

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 January 2015 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 and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were taken in public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

The Police 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 5 crimes in December which compared to 7 the previous month. These were made up of 3 of violence, 1 of theft and handling stolen goods and 1 of making off without payment.

There had been 5 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour which compared to 4 the previous month. These related mainly to objects being thrown at property.

2212. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ms J A Hill.

2213. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, Mrs P J Hemsley and Mrs L Thomas declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 2218 refers).

2214. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2215. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

2216. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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

<u>CHQ NO.</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
SO	R. Ackrill (Salary – Jan)	£	xxxxxx
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - Jan)	£	xxxxxx
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - Jan)	£	15.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - Jan)	£	39.10
3081	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£	665.18
3082	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£	172.00
3083	J S Marriott (Salary & Expenses)	£	xxxxxx
3084	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - Jan)	£	672.98
3085	NEDDC (New Dog Bins)	£	310.42
3086	Chubb (Pavilion Extinguishers)	£	312.60
3087	R Ackrill (Balance of Salary and Expenses)	£	10.70
3088	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding - Jan)	£	1,454.19

2217. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted that the County Council were currently consulting on proposals to remove School Crossing Patrols where there was an existing zebra or light controlled crossing. It was agreed that the Clerk respond to the consultation to express the Parish Council's strong opposition to this proposal.

It was reported that phase one of the plans to develop the former Avenue site were due to commence in 2016. The District Council were seeking ideas for the name of the site.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) to respond to the consultation on School Crossing Patrols as detailed above.

2218. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

A copy of the Management Committee Accounts for 2013/14 was available for inspection by Members of the Parish Council.

The Centre Manager was in the process of seeking further quotes and opinions on the work required to repair the lift. Signs had been put up indicating that the lift was out of order and that the repairs would be undertaken as soon as possible. The issue with the main Centre doors had been resolved to the satisfaction of the Fire Officer. A meeting had been arranged for 2 February to discuss the review of Centre activities. It was reported that Big Local were proposing to "rent" office space for two people for an annual fee of around £2,450. The Police had paid rent of £2,500 for the use of the Police Office. Unfortunately, money had recently been stolen from purses at a recent private party at the Centre.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2219. BARNES PARK

It was noted that the new litter bins had now been installed.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2220. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he had reported the issues with the cameras to NW Systems and it was hoped to combine the repairs with the annual service in order to reduce costs.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2221. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Allotment Association's AGM would be held on Saturday 24 January 2015 at 1.00pm at the Grassmoor Working Men's Club.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2222. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk presented a draft letter to all allotment holders on the Gil Lane site which was agreed subject to the suggested amendments being made which included the inclusion of a deadline for responses.

Concern was expressed that there appeared to have been some changes to plot holders from those that were understood by the Clerk, despite the Secretary being told not to allocate any plots. The Clerk agreed to seek an explanation from the Secretary. It was agreed that if necessary, the Clerk arrange a meeting with Allotment holders.

It was agreed that the Committee for the Allotments when formed, should include, at least at the outset, a majority of Parish Councillors.

The Clerk showed the Parish Council aerial pictures of the site which detailed the boundaries. From the pictures it was considered that it was difficult to determine that there had been encroachment on to Parish Council land. The Clerk had received information from the County Council regarding land at the Birkin Lane entrance to site. Again there was no evidence of encroachment on Parish Council land.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) write to all plot holders on the basis of the agreed letter;
(c) write to the Secretary to seek an explanation over the allocation of plots;
(d) arrange a meeting with allotment holders if necessary. and
(e) investigate further the ownership of land off Birkin Lane West;

2223. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk agreed to invite the County Council and Remedx to attend to next meeting to provide an update on the present position regarding the Lagoons.

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2224. BIG LOCAL

It was noted that the Big Local Plan had now been submitted.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2225. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that he had had an initial discussion with the County Council architect regarding the brief for the Pavilion plans. A rough plan and price estimate would be produced.

The Clerk reported that he had received one quote for the lighting project for the skate park in the sum of £4,650. However, a second company had refused to quote for the work as they felt that a one column light would not provide a good quality light coverage of the area. The Clerk had consulted the County Council regarding the funding and as a result, the Clerk had requested two companies to provide quotes for a four column system.

The Parish Council authorised the Clerk to proceed with the project, including applying for planning permission.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) authorise the Clerk to proceed with the project including applying for planning permission.

2226. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS

The Clerk reported that Joanne Taylor had agreed to act as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor.

RESOLVED to appoint Joanne Taylor to act as the Parish Council's External Auditor.

2227. GRASSMOOR METHODIST CHURCH – REQUEST FOR DONATION

The Grassmoor Methodist Church had requested a donation to assist with the running of the monthly Ploughman's Lunches.

RESOLVED to not accede to the request for a donation.

2228. JOINT WORKING WITH OTHER PARISH COUNCILS

The Clerk reported that Councillor Ian Allcock, a Calow Parish Councillor had contacted the Parish Council regarding the possibility of local councils working together to deliver projects in order to try to reduce costs. The Parish Council considered that it may be more practical to jointly deliver services together as opposed to individual projects.

RESOLVED to respond to Councillor Allcock accordingly.

2229. PARISH COUNCIL BANK MANDATE

It was agreed that Councillors Mrs P J Hemsley, A H Booker, Mrs A Browne and I F Barlow be included on the Parish Council's bank mandate.

RESOLVED to include Councillors Mrs P J Hemsley, A H Booker, Mrs A Browne and I F Barlow on the Parish Council's bank mandate.

2230. LIGHTING COLUMN TESTING

It was agreed that the Parish Council place an order with Cubic Ultrasonic to test 40 lamp columns for hanging baskets at a cost of £11.25 per column.

RESOLVED to place an order with Cubic Ultrasonic to test 40 lamp columns for hanging baskets at a cost of £11.25 per column.

2231. DERBYSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY

The Clerk reported that Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and the 8 district and borough councils, were proposing to form a Derbyshire Combined Authority and were consulting on the proposal. It was agreed that the Parish Council support the proposal.

RESOLVED to support the proposal for a Combined Authority.

2232. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/Objections/Material considerations
14/01305/CM Grassmoor Lagoons Remedx	Application to vary and remove conditions	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2233. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 24/14, 25/14 and 26/14.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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Chairman