

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 8 April 2015 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters relating to public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

Inspector Paul Corton and PCSO Charlotte Platts attended the meeting to discuss the position relating to policing in Grassmoor and to present the latest crime and anti-social behaviour figures for the Parish. Particular concern was expressed that Matt Rodda had moved areas leaving PCSO Platts to cover a very large area covering 6 parishes. Concern was also expressed that PCSO Platts was expected to move between parishes on foot which it was considered was not the best and most effective use of her time.

Inspector Corton and PCSO Platts both indicated that travelling on foot was a way for a local officer to gain valuable intelligence about what was going on in the area. The Police used Safer Neighbourhood Teams to police areas on foot to provide a visible presence. A rapid response team was in place to deal with any emergency issues which arose. It was also noted that PC Kerry Gough would be joining the Team policing Grassmoor.

It was reported that there had been 3 crimes committed in the Parish during March. There had been 2 incidents of criminal damage and 1 of theft from a dwelling.

There had been 7 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported over the same period. The incidents related to drunken behaviour, nuisance motorbikes, loud music and used syringes being found.

It was reported that a yellow quad bike had been using Tennyson Way and Shakespeare Street. Drugs were also considered to be a major problem in the area with problems reported on Wingerworth Terrace, Henry Street, Chapman Lane and in Barnes Park and the Country Park.

2269. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor A H Booker.

2270. 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. 2275 refers).

2271. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2272. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

2273. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented a draft income and expenditure account for 2014/15 for information.

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 – April)	£	
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - April)	£	
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - April)	£	15.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - April)	£	39.10
DD	Information Commissioner (Annual Fee)	£	35.00
3103	Grassmoor Community Centre (Grant & Room Hire)	£	1,551.69
3104	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - March)	£	671.02
3105	Whittington Moor Printing Works (Newsletter)	£	1,363.70
3106	NW Systems (CCTV Licences)	£	354.00
3107	Derbyshire County Council (Grit Bin Filling)	£	120.24
3108	Derbyshire County Council (Bus Shelter)	£	5,917.82
3109	Rykneld Swimming Club (Donation)	£	300.00
3110	DALC (Subscription)	£	730.72
3111	J S Marriott (Salary)	£	
3112	R Ackrill (Balance of Salary)	£	
3113	Grassmoor Primary School (Donation)	£	250.00
3114	NEDDC (Planning Permission)	£	195.00

2274. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk reported that if the election for the Parish Council was contested, the Annual Parish Meeting would need to be held on 20 May 2015. If however, the election was uncontested, the meeting could be held on the usual date of 13 May.

It was reported that Wingerworth Parish Council had asked whether the Parish Council wished to have an input in to the Neighbourhood Plan for Wingerworth. It was agreed that the Parish Council should not be a stakeholder in in the preparation of the Plan.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2275. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the position regarding the large water bill had been clarified. An error had occurred with the meter reading. Staff from Big Local had started using the Community Centre Office. Concern was expressed that the lift was still not working. The Centre Manager was in the process of getting quotes for both the repair of the lift and its annual maintenance.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2276. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that complaints had been received about two trees in the Park. Both trees could be cut back although the District Council had advised that one would cost around £800 as it was difficult to access. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for a Tree Surgeon to get another opinion on the works required. It was noted that it was the wrong time of year to cut back trees.

The Clerk also reported that a young girl had cut her leg on a broken can left on the Park, possible cut in half when mown by the District Council. It was noted that litter had been a problem in the Park recently. The Streetcleaner had been asked to give the Park as much attention as possible.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) seek quotes from Tree Surgeons to undertake works to the two trees in the Park.

2277. CCTV

The Clerk reported that a site survey had been arranged for 14 April to discuss the skate park and MUGA lighting, but unfortunately, it had been cancelled. The meeting would be rearranged as soon as possible.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2278. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Secretary of the Association had updated the Parish Council on the latest position on the Allotments. At present there was only one vacant plot. A large amount of rubbish had been removed from the site and piles of concrete and rubble were awaiting collection. The School had plans for the orchard and an area nearby had been earmarked as a possible additional allotment plot. The composting toilet had an installation date of 29 April 2015. The Association were planning an Open Day in the summer together with a Best Kept Allotment which they wished the Parish Council to judge. There had been some issues with bonfires on the allotments and members had been reminded to be responsible when having fires.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2279. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had not received any communication from the Allotments regarding progress in implementing changes on the site. It was noted that the road surface on Gill Lane was in a poor condition particularly near the junction with North Wingfield Road. The County Council had assessed the junction where it was public highway but the remainder of the lane was a private road and not the County Council's responsibility.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2280. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk reported that he had asked the County Council to provide details of the landscaping plans but nothing had been received to date. The Clerk would take the matter up with the County Council.

RESOLVED to contact the County Council regarding the landscaping works.

2281. BIG LOCAL

The Big Local staff had started work in the Community Centre.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2282. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The County Council had confirmed that they would provide funding for the lighting of both the MUGA and the skate park. The Clerk reported that the site visit planned to discuss the lighting had been cancelled and would be re-arranged. A meeting to discuss the plans for the Pavilion with the Cricket and Football had been arranged for 15 April 2015.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2283. PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNTS

The Responsible Financial Officer and the Clerk were preparing the necessary paperwork to enable the bank accounts to be moved to Unity Trust Bank at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2284. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN

The Clerk reported that the Government were consulting on proposals to extend the remit of the Local Government Ombudsman to cover complaints against Parish Councils. It was agreed that the Clerk respond to the consultation objecting to the proposals.

RESOLVED to object to the proposals to extend the powers of the Ombudsman.

2285. DERBYSHIRE LAW CENTRE

The Clerk reported that on the Parish Council joining the Derbyshire Law Centre as an organisational member.

RESOLVED to join the Derbyshire Law Centre as an organisational member.

2286. DERBYSHIRE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRE

The Clerk reported that a request for a donation to the Unemployed Workers Centre had been received. It was agreed that a donation of £500.00 be made to the Centre.

RESOLVED to make a donation of £500.00 to the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers.

2287. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/Objections/Material considerations
14/00193/FL Manor House Farm, Mansfield Road Mr J Stannard	Installation of wind turbine	The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of the adverse visual impact of the turbine on the local area and also the adverse impact on neighbouring properties, particularly in relation to noise.

The Clerk had reported the issue of the trees being felled on the Golf Course to the County Council. The County Council had responded that there was nothing in the terms of the lease with the Golf Club that prevented trees on the Course being felled and that there were no Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) in place. The Clerk had also contacted the District Council regarding the possibility of getting TPOs placed on trees on the course. The District Council indicated that they no were no longer able to respond to requests for TPOs owing to a lack of resources.

Mr Paul Butler, Planning Agent for Harron Homes attended the meeting to discuss the application for housing on land at Windwhistle Farm. The Parish Council had serious concerns over the potential for surface water/flooding issues arising from the development. Mr Butler indicated that these should be addressed as part of the planning process.

It was noted that the application had a considerable amount of Section 106 funding attached to it, part of which related to play equipment in Barnes Park. The Parish Council were concerned that this was too constraining, particularly as the Park had recently been refurbished. It was agreed that the District Council be asked to change the definition to "equipment" which would give the Parish Council greater flexibility in improving the Park.

RESOLVED to (a) object to the planning application as detailed above;
(b) request the District Council change the definition of the Section 106 funding relating to Barnes Park play equipment.

2288. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 6/15, 7/15 and 8/15.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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Chairman