

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 10 September 2014 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs J Bedford, A H Booker, Mrs A Browne, E Grant, Mrs E A Hill, Ms J A Hill, A Pemberton and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Five members of the public attended the meeting to discuss flooding issues on North Wingfield Road. It was noted that the County Council were looking at the options available to alleviate the flooding on the road.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

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

There had been 20 crimes in July and August which compared to 6 for the month of June. These were made up of 5 of damage to vehicle, 5 of violence and 2 of theft, 1 of theft from vehicle, 3 of criminal damage, 2 drugs offences, 1 of burglary and 1 other offence.

There had been 30 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour which compared to 6 the previous month. These related mainly to neighbour dispute issues and to problems on the Park during the refurbishment work and since it reopened.

2120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors I F Barlow and B Garbutt.

2121. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors Mrs J Bedford, Mrs E A Hill and Mrs P J Hemsley declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 2125 refers). Councillor Mrs A Browne declared a personal interest in the item relating to Barnes Park (Minute no. 2126 refers), specifically the element relating to flooding.

2122. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2123. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

2124. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

It was noted that the donation of £300 to 1st Grassmoor Rainbows had been cancelled as this would be paid for out of County Councillor J A Hill's Community Leadership Fund.

RESOLVED to (a) approve 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)	£ 561.94
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - Sept)	£ 361.07
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - Sept)	£ 45.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - Sept)	£ 12.49
3027	HAGS SMP (Park Refurbishment)	£ 14,843.12
3028	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - Sept)	£ 742.57
3029	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - Sept)	£ 1,454.19
3030	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 32.50
3031	G Huckerby (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£ 16.48
3032	Grassmoor Community Centre (Running costs)	£ 1000.00
3033	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£ 716.35
3034	HAGS SMP (Park Refurbishment)	£ 114,595.94
3035	Broker Network (Insurance Premium)	£ 3,870.45
3036	New Street Tots (Donation)	£ 300.00
3037	Cancelled	
3038	Plantscape (Hanging Baskets)	£ 1698.00
3039	NEDDC (Chair's Appeal)	£ 50.00
3040	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£ 32.50

and;

(b) note that the grant of £300 to 1st Grassmoor Rainbows had been cancelled as this would be paid for out of County Councillor J A Hill's Community Leadership Fund.

2125. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that Plantscape would cease watering the hanging baskets during week commencing 15 September. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for the baskets to be watered for a further four weeks.

RESOLVED to approve that the hanging baskets be watered for a further four weeks.

2126. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was noted that the Beer Festival had been held recently and whilst it had been relatively well attended it had not been financially viable and therefore would not be held again in the future.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2127. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the District Council had received a request for a tree bordering a property to be pruned back owing to its size and the potential for it to cause damage to the property should it or parts of it fall down. The District Council had examined the tree and found it to be in a safe condition. They had indicated that it could be cut back, but had also warned that this may also encourage growth in the tree. It was agreed that the tree be cut back. The Clerk was also asked to request the District Council to cut back the trees on MacDonald Close.

There had been further flooding issues in properties adjacent to the Park on Norfolk Avenue and Durham Avenue during a recent exceptionally heavy downpour. Councillor J A Hill was taking the matter of the surface water running off nearby roads up with the County Council to see if additional drains could be put in place. The Clerk would also ask the District Council if they had detailed plans of the drainage systems currently in place in the Park and also on Winsick Park.

A resident of Durham Avenue had again requested that a wildlife area be introduced in the Durham Avenue/Norfolk Avenue corner of the Park. The Parish Council agreed to look at this again once the issue of flooding had been resolved.

The Clerk had received complaints from Park users that the District Council had mown over tin cans when cutting the grass which meant that sharp pieces of metal were left sticking up from the ground. The matter had been reported to the District Council. Those cutting the grass were supposed to undertake a visual check of the area before commencing mowing.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) agree that the tree in the Park be cut back;
(c) ask the District Council to cut back the trees on MacDonald Close
(d) reconsider the request for a wildlife area once any work to alleviate the flooding issues had been concluded; and
(e) ask the District Council if they had any detailed plans of the drainage systems in Barnes Park and Winsick Park.

2128. CCTV

The School had now confirmed that it wished to have its camera repaired/replaced and the work to relocate the camera would be undertaken as soon as possible.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2129. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

2130. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he and the Chairman had met with Mr Matthews, a neighbour of Mrs Lowe's regarding the hedging at the rear of her property. Mr Matthews had agreed to cut back what he could. The Clerk would ask Mr Burton to cut back the remainder of the hedging.

The Clerk reported that Mr Pick had planted conifers on his allotment despite being told verbally not to do so. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Pick to advise him that the conifers should be removed immediately and to remind him that the allotments were owned by the Parish Council and should not be seen as an extension to his garden. The Clerk also agreed to look in to the possibility of giving the Association notice to quit the site in order to enable a new association to be formed.

It was reported that Japanese Knotweed was again growing on the Lane. The Clerk agreed to report the problem to the District Council.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) ask Mr Burton to cut back the Gill Lane hedging;
(c) instruct Mr Pick to remove the planted conifers immediately;
(d) look into the possibility of giving the Association notice to quit the site; and
(d) report the Japanese Knotweed problem to the District Council.

2131. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

Andrew Hague, Derbyshire County Council and Malcolm Lyle, Remedx attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on the position relating to the Lagoons. The remediation of all the Lagoons should be completed by the end of the year and contamination levels would be back to the levels they should be. A year had been allowed for the establishment and completion of the landscaping works and the area should be open to the public in 2016. Works were approximately 4 months ahead of schedule.

There had been an issue with drainage and surface water at Corbriggs. The levels of surface water would be monitored and Remedx agreed to flush out the drains.

It was noted that an open day had been arranged for 14 October. The Clerk would pass on details to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2132. BIG LOCAL

The Chairman reported that a successful Community Showcase event had been held on 7 September at the Community Centre. The Steering Group were looking to employ its own staff to take over the work currently being undertaken by the District Council.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2133. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that HAGS SMP had completed the work on the Park roughly on-time. The refurbishment had been very well received with only the odd adverse comment.

The only major “snagging” issue was some damage that had been done to the paved area around the War Memorial. HAGS SMP would either undertake the repairs themselves or instruct the Parish Council to do the work and then be reimbursed. The Clerk would not release all the funding until guarantees over this work had been received.

An oversight in the project had been to not order any new litter bins as part of the refurbishment. Since the Park opened, litter had been a particular problem despite the Streetcleaner giving the area additional attention. The Clerk had ordered two additional litter bins which were due to be delivered shortly. Some signs regarding the use of the equipment had also been ordered.

The area around the skatepark had been grass seeded although owing to its considerable usage, it may be necessary to do this several times in order for it to become established.

As an unfortunate consequence of the route of the path to Durham Avenue, the length of the football pitch had had to be reduced by around 2m. The old free standing set of goal posts had not had to be moved after all. It was intended to have the posts painted to match the new equipment.

Unfortunately overnight on 9-10 September, vandals had written obscene messages on the skatepark and also poured paint on it. The Police had been advised and were looking in to the matter. Names of those possibly responsible had been passed to the Police. The District Council had cleaned some of paint off but it was pleasing to report that a group of young people had taken it upon themselves to assist with the clean-up. It was agreed that crisps and drinks be brought for the young people by way of a thank you. It was understood that the Derbyshire Times had also been contacted.

The Parish Council wished to pass on their thanks to all those involved in making the project happen.

The Parish Council considered the next phases of the Park development which should include a new community use pavilion and CCTV coverage for the Park. PCSO Land

had provided details of grant funding for lighting the skatepark and it was agreed to see if the lighting columns could be used to support a CCTV camera which may significantly reduce costs. The Clerk suggested that Section 106 funding from the Keats Way and grant funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner could be used to fund the CCTV.

The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting with the Cricket and Football Clubs to discuss access to Sport England funding and their input in to the project.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) ratify the ordering of the additional litter bins and signs;
(c) look in to the provision of CCTV for the Park;
(d) arrange a meeting with the Cricket and Football Clubs to discuss the provision of a new community pavilion in the Park.

2134. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk reported that arrangements were in hand for this year's Remembrance Sunday Service on 9 November. A bugler had been found and would be paid £40 as in previous years.

It was agreed pupils at the Junior School be asked to read out the names of those that had been killed in the First World War and that they be asked to lay wooden crosses on the Memorial. It was agreed that a stone planter with a commemorative plaque be purchased in which to plant the crosses. The purchase of two wreaths along with the wooden crosses was agreed. It was also agreed that the possibility of providing music and a sound system for the Service would be looked in to.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) purchase two wreaths and a number of wooden crosses;
(c) authorise the payment of £40 to the bugler; and
(d) purchase a stone planter with a plaque.

2135. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

It was reported one application had been received for the post from John Marriott. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged to discuss the post with Mr Marriott.

RESOLVED to arrange a meeting with Mr Marriott to discuss the position of Responsible Financial Officer.

2136. OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS

The Clerk advised the Parish Council on the requirements of the above Regulations which came in to effect on 6 August 2014. Amongst other provisions, the Regulations make provision for the filming of meetings and for facilities to be available for citizen journalists to be able to report from meetings.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2137. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
14/00387/OL Mile Hill House Mr C Brown	Outline application for residential development	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.
CD4/0814/62 Hasland Junior School Derbyshire County Council	Erection of 2.4m high fencing around playing field	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
14/00673/FLH PD 5 Norfolk Avenue Miss C Brazier	Notification of single storey rear extension.	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
14/00526/FL Avenue Farm Mr M Hitchins	Menage and walkway.	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.
14/00269/DIS CON Sunny Bank, Mill Lane	Discharge of conditions.	Conditions discharged.

It was noted that preliminary works prior to a planning application for residential development were continuing on land to the rear of the junction of North Wingfield Road and Westhill Lane. The Parish Council would be fully consulted on any application.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2138. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 12/14, 13/14 and 14/14.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2139. 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

1. Exempt minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 July 2014.
2. Report on the Parish Council's Streetcleaner (contains information relating to an individual).

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Chairman