

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 8 October 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 and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Five members of the public attended the meeting to discuss flooding issues on North Wingfield Road. Councillor J A Hill indicated that she had reported the problem to the County Council and was awaiting a response. Part of the problem was that the road had been resurfaced to a higher level than the kerb. Councillor Hill agreed to set up a meeting between the County Council and the local residents to discuss the issues and possible solutions. The Clerk agreed to write to the County Council in support of the local residents.

A member of Gill Lane Allotments attended the meeting to seek clarification over a letter sent to him by the Parish Clerk regarding the planting of conifers on the site. It was agreed that the conifers along the Birkin Lane boundary could remain in place, but all other conifers on the allotment should be removed immediately.

A member of the public also attended the meeting to express concern over the proposed development on land off North Wingfield Road and to rear of Keats Way.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PCSO Land had apologised for not being able 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 17 crimes in September which compared to 30 over the previous two months. These were made up of 3 of violence, 1 of theft, 7 of damage to vehicles, 2 of criminal damage, 2 drugs offences, 1 sexual offence and 1 other offence.

There had been 7 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour which compared to 6 the previous month. These related items thrown across the road from Barnes Park, vehicles causing an obstruction, noise nuisance and motorbikes on the Country Park.

2142. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor A Pemberton.

2143. 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. 2149 refers). Councillor Mrs J Bedford declared a personal interest in the item relating to Gill Lane Allotments Minute no. 2153 refers).

2145. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2146. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

2147. 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 – Oct) | £ 515.04 |
| SO | M. Dovinson (Salary - Oct) | £ 561.94 |
| SO | G. Huckerby (Salary - Oct) | £ 361.07 |
| DD | E-on (Pavilion Supply - Oct) | £ 45.00 |
| DD | Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - Oct) | £ 12.49 |
| 3041 | HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - Oct) | £ 742.57 |
| 3042 | Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - Oct) | £ 1,454.19 |
| 3043 | Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire) | £ 32.50 |
| 3044 | G Huckerby (Wages Balance) | £ 65.76 |
| 3045 | R Ackrill (Wages Balance) | £ 89.89 |
| 3046 | NEDDC (Moving of Goal Posts) | £ 231.22 |
| 3047 | J Eaton (Bugler) | £ 40.00 |
| 3048 | Police and Crime Commissioner (Youth Activities) | £ 1,000.00 |

2148. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that a meeting had been arranged with John Marriott to discuss the position of Responsible Financial Officer.

The Clerk had placed an order with Plantscape for an additional four weeks watering of the hanging baskets at a cost of £258.00.

A request for a donation had been received from the newly formed 1st Grassmoor Guides towards their start-up costs. It was agreed that a donation of £300.00 be made to the Guides.

RESOLVED to (1) note the report; and

(2) the approve a donation of £300.00 to the 1st Grassmoor Guides.

2149. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that it was hoped that Big Local would use the Community Centre as their office base paying around £1,500.00 per annum in rent.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2150. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the new padlock on the Park gates had gone missing at some point during the refurbishment works. It was agreed that a new padlock be purchased at a cost of around £33.00.

HAGS SMP had supplied the Clerk with the maintenance disc in respect of the new play equipment which had been passed on to the District Council. The District Council had indicated that the additional annual maintenance charge for the Park would be around £2,400.00. This was mainly due to the need to use push mowers to cut the grass in and around the new play equipment and the additional number of items of play equipment to inspect on a monthly basis.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) authorise the Clerk to purchase a new padlock for the main gates.

2151. CCTV

The Clerk reported that all the cameras were now working and the camera on the School had now been relocated to provide a better view of the Park and the new equipment.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2152. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Councillors Barlow and Garbutt had recently visited the Mill Lane site and were for the most part pleased with the position they found. It was intended to return the orchard area back to allotments as the School were making little use of the area. Half plots were now available.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2153. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

A member of Gill Lane Allotments attended the meeting to seek clarification over a letter sent to him by the Parish Clerk regarding the planting of conifers on the site. It was agreed that the conifers along the Birkin Lane boundary could remain in place but all other conifers on the allotment should be removed immediately. Councillors Barlow

and Garbutt had visited the allotments and were particularly concerned about the plot in question. It was agreed that the issues be tackled as part of the wider problems on the site.

The Clerk proposed to take advice with a view to issuing all allotment tenants on the site with a notice to quit giving one years' notice. This may involve the payment of compensation to ploholders. The site would then be cleared and marked out in to single correctly sized plots. Consideration would need to be given to how the "new" allotments would be managed. It was agreed that a working group comprising Councillors Hemsley, E A Hill, Barlow, Garbutt and Grant be established to oversee this process. The Parish Council wished to pass on their thanks to Councillors Barlow and Garbutt for the work they undertake in respect of both Mill Lane and Gill Lane Allotments.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) instruct Mr Pick to remove all the conifers planted on the site except for those along the Birkin Lane boundary;
(c) take advice on giving the Association notice to quit the site; and
(d) establish a working group comprising Councillors Hemsley, E A Hill, Barlow, Garbutt and Grant to oversee this process.

2154. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Lagoons Open Day was to be held on 18 October 2014 and that they should make their own arrangements to attend.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2155. BIG LOCAL

It was noted that consideration was being given to supporting the establishment of Mother/Toddler facilities and youth facilities in the Methodist Church. Concern was expressed that these facilities should not compete with similar facilities organised in the Community Centre.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2156. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that all the "snagging" issues with the new equipment had been resolved and the accounts with HAGS SMP had all been paid in full. The litter bins had been ordered but had not yet been installed.

PSCO Land had confirmed that the Parish Council would qualify for funding to provide lighting to cover the skatepark on a time limited basis that could be turned off at a time at night to be agreed. The Parish Council would be required to pay the on-going costs of the lighting and also the electricity costs. The Clerk was looking at the possibility of utilising the same columns to accommodate both the lighting and also CCTV cameras. A meeting had been arranged with NW Systems on 20 November 2014.

The Parish Council agreed to move towards phase 2 of the project to replace the Pavilion in the Park. The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting with the Cricket and Football Clubs to discuss the project.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) investigate the possibility of utilising the lighting columns to house CCTV cameras to provide coverage of the Park; and
(c) arrange a meeting with the Football and Cricket Clubs discuss the Pavilion project.

2157. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk reported that to date had been unable to find anyone to conduct the Service, although he was hopeful that he could. Councillors Grant and Garbutt offered to assist if no one else could be found. The marquee had been ordered as had the wreaths and the small crosses. The inscription on the planter for the crosses was agreed.

RESOLVED to note the report;

2158. SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

It was agreed not to participate in the County Council's Snow Warden Scheme 2014.

RESOLVED to not to participate in the County Council's Snow Warden Scheme.

2159. REQUEST FOR DOG BINS

This matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to defer this matter until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

2160. CHESTERFIELD TIME BANK

Mrs Barbara White from Chesterfield Timebank attended the meeting to advise the Parish Council on the work of the Timebank.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2161. PLANNING MATTERS

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

| Application No. | Description | Comments/objections/Material considerations |
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| 14/00897/OL Peak Pharmacy PCT Healthcare Ltd | Installation of roller shutters | The Parish Council had no comments on this application. |

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| 14/00925/FLH 7 Durham Avenue Mr M Hardwick | Construction of front porch | The Parish Council had no comments on this application. |
| 14/00756/DIS CON Avenue Farm Mr M Hitchins | Discharge conditions. | Conditions discharged. |

The Clerk reported on revised details of a proposed wind farm development at Winsick that would be the subject of a formal planning application in the near future.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2162. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 15/14, 1614 and 17/14.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2163. 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 10 September 2014.
2. Report on the Parish Council's Streetcleaner (contains information relating to an individual).

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Chairman