

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 18 February 2015 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, B Garbutt, E Grant and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public attended the meeting to thank the Parish Council for their support in opposing the planning application for residential development on land to the rear of Westhill Lane. The Parish Council agreed to contact the District Council with a view to having the hedge line which had been removed, reinstated.

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 6 crimes in January, all of which related to incidents of violence.

There had been 3 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour which compared to 5 the previous month.

2234. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A H Booker, Mrs A Browne, Mrs E A Hill and Ms J A Hill.

2235. 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. 2240 refers).

2236. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2237. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

2238. 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 – Feb)	£
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - Feb)	£
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - Feb)	£ 15.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - Feb)	£ 39.10
DD	PWLB (Loan Repayments)	£ 3,167.10
DD	Nat West Bank (Bank Charges)	£ 5.24
SO	G Earrye (CCTV Broadband Connection)	£ 178.20
3089	NEDDC (New Litter Bins)	£ 1,193.18
3090	Grassmoor Community Centre (Staff Funding – Feb & Room Hire)	£ 1,486.69
3091	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - Feb)	£ 679.39
3092	R Ackrill (Balance of Salary and Expenses)	£ 172.10
3093	J S Marriott (Salary & Expenses)	£
3094	D Holden (TV Licence Scheme)	£ 182.75
3095	NW Systems (CCTV)	£ 2,514.00
3096	NW Systems (CCTV)	£ 396.00

2239. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alan Pemberton had resigned as a Parish Councillor on health grounds. As the resignation had occurred after 1 November in the year preceding ordinary Parish Council elections, it was not necessary to declare a casual vacancy. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Alan thanking him for his time on the Council and wishing him all the very best for the future. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the "Purdah" period prior to the Parish and District Council elections on 7 May, came in to effect on 23 March 2015.

Councillor J A Hill had formally requested that the County Council introduce a pelican crossing on North Wingfield Road, near the junction with New Street to replace the existing zebra crossing. In addition, she had also requested that anti-skid surfacing be introduced at this crossing and also the one near the School.

It was reported that a recent Primary School trip to the Space Centre had been cut short as a result of the bad weather, which had left the children very disappointed. It was agreed that the Parish Council make a contribution of £250.00 towards the costs of a return trip to the Centre.

It was noted that the latest edition of the Community Newsletter would be issued shortly.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;

(b) write to Alan Pemberton;

(c) make a donation of £250.00 towards the costs of a Primary School trip to the Space Centre.

2240. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that an initial meeting had been held to review the running of the Centre with a review to reducing costs, increasing efficiency and increasing income. The meeting had been positive and further meetings were planned.

The Annual Return for 2013/14 had been submitted to the Charity Commission in time for the 31 January 2015 deadline.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2241. BARNES PARK

The Clerk agreed to investigate why a new dog bin had been installed in the Park near the Pavilion.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2242. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the CCTV Maintenance contract in the sum of £2095.00 and the SUP Base and Camera Licences in the sum of £295.00 (both excluding VAT) were due for renewal. It was agreed that both be renewed.

NW Systems had advised that the existing wireless point to point equipment was most probably the cause of the continual flickering on the images. They had agreed to investigate further, but it was likely that the equipment was in need of replacement.

RESOLVED to (a) authorise the Clerk to renew that Maintenance contract and the SUP Base and Camera Licenses as detailed above; and
(b) replace if necessary, the wireless point to point equipment.

2243. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Allotment Association's AGM had been held on 24 January 2015. Mick Arnold had been appointed as Chairman, Kathy Arnold as Secretary and Gina Liszka as Treasurer.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2244. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting, a letter had been sent to all allotment holders on the Gil Lane site as agreed.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Chairman and Clerk had held a meeting with Mr Roe, the Secretary and with Tony Pick. Mr Roe and Mr Pick indicated that the plottolders

had agreed to form an Allotment Committee comprising of Charles McGeaver, Alan Roe, Tony Pick and Brett Johnson. The Association had joined the National Society of Allotment Gardeners and the Clerk had sent them a copy of a set of rules and a constitution which could be adapted for their own use and which would subsequently be agreed by the Parish Council.

A plot holder had indicated that he wished to give up his plot and the Association had asked the Parish Council's permission to allocate it to Mr Wood, who been already assisting the current plot holder in maintaining the site. There were no other people on the waiting list so the Clerk and the Chairman had agreed to this.

Mr Pick showed the Clerk and Chairman, details of the boundary between his property and the Allotment site. The Clerk and Chairman were assured on this basis, that there had been no encroachment on to Parish Council owned land.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2245. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The County Council apologised for not being able to attend the meeting. However, they had provided a written update as detailed below:

“Due to the weather things appear quiet on site at the moment. However the site team are working hard on reports and data required by the planning authority and the regulators.

The good news is that in December the last of the contaminated material was excavated and treated. That means that all the contaminated material has now been treated and has passed the necessary tests. We are now waiting for the better weather before starting on the earthworks which will form the new shape of the landform. That work is programmed to start in mid-March 2015, when the weather will hopefully be better. The earthmoving will go on until June, which will form the slopes and valley leading to the proposed wetland area.

Once the landform has been created we can commence the landscaping works. These works, including planting, will take us through until November 2015.

During the course of the above works the contractor will begin to remove the site cabins and equipment, with the site finally cleared by the end of the year. The fencing will remain around the former lagoons site to help protect the area and allow the landscaping to become established.

We will continue a testing regime of both surface and groundwater until mid-2016 as required by the authorities. Final reports will then be submitted for approval. Once the site is established we will be able to open up the area to public use as part of the wider country park, hopefully sometime in late 2016.”

The Parish Council understood that they were to be consulted on the landscaping works to be undertaken. The Clerk agreed to take this matter up with the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) ask the Clerk to ask the County Council to consult with the Parish Council on the proposed landscaping works.

2246. BIG LOCAL

The Chairman reported that the two Big Local posts to be based at the Community had been re-advertised with a closing date of 20 February. It was also likely that an apprentice could be based at the Centre as part of the Talent Match project. The initial project proposals had also received first stage partnership approval.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2247. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk circulated copies of the County Council's draft plans for the new Pavilion and invited comments. Copies would be circulated for comments to the Cricket and Football Clubs. The estimated budget cost for the project was £575,000 which seemed very high. The Clerk would take this up with the County Council.

It was noted that the Clerk had invited two companies to submit quotes for the lighting/CCTV project in the Park. To date, no responses had been received.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) consult with the Cricket and Football Clubs regarding the Pavilion Plans;
(c) question the estimated costs of the build with the County Council.

2248. PARISH COUNCIL BANK MANDATE

The Responsible Financial Officer reported to the Parish Council on-going problems in dealing with Nat West Bank regarding the Council's bank accounts.

It was agreed that the Parish Council move its bank accounts to Unity Trust Bank, including internet banking facility, at the earliest opportunity. It was also agreed that the Clerk be added to the signatories to the account agreed at the last meeting.

RESOLVED to (a) move the Parish Council's bank accounts to Unity Trust Bank, including internet banking facilities, at the earliest opportunity; and
(b) add the Clerk to the list of signatories to the account.

2249. SPEEDING – BIRKIN LANE

The Clerk reported that the Police were seeking the Parish Council's support to lobby the County Council regarding the speed of vehicles using Birkin Lane. It was agreed request be supported and that the Clerk contact the County Council accordingly.

RESOLVED to ask the County Council to put measures in place to help curb the speeding problem on Birkin Lane.

2250. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/Objections/Material considerations
14/00763/OL Hanging Banks, Derby Road, Wingerworth Ackroyd and Abbot Ltd	Residential Development	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
14/01100/FL Land to rear 2-6 Westhill Lane South Yorkshire Housing Association	Residential Development	The District Council had refused this application.
14/01226/OL 143-145 Mansfield Road, Hasland John Church Planning Consultancy Ltd	Residential Development	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.

Urban Wind had updated the Parish Council on the proposed application for wind turbines at Manor House Farm, Winsick. The pre-application and design process had been completed and it was now intended to submit a full application for a single turbine measuring 45m to the blade in the near future. Attached to the application was the

provision for a community benefit fund of approximately £1,250 per annum to the Parish Council to address “critical social and environmental issues and to improve the quality of life for local residents”.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2251. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council’s information DALC Circular 27/14, 1 /15 and 2/15.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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Chairman