

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 June 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, E Grant, Mrs E A Hill and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public attended the meeting to thank the Parish Council for the £300.00 donation it had made to the 50+ Forum. He also asked that the hedging on Westhill Lane on both sides of the junction with North Wingfield Road be cut back as it was obscuring visibility for motorists at the junction.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PCSO Land apologised for being unable to attend the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes and anti-social behaviour that had occurred since the last meeting.

There had been 7 crimes in May which compared to the same number the previous month. These were made up of 3 of damage to vehicle, 1 of violence, 1 of criminal damage, 1 of other theft and 1 drugs offence.

There had been 10 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour which compared to 5 the previous month. These related mainly to neighbour dispute issues.

The Parish Council expressed concern over the lack of a visible Police presence in the village. The agreed to write to the Section Inspector to express the Parish Council's concerns.

The Clerk reported that Sgt Aidan Stones was leaving the local Safer Neighbourhood Team to take up a position in Killamarsh Team.

2079. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ms J A Hill, B Garbutt and A Pemberton.

2080. 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. 2086 refers). Councillor Mrs A Browne declared a personal interest in the item relating to Barnes Park (Minute no. 2087 refers), specifically the element relating to flooding.

2081. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 May 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2082. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

2083. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk presented the accounts due for payment and it was agreed that cheques be signed as detailed below.

RESOLVED to approve the payment of the following accounts:-

<u>CHQ NO.</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
SO	R. Ackrill (Salary – June)	£	515.04
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - June)	£	561.94
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - June)	£	361.07
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - June)	£	45.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - June)	£	12.49
3007	Whittington Moor Printing Works (Newsletter)	£	727.00
3008	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - June)	£	673.21
3009	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - June)	£	1,454.19
3010	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£	32.50
3011	Grassmoor Community Centre (Running) Costs	£	2,000.00

2085. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the Newsletter was in the process of being printed and distributed to every household in the Parish.

The next meeting of the District/Parish Liaison Group was to be held on 16 July 2014. No members of the Parish Council were able to attend and therefore it was agreed that no agenda items be put forward on this occasion.

Grassmoor Brownies had contacted the Parish Council regarding the £500.00 grant provided to enable them to attend a camp. The Brownies had been successful, in obtaining a grant from Awards for All and they had asked the Parish Council if they should repay the grant. The Parish Council indicated that they did not expect the grant to be repaid.

It was noted that the ruts in the road close to the School had not yet been repaired. Concern was also expressed over the condition of the road near the entrance to the Golf Club. The Clerk agreed to report both matters to the County Council.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) report the highway matters to the County Council.

2086. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that plans were in hand for the Beer Festival at the Community Centre at the end of August. A successful Spiritualist Evening had also been held.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2087. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that there had been some flash flooding to properties on Norfolk Avenue from water streaming off the Park. It was noted that the properties had previously flooded in 2008, but there had been no incidents in between. The Parish Council had also undertaken some drainage works in the Park in 2008. It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask the District Council if anything could be done to help alleviate the problems, whilst noting that the residents also had a duty to protect their own properties from flooding.

The Clerk reported that more branches had fallen off the tree near the Pavilion and the District Council had indicated that it may need to be taken down, work for which there would need to be a charge. The District Council had also suggested that it was time the other trees in the Park were pollarded and an estimate of the costs would be provided.

It was also reported that the trees on the Golf Course to the rear of properties on MacDonald Close were in need of cutting back. The Clerk agreed to take the matter up with the Golf Club.

RESOLVED to (a) authorise the Clerk to seek the District Council's assistance in possible works to alleviate the flooding to properties on Norfolk Avenue;
(b) note that the trees in Barnes Park needed to be pollarded and one tree needed felling; and
(c) write to the Golf Club regarding the trees to the rear of MacDonald Close.

2088. CCTV

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the camera on the front of the School overlooking the Park had been faulty for some time and needed to be replaced. It was agreed that the Clerk ask NW Systems if the camera position could be lowered in order that it provided a better view of the Park and the area where the new equipment will be located.

RESOLVED to (a) approve the replacement of the camera located on the front of the School; and
(b) ask NW Systems if the camera location can be lowered.

2089. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the rent for the allotments had been received.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2090. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had received a further email from Mrs Lowe regarding the hedging on Gill Lane, a matter which was believed to have been resolved. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Allotments to ask them to cut back the hedging at the appropriate time, noting that birds may still be nesting at this time.

RESOLVED to ask the Allotments to cut back the hedging at the appropriate time.

2091. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk reported that he hoped the representatives of the County Council and Remedx to attend the next meeting when the draft landscaping plans were available.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2092. BIG LOCAL

It was reported that the Fun Day had been held on 7 June although the weather had been very poor on the day. The process of setting up the formal Steering Committee was continuing.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2093. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that the period of consultation with residents whose properties border on the Park on the plans for the Park had ended on 2 June. Forty-five letters had been sent out and two responses had been received. The first response was concerned about anti-social behaviour particularly around the MUGA and also about how behaviour on the Park would be monitored once the new equipment was installed.

The second comments came from a resident who felt that the siting of the skatepark as proposed would adversely impact on the view from her property. She requested that the skatepark be relocated nearer the Pavilion and that the area in the bottom of the Park be turned in to a wildlife area. The Parish Council considered that these comments did not warrant a change in the plans. The request to move the skatepark was impractical as this would interfere with the cricket pitch.

It was agreed therefore, that the Clerk place an order with Hags SMP for the works to refurbish the Park. The Clerk also reported that Entrust approval had been received and that the loan application had been completed and submitted. The County Council had also confirmed the Third Party Contribution funding in relation to the additional Viridor funding.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;

(b) place, having considered the comments received from the consultation exercise, a formal order with Hags SMP for the works to refurbish the Park; and
(c) to reply to those residents who responded to the consultation letter.

2094. BUS SHELTER

The Clerk reported that the replacement shelter had been ordered and would hopefully be installed within the next four weeks.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2095. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – HASSOCKY LANE BRIDGE

The Clerk reported on the details of the temporary road closure at Hassocky Lane Bridge.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2096. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
14/00291/FL Land 5 to 14 Keats Way/Scott Galiford Try Partnerships	Application to amend house type	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.
14/00261/TPO 51 Churchside Mr A Walters	Felling of 1 tree and pruning of 6 others	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.
14/00509/FL 6 Cotswold Drive Mr P Beresford	Outline application for residential development.	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

14/00247/TP 5 Mile Hill. Mansfield Road Mr J W Thompson	Temporary siting of chalet style dwelling.	The District Council had granted temporary permission to this application.
14/00526/FL Avenue Farm, North Wingfield Road Mr M Hitchins	Construction of ménage and walkway	The Clerk was asked to clarify with the District Council: Was the development for personal or commercial use? Did the development involve the stabling of horses? How will usage of Westhill Lane be monitored?

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) contact the District Council regarding planning application 14/00526/FL as detailed above.

2097. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 9/14 and 10/14.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2098. STREETCLEANER

It was agreed that the Streetcleaner be paid the Living Wage (£7.65) as opposed to the Minimum Wage (£6.31) which he was currently paid. The Clerk would ensure that a new contract was drawn up for the Streetcleaner to sign and also that the weekly work returns were produced.

RESOLVED to (a) approve the payment of the Living Wage to the Streetcleaner;
(b) agree that a new contract of employment be drawn up for the Streetcleaner; and
(c) note that the Streetcleaner would be required to complete and submit a weekly work return to the Clerk.

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Chairman