

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 9 July 2014 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, Mrs E A Hill, Ms J A Hill, A Pemberton and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public attended the meeting to enquire about CCTV coverage of a road traffic accident on Birkin Lane.

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 6 crimes in June which compared to 7 the previous month. These were made up of 2 of damage to vehicle, 3 of violence and 1 of other theft and 1 drugs offence.

There had been 6 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour which compared to 6 the previous month. These related mainly to neighbour dispute issues.

Concern was expressed that the number of drugs issues in the village, including in Barnes Park and the area around the Electricity Sub-Station near the Doctor's Surgery.

An incident was reported involving a white van failing to stop on the zebra crossing at the top of New Street which may be linked to a similar incident on Birkin Lane (see above).

Councillor Thomas reported that she had left a note in the Police post box in the Community Centre but had not received a response. Concern was expressed that the Police mobile phone was being used. The Clerk agreed to take these matters up with PCSO Land. It was also agreed that the Clerk invite Alan Charles, Police and Crime Commissioner to a meeting of the Parish Council.

2099. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A H Booker and E Grant.

2100. 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. 2105 refers).

Councillor Mrs A Browne declared a personal interest in the item relating to Barnes Park (Minute no. 2106 refers), specifically the element relating to flooding.

2101. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2102. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

2103. 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 – July)	£ 515.04
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - July)	£ 561.94
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - July)	£ 361.07
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - July)	£ 45.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - July)	£ 12.49
SO	R. Ackrill (Salary – Aug)	£ 515.04
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - Aug)	£ 561.94
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - Aug)	£ 361.07
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - Aug)	£ 45.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - Aug)	£ 12.49
3012	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - June)	£ 673.21
3013	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - July)	£ 673.41
3014	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - Aug)	£ 742.47
3015	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - July)	
3016	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - Aug)	
		£ 1,454.19
3017	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 32.50
3018	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 107.50
3019	Plantscape (Hanging Baskets)	£ 2058.00
3020	NEDDC (Roundabout Displays)	£ 500.00
3021	Whittington Moor Printers (Newsletter Postage)	£ 554.80
3022	G Huckerby (Reimbursement of Expenses - Printer Cartridges and Postage)	£ 14.26
3023	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses – Padlock)	£ 33.12
3024	Grant Thornton (External Audit Fee)	£ 480.00
3025	Grassmoor 50+ Forum (Donation)	£ 300.00

2104. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was agreed that the Parish Council make a donation of £50.00 to the North East Derbyshire District Council Chair's Appeal which was in aid of Fair Play.

Grant Thornton had approved the Parish Council accounts for 2013/14.

The Clerk had received the copies of the Remembrance Book.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) make a donation of £50.00 to the North East Derbyshire District Council Chair's Appeal which was in aid of Fair Play.

2105. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that Big Local was considering renting office space at the Community Centre which would provide useful income to the Centre.

The County Council had agreed to replace the Community Centre road sign.

The Community Centre was looking in to the possibility of using the Live and Local group to bring acts to the Centre.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to pass on their thanks to Tina and the Centre staff who were doing an excellent job in the running the Centre.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) pass on the thanks of the Parish Council to Tina and the Centre staff for the running of the Centre.

2106. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that he and the Chairman had met with the District Council to discuss the flooding issues in properties adjacent to the Park on Norfolk Avenue and Durham Avenue. The advice was that there was no simple solution to the problem and adding additional drains in the Park would not solve the problem, as the issue was with surface water which was not entering the existing drains. The surface water appeared to be entering the Park from the surrounding roads. The issue of the surface water coming off the roads would be discussed with the County Council and advice was also being taken from Yorkshire Water. Similar problems with water running off the road near Winsick Park had been reported. It was noted that the flooding had not occurred for eight years and that property owners also had a duty to protect their properties from flooding.

There was a water leak near the Pavilion which had been reported.

The District Council had confirmed there had been no change to the frequency of grass cutting in Barnes Park.

The Clerk reported that he had purchased a new lock for the main Park gates as the old one had broken in the sum of £33.12.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2107. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the possibility of re-locating the camera on the School so that it gave a better view of the Park with NW Systems and it was felt that this could be achieved if the camera was positioned between the windows. The other works had not been undertaken as the School had not decided what it wished to do about its camera. It was intended to undertake the works at the same time in order that costs could be reduced.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2108. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that there had been an incident on the Allotments where a child from the School had got her foot stuck in a trap set by an Allotment member. The child had not been seriously injured. The Allotment Committee had acted promptly in checking the site for further traps and the Police had been involved and proposed to take no further action.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Association to stress that under no circumstances should traps be set on the site and that should any traps be found in the future, the responsible allotment holder should be removed from the site.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;

(b) ask the Clerk to write to the Association to stress that under no circumstances should traps be set on the site and that should any traps be found in the future, the responsible allotment holder should be removed from the site.

2109. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had responded to Mrs Lowe following the last meeting but had a further email from her indicating that she was not happy with the Council's response. The Parish Council's position on the matter remained unchanged.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2110. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk presented a report from the County Council on the latest position in respect of the Lagoons.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2111. BIG LOCAL

The next meeting of the Group was to be held on 16 July 2014

RESOLVED to note the report.

2112. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that HAGS SMP had started work on the refurbishment project and the works were expected to last around 5-6 weeks. It was agreed that the old goal posts would be removed owing to their proximity to the new play equipment and that the restrictors on the entrances to the Park would be left in place for now.

RESOLVED to agree that the (a) old set of goal posts be removed; and (b) restrictors on the entrances be left in place.

2113. RADIO BASE STATION UPGRADE – AVENUE FARM

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been consulted on the proposed upgrade of the radio base station at Avenue Farm. The Parish Council had no comments on the proposal.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2114. 1ST GRASSMOOR RAINBOWS

It was agreed that a donation of £300.00 be made to the 1st Grassmoor Rainbows to assist with the costs of organising a camp.

RESOLVED to make a donation of £300.00 to 1st Grassmoor Rainbows.

2115. NEW STREET TOTS

It was reported that New Street Tots were organising an outing and it was agreed that the Parish Council should make a donation of £300.00 towards the costs of the outing.

RESOLVED to make a donation of £300.00 to New Street Tots towards the costs of the planned outing.

2116. RESIGNATION OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk reported that Gary Huckerby had indicated his intention to resign his position as the Parish Council's Responsible Financial Officer. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for the post to be advertised locally.

RESOLVED to agree that the post of Responsible Financial Officer be advertised locally.

2117. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
14/00350/DIS CON Land 5 to 14 Keats Way/Scott Galliford Try Partnerships	Application to discharge conditions	Conditions discharged.
14/00509/FLH 6 Cotswold Drive Mr A Walters	Installation of 2 velux windows	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.

Taylor Wimpey had written to the Parish Council to indicate that they intended to build 241 new homes on the Avenue.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2118. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 10/14 and 11/14.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2119. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

Report on the Parish Council's Streetcleaner (contains information relating to an individual).

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Chairman