The Clerk reported that the grit bins had been filled on 4 March.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**2034. HANGING BASKETS**

The Clerk reported that he had arranged for 40 lamp columns to be tested as potential locations for hanging baskets. These included columns at Winsick. It was agreed that Plantscape be asked to provide multi-coloured hanging baskets for the coming season.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**2035. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

| <b>Application No.</b>                                     | <b>Description</b>            | <b>Comments/objections/Material considerations</b>  |
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| 14/00093/FL<br>Windwhistle Farm<br>Akroyd and Abbott Homes | Erection of 160-165 dwellings | The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds:<br><br>Highways access to the site given the increased number of vehicles which would be using the nearby roads.<br><br>The cumulative impact of such a large application on local infrastructure such as schools.<br><br>The application if successful, would lead to an erosion of the boundary between Grassmoor and nearby Holmewood. |

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| 14/00093/FL<br><br>Manor House Farm,<br>Mansfield Road<br><br>Urban Wind Limited | Two wind turbines   | The Parish Council had no comments on this application.           |
| 14/00020/FL<br><br>The Old Bakery, 38-40 Chapel Road                             | Demolition of derelict bakery and construction of two apartments. | The District Council had conditionally approved this application. |
| 14/00003FLH<br><br>6 Dymond Grove<br><br>Mr D Ward                               | Two storey side extension   | The District Council had conditionally approved this application. |

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**2036. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS**

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 2/14, 3/14 and 4/14.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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**Chairman**