MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 13 May 2015 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, Mrs A Browne, B Garbutt, E Grant, Mrs P J Hemsley, Mrs E A Hill, Ms J A Hill.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters relating to public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PC Kerry Gough 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: 1 of possession of drugs; 1 positive drugs warrant and one of theft. There had been only one reported incident of anti-social behaviour which related to a nuisance vehicle on Henry Street.

Problems were reported relating to motorbikes and quad bikes. It was also reported that motorbikes were being ridden obviously at high speed on Hagg Hill at 2-3am. PC Gough asked whether there were any areas that would benefit from the use of a hand-held speed camera. The stretch of road between the Doctor's Surgery and the Cory Coal roundabout was suggested.

There was an on-going drugs problem in the village, particularly in Barnes Park where drugs were openly being smoked.

2289. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

2290. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Parish Clerk.

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

2291. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs A Browne be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

2292. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs A Browne read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Parish Clerk.

2293. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs J Bedford and M Grayling.

2294. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs A Browne and Mrs P J Hemsley declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 2300 refers). Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley declared a personal interest in the item relating to the Grassmoor Funday Sunday (Minute no. 2310 refers).

2295. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 April 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2296. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items taken in exclusion.

2297. APPOINTMENTS TO GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to appoint Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs A Browne, E Grant and Mrs P J Hemsley to serve on the Grassmoor Community Centre Management Committee until the next ordinary elections of the Parish Council in 2019.

2298. 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:-

CHQ NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT	
SO	R. Ackrill (Salary – May)	£	
SO	M. Dovinson (Salary - May)	£	
DD	E-on (Pavilion Supply - May)	£	15.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply - May)	£	39.10
3114	Grassmoor Community Centre (Grant & Room Hire)	£	1,486.69
3115	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI - March)	£	693.84
3116	NEDDC (Planning Permission)	£	443.56
3117	Cubit Ultrasonic (Lamp Column Tests)	£	450.00
3118	J S Marriott (Salary and Expenses)	£	
3119	R Ackrill (Balance of Salary)	£	
3120	Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (Donation)	£	500.00
3121	Grassmoor Community Centre (Grant)	£	2,000.00

2299. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk reported that there was a vacancy on the Parish Council which could now be filled by means of co-option. A letter from a local resident had been received expressing an interest in sitting on the Council. In accordance with guidance issued by the National Association of Local Councils, it was agreed that the vacancy be advertised by way of a notice on local noticeboards, to see if anyone else was interested in filling the vacancy.

RESOLVED to advertise the vacancy on the Parish Council.

2300. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Management Committee had met on 11 May. It was pleasing to report that the lift had been repaired at a cost of £432.00 which was lower than other quotes received. The twice yearly service cost was £132.00, again lower than other quotes. Harriett Bedford had made a donation of £100.00 towards the costs of the lift repairs. The Clerk was asked to write and thank Mrs Bedford. Otis was demanding payment for a routine service visit which was cancelled well in advance. The Centre garden at the front of the building was in need of attention and a request for volunteers would be included in the next Newsletter.

The Clerk agreed to look at the feasibility of installing solar panels on the roof of the Centre.

RESOLVED to (1) note the report; and
(2) look at the feasibility of installing solar panels on the roof of the Centre.

2301. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that a request had been received to have the entrance restrictors on the entrances to the Park removed as they were difficult to get through for users of mobility scooters. The Parish Council considered that the restrictors should remain in place as the Park had previously suffered from damage due to motor cyclists riding round the Park. The restrictors prevented those responsible from using these entrances to exit the Park which in turn made it easier for the Police to police the problem.

The Clerk had requested 2 quotes from tree surgeons regarding the trees in the Park but to date none had been received. If none were received, it was suggested that the Clerk contact Chris Stout, Grounds Maintenance.

Concern was expressed over the amount of litter in the Park in recent weeks. The Streetcleaner had been asked to give the Park extra attention. The Clerk and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman agreed to look in more detail at the litter problem in the Park.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;

(b) not remove the restrictors on entrances to the Park; and
(c) agree that the Clerk and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to look in more detail at the litter problem in the Park.

2302. CCTV

The Clerk reported that a site survey had taken place on 20 April to discuss the skate park and MUGA lighting. The report on the survey was awaited.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2303. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that John Kellett had sadly died recently. It was understood that his pigeon loft had been sold, although the Clerk agreed to clarify the position with the Secretary to the Association.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2304. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that David Burton had been in contact to report that a wide track had been strimmed through his crop of hybrid barley forming a path from Gill Lane to the allotments. The Clerk had contacted the Secretary who had confirmed that members of the allotments had cut the path. They felt that Mr Burton had not left a path to the allotments as he had in previous years and this path was the only vehicular access to the site they could use. Mr Burton was currently deciding what action he was going to take next.

The Association had considered the rules sent by the Clerk and had agreed some changes. They had however, unfortunately lost the document. The Clerk had re-sent it and comments were awaited.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2305. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk circulated landscaping plans of the Lagoons which had been provided by the County Council. The County Council had been unable to attend the meeting but the Clerk had asked them to attend the next meeting.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2306. BIG LOCAL

The Chairman reported that the official launch meeting of Big Local had been held on 10 May 2015. The £1m grant fund had been paid to Links as the accountable body for the project.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2307. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that Councillor Hemsley had met with representatives of Platinum Lighting and NW Systems on 20 April to discuss the lighting and CCTV project in the Park. The location of the CCTV camera pole was discussed and a plan of the current proposals along with specifications was awaited in order that planning permission could be sought.

The Chairman and Clerk had met with the Cricket and Football Clubs to discuss the draft plans. Several amendments had been suggested to improve the lay out. The Clerk would discuss the ideas with the architect and would bring any revised plans back to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2308. PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNTS

The Responsible Financial Officer and the Clerk had finalised the paperwork for the move to Unity Bank and the application would be submitted as soon as possible.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2309. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk presented the updated risk assessment relating to the activities of the Parish Council. The assessment was approved and it was noted that it would be reviewed on an annual basis.

RESOLVED to agree the risk assessment and note that it would be subject to annual review.

Councillor Mrs A Browne (in the Chair)

2310. GRASSMOOR FUNDAY SUNDAY

The Clerk reported that Big Local had agreed to allocate £1,000.00 towards the costs of the Grassmoor Funday Sunday to be held on 5 July 2015. It was agreed that a donation of £1,000.00 be made to the Funday.

Voting

For: 4
Against: 2
Abstentions: 1

RESOLVED to approve a donation of £1,000.00 to the Grassmoor Funday Sunday to be held on 5 July 2015

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

2311. FLOODING – BARNES PARK

James Biddlestone, Derbyshire County Council attended the meeting to discuss flooding issues in Barnes Park and other areas of Grassmoor. With regard to the Park issues, it was noted that the County Council were looking to work with Yorkshire Water to fully understand the current and historical drainage systems in order that an assessment of remedial works could be made. Councillors Browne and Garbutt agreed to meet with James to discuss the issues further.

With regard to the flooding issues on North Wingfield Road, it was noted that works to the carriageway had been undertaken to prevent water running off the road and towards nearby properties. However, concern was expressed that proposed resurfacing of the road may lead to similar problems occurring in the future. The drains had been investigated and a large amount of fat had been found. Local residents had been advised about putting fat down the drains.

The County Council had liaised with the Golf Club regarding the flooding problems at Avenue Farm. As a result, the Golf Club had undertaken some works to remove silt and soil from watercourses. It was noted that water authorities were allowed a permitted amount of discharge in to watercourse by law during periods of heavy rainfall.

Concern was expressed that the flooding issues in the village could be made worse by the proposed large-scale housing development at Windwhistle Farm. In particular, there was a concern that the proposals for surface catching water running off the site was not adequate to cope with the volume of water which may cause flooding issues on Birkin Lane. James indicated that these issues would be fully addressed as part of assessments made during the planning process and the Parish Council would have the opportunity to comments on the proposals.

Concern was expressed that the two ponds off Birkin Lane were full of silt along with the culvert which was making the flooding problems on the road greater. It was noted that the County Council were looking into the problem. However, water voles lived in the area and as they were a protected species, care had to be taken when undertaking work.

The Chairman thanked James for his work to date and for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2312. REALIGNMENT OF BUS SHELTER OF BUS STOP/SHELTER – NORTH WINGFIELD ROAD

The Clerk reported that the County Council had contacted the Parish Council to indicate that they were considering realigning the bus shelter near the junction of

Westhill Lane and North Wingfield Road in order to assist with a proposed development to the rear of Westhill Lane. A new modern shelter would be erected in its place at no cost to the Parish Council. The Parish Council expressed concern that the Council were proposing to move the shelter even though at this stage, no appeal or new application had been made. Councillor Ms J A Hill would take the matter up with the County Council.

The Parish Council objected to the proposal as it was considered that, even if the shelter was relocated to improve visibility, the access to and from the site would still be dangerous.

RESOLVED to object to the proposed realignment and replacement of the bus shelter.

2313. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – NORTH WINGFIELD ROAD - 26-29 MAY 2015

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been notified of the proposed closure of North Wingfield Road from 26 – 29 May 2015 between the junctions of Furnace Hillock Way and Birkin Lane. The closure would be effective between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2314. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/Objections/Material considerations
15/00317/FLH 5 Norfolk Avenue Mr K Bingham	Single and two storey rear extension	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
15/00348/DISCON Sunny Bank, Mill Lane EMH Homes	Discharge of conditions	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
15/00191/FLH Summerfield, Mansfield Road	Creation of vehicular access	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

Mr G Booth		
15/00336/RM Windwhistle Farm, Southend Haron Homes	Reserved Matters – appearance/land scaping	The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds: The development could lead to serious problems with flooding and surface water if the measures put in place to mitigate such problems are not adequate. There is a particular concern that the existing flooding problems on Birkin Lane will be made worse. The development should include as many grassed areas as possible including between properties to enable surface water to drain away. The proposed "pond" to collect the surface water must be properly secured otherwise it will be a danger to young children playing in the area.
CW4/0415/2 The Avenue, Derby Road, Wingerworth Homes and Communities Agency	Variations of conditions	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Turley Associates indicating that South Yorkshire Housing Association would be submitting an application for 11 affordable homes on land to the rear of Westhill Lane (see also Minute no. 2312).

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) object to the planning application as detailed above.

2315. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2014/15

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported on the audit of the Parish Council's accounts for 2014/15. The Parish Council's Internal Auditor had agreed the accounts subject to the risk assessment, financial regulations and standing orders being reviewed on an annual basis.

It was noted that new model financial regulations had issued and it was agreed that the Parish Council should adopt the new model regulations. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman be authorised to sign the Statement of Accounts.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) approve the Council's Standing Orders;
(c) adopt the new model Financial Regulations; and
(d) authorise the Clerk and Chairman to sign the Statement of Accounts.

2316. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circular 9/15, 10/15 and 11/15.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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Chairman