

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 November 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

A member of the public attended the meeting to discuss flooding issues on North Wingfield Road. Councillor Ms J A Hill indicated that she had taken the matter up with the County Council and it was understood that the works to sort the problem out would start week commencing 17 November 2014. Concern was also expressed about the potential flooding issues that could result owing to the proposed development on land off North Wingfield Road and to rear of Keats Way for which the planning application had been submitted.

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 3 crimes in September which compared to 17 the previous month. These were made up of 1 of violence, 1 of damage to vehicle and 1 drugs offence.

There had been 10 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour which compared to 7 the previous month. These related mainly to fireworks and neighbour issues.

It was noted that a local drugs dealer had recently been sentenced to seven years in jail.

It was reported that this was James last meeting as he was taking up a post in Eckington on 1 December. The Parish Council thanked James for his hard work in policing the Parish and wished him well in the future. James was to be replaced by PCSO Charlotte Platt. The Parish Council expressed disappointment that James was being moved and the loss of local knowledge this would lead to. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

2166. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2167. 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. 2172 refers).

Councillor Mrs L Thomas declared a personal interest in the item relating to Planning Matters, specifically application 14/01100/FL (Minute no.2186 refers).

2168. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2169. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

2170. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had provided the Council with a sound report on the state of its accounts for the period ending 30 September 2014.

RESOLVED to (1) note the report; and
(2) approve the payment of the following accounts:-

<u>CHQ NO.</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
SO	R. Ackrill (Salary – Nov)	£	xxxx
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - Nov)	£	xxxx
SO	G. Huckerby (Salary - Nov)	£	xxxx
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - Nov)	£	45.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - Nov)	£	12.49
3049	Royal British Legion (Wreaths)	£	65.00
3050	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - Nov)	£	749.69
3051	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - Nov)	£	1,454.19
3052	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£	32.50
3053	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£	30.00
3054	Grassmoor Community Centre (Grant)	£	3000.00
3055	G Huckerby (Wages Balance)	£	11.05
3056	T Marriott (CCTV Camera Fee)	£	50.00
3057	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£	182.75
3058	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£	125.64
3059	J Marriott (Internal Audit Fee)	£	195.00
3060	NEDDC (Trade Waste)	£	443.56
3061	NW Systems (CCTV Repairs)	£	1729.20
3062	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£	47.99
3063	NEDDC (Litter Bins/Signs)	£	351.54
3064	Ist Grassmoor Guides (Donation)	£	300.00
3065	P Hemsley (Reimbursement of Expenses)	£	4.99

2171. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that John Marriott had taken over as the Parish Council's Responsible Financial Officer with effect from 1 November 2014. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Gary to express their thanks for his work for the Council.

Matt Dovinson had signed his new contract also with effect from 1 November 2014. Matt would use the Community Centre as his base.

A letter of thanks had been received from the District Council for the donation made towards the 2014 Chair's Appeal.

It was agreed that a donation of £100.00 be made towards the costs of the Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch.

RESOLVED to (1) note the report; and
(2) to approve a donation of £100.00 to the Grassmoor Luncheon Club.

2172. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that there were on-going issues with the Community Centre lift which were being investigated further and a second opinion was also being sought. A bid had been submitted by Big Local in the sum of £1,450 for them to use the Community Centre as their office base. The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer would be looking at all aspects of the Community Centre finances in order to reduce costs where possible. It was pleasing to report that the Centre kitchen had achieved a 5 star rating from Environmental Health. The boiler had been serviced.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2173. BARNES PARK

It was reported that the District Council had indicated that they were still awaiting delivery of the two news bins.

It was also reported that the spring on the new gate in the Park appeared not to be working. It was not clear whether the bolts securing the netting on the new equipment had been altered following the complaint that they were protruding and causing a potential danger. The Clerk agreed to report the problems to Hags SMP.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) report the issues regarding the gate and the securing of the netting on the new equipment to Hags SMP.

2174. CCTV

The Clerk reported that there were no pictures from the two new cameras. The Clerk would report the problem to NW Systems.

RESOLVED to report the camera problems to NW Systems.

2175. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was understood that the Chairman of the Association had resigned and that the Secretary would also be resigning at the AGM in January. Peter Holland had taken over as temporary Chairman. Councillors Barlow, Garbutt and Mrs E A Hill would, if possible, attend that AGM.

Sales from the Association shop were going well and they had received a grant for the provision of a toilet. Concern was expressed that one member had put in a gate on to the site from his garden. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Association to ask that this should not be used and that members should be advised that this would not be allowed in the future.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) write to the Association regarding the private gates.

2176. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils who had suggested that the Parish Council contact the National Society of Allotment Gardens (NSALG) for advice. NSALG had subsequently suggested that it felt that the Parish Council should consult with the Allotment Association prior to giving notice to see if a mutual agreement over the future of the site could be reached without the need to give plot holders notice to quit. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting with the Secretary to discuss the situation on the Gill Lane Allotments. The Parish Council may be liable to pay the plot holders compensation should they be given notice to quit.

It was also agreed that the Clerk investigate the costs of the Parish Council joining the NSALG.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) arrange a meeting with the Secretary of the Association; and
(c) look at the costs of the Parish Council becoming a member of the NSALG.

2177. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

It was reported that the Lagoons Open Day held on 18 October 2014 had been successful. The intention was for the landscaping works to take place next year and that the site would be open to the public during 2016.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2178. BIG LOCAL

Arrangements were continuing for the "Launch Event" for both communities which was to be held on 29 November. Ten Christmas trees had been donated to local businesses.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2179. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported a meeting had been held with the Cricket and Football Clubs to discuss the project to replace the Pavilion. A draft specification for the Pavilion had been agreed which included community facilities. The Clerk would look at architects who could assist with drawing up plans for the Pavilion. The proposals may require some trees to the side and rear of the present building to be removed. It was considered that if possible, a funding bid to include a resource worker should be submitted. It was agreed that, subject to timing, the Section 106 funding from the Hagg Hill development should be put towards that costs of the Pavilion along with funding bids from Sport England and other bodies.

It was reported that the Clerk and Chairman had met with NW Systems to discuss the provision of CCTV to cover the Park. NW felt it was possible that the CCTV cameras could be combined with the proposal to provide lighting for the skatepark. The quote provided by NW Systems for the provision of two cameras attached to a lighting column was £2,354. There may be additional costs however, to replace the wireless panels to enable the signal to be sent to the Community Centre as they may not be compatible with equipment used by NW. It was hoped to fund the provision of the CCTV cameras from Section 106 funds arising from the Keats Way project.

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek to obtain quotes for the lighting project which would be funded from a Community Safety grant. The Parish Council would be responsible for the on-going running and replacement costs of the lighting. Authority was also given to the Clerk to apply for the necessary planning permissions for the lighting and CCTV cameras. The lights would be fitted with timing devices to allow them to be switched off at an appropriate time to be agreed.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) look at finding an architect to assist with the plans for the project;
(c) obtain quotes for the lighting project; and
(d) submit a planning application for the CCTV and lighting project.

2180. FLOODING – NORTH WINGFIELD ROAD

Councillor Ms J A Hill reported that she had taken the issue of the flooding up with the County Council and a meeting had been held with local residents. Works to solve the problems had been agreed and it was hoped they would commence week commencing 19 November 2014.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2181. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk reported that the Service had been held on 9 November. It was agreed that vouchers be organised for the School children who assisted with the Service. The Clerk would investigate the costs of purchasing a sound system and would also arrange for the War Memorial to be cleaned in time for next year's Services. The elderly gentleman who unfortunately fell prior to the Service was recovering and had been discharged from hospital.

RESOLVED to (a) purchase vouchers for the school children who assisted with the Service;
(b) look at the costs of purchasing a sound system for the Service; and
(c) arrange for the War memorial to be cleaned.

2182. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

The Clerk reported that the Quality Parish Council Scheme had been changed. There were now three levels that could be achieved; Foundation; Quality and Quality Gold. The Council could receive Foundation Status automatically without going through the accreditation process and at no cost and would last until the end of 2015 at which point the Council can decide which level of standard it wishes to apply for.

RESOLVED to apply for Foundation Status in the new Quality Council Scheme.

2183. REQUEST FOR DOG BINS

It was agreed that two new dog bins should be purchased to be located at Winsick and at end of the lane off the Cory Coal roundabout. The bins cost around £400.00 each to purchase with annual emptying costs of £170.00 each. The Clerk was also asked to budget for two new bins per year in the budget.

RESOLVED to (a) purchase an additional two dog bins from the District Council; and
(b) budget for an additional two dog bins per year.

2184. TEMPLE NORMANTON PONDS

Concern was expressed over the condition of the small pond which was apparently being deliberately left in a "natural" condition. The Clerk agreed to take the matter up with the County Council. Concern was also expressed that pumping to the Williamthorpe Ponds had been stopped.

RESOLVED to report the condition of the ponds to the County Council.

2185. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was agreed that consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

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

2186. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
14/01038/DIS CON Sunny Bank, Mill Lane EMH Homes	Application to discharge conditions	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
14/01047/FLH PD 21 New Street Mrs M Keeton	Neighbour Consultation Scheme	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
14/00925/FLH 7 Durham Avenue Mr D Hardwick	Construction of front porch	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
14/00897/FL Peak Pharmacy, 190 North Wingfield Road PCT Health Care Limited	Installation of roller shutters	The District Council had approved this application.
14/00997/AME ND Land at 5-14 Keats Way Rykneld Homes Limited	Alterations to floor levels	The District Council had approved this application.

14/01100/FL Land to rear 2-6 Westhill Lane South Yorkshire Housing Association	Development of residential units	The Parish Council objected to this proposal on the following grounds: - the access to the site was in a dangerous position on a busy road. - there were already drainage and sewage issues near the proposed development which would be made worse should the houses be constructed. - the development would destroy valuable hedgerows which would have a detrimental impact on wildlife in the area.
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RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) submit objections on the planning application as detailed above.

2187. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 18/14, 19/14 and 20/14.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2188. 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 8 October 2014.

2189. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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Chairman