

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 8 December 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, M Grayling and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items taken under public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

The Police were unable to attend the meeting. There had been 3 crimes, 1 of theft from a vehicle, 1 of possession of cannabis with intent to supply and 1 of affray.

There had been 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour, 1 relating to noise nuisance and 2 of motorbike nuisance on Whitmore Avenue.

2425. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor E Grant, Mrs E A Hill and Mrs J Round-Hill.

2426. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs P Hemsley and Mrs L Thomas declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 2431 refers).

2427. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to Councillor Mrs E A Hill's declaration of a personal interest in Minute no. 2412 relating to Mill Lane Allotments being noted.

2428. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

No items were taken in exclusion.

2429. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, the bank reconciliation to 5 November 2015 which showed an overall balance of £196,203.66. The Chairman signed a copy of the reconciliation.

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

RESOLVED to (a) note the bank reconciliation to 5 November 2015; and

(b) approve the payment of the following accounts:-

Date	Details		No	TOTAL	VAT
09/12/15	STWA	Pavilion Water	DD	£55.21	
09/12/15	Employee 1l	Salary	SO	£515.04	
09/12/15	Employee 2	Salary	SO	£408.20	
09/12/15	HMRC	PAYE	21	£641.48	
09/12/15	GCC	Grant & Room Hire	20	£1,492.69	
09/12/15	NEDDC	Dog waste bins	22	£827.17	£137.86
09/12/15	Employee 3	Salary & Expenses	23	£422.78	£2.69
09/12/15	R Ackrill	Balance of Salary	24	£17.11	
09/12/15	D Holden	TV Licence scheme	25	£161.25	
18/12/15	J S Marriott	Pavilion Electricity	BACS	£49.72	£2.36
18/12/15	Western PD	Park Lighting	BACS	£1,342.06	£223.68

2430. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that following the recent consultation exercise, the Post Office had confirmed that the Grassmoor Post Office would be moving to Nisa Local at 216-218 North Wingfield Road with effect from 16 February 2015.

The District Council had informed the Parish Council that the Register of Interests forms could now be viewed on line on the District Council's website. Members were reminded to ensure that any changes to their Interests should be sent to the Clerk immediately in writing in order that the Register could be changed.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2431 GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the painter was re-painting the external doors at the Centre as and when the weather permitted.

A new dishwasher had been purchased with a 50% grant from Big Local.

The meeting of the Management Committee due to be held on 14 December 2015 had been cancelled.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2432. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that two applications had been received for the post of Park Attendant for four hours per week. Interviews would be arranged as soon as possible.

The District Council had indicated that they were not interested in the work to cut back the lime tree. The Clerk had contacted Phillip Heath who had apologised for not responding to previous correspondence and had agreed to cut back the lime tree prior to Christmas. A

response regarding when the District Council could undertake the pollarding of the poplar trees was awaited. If the District Council could not undertake the works in the near future, it was agreed that Phillip Heath be asked to do so.

The District Council had confirmed that the football pitch had been reduced in width at both sides. Whilst the pitch remained within the size limits for pitches set by the FA, it was agreed that the pitch size should be reviewed in time for the following season. The District Council were looking at the drainage in the Park to see that it was functioning properly to see if that was responsible for the poor quality of the pitch. The District Council were concerned that the pitch was being played on when it was unfit although it was noted that the decision to play was that of the match referee.

The Clerk reported that Grassmoor Sports had investigated the issue of a player urinating in the Park during the Remembrance Sunday Service. The player had been identified and spoken to by the Club. The Club apologised for the incident.

The Cricket Club had the opportunity to take part in a Nat West Bank sponsored clean-up event for cricket pitches and the surrounding areas. The Parish Council had no objection to the Cricket Club participating in this scheme.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) agree that Phillip heath be asked to pollard the poplar trees if the District Council were unable to do so in a reasonable timescale; and
(c) agree that the Cricket Club could apply to participate in the Nat West clean-up scheme.

2433. CCTV

The Clerk reported that NW Systems had replaced the faulty camera on Hairdayz this week. The camera located on 50 Tennyson Way had been stolen at some point. The property had been vacant for two months and the previous tenant was certain it was in place when she left. The Clerk had reported the problem to the Police. The cost of replacement, including installation was £1,644.00. It was agreed that the camera should be replaced but located at a more suitable location such as the Doctors Surgery.

The Clerk would pass on details of how to access the system remotely.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) approve the purchase of a replacement camera to be located at an alternative location, ideally the Doctors Surgery.

2434. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had received a response from the Association to the two complaints reported at the last meeting. Based on the information received, the Parish Council was satisfied that the Association had acted reasonably and properly in the circumstances in both cases and that no further action was proposed. The Clerk would respond to both complainants and also to the Association. The Parish Council asked that

the Association be made aware that it fully supported its actions in respect of these two cases.

RESOLVED to agree that (a) the Allotment Association had acted properly and reasonably in the circumstances in relation to the two complaints received; and
(b) the Clerk respond accordingly to the complainants and the Allotment Association indicating that no further action was proposed.

2435. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

There were no matters relating to Gill Lane Allotments to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2436. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk was agreed to chase up the landscaping plans for the Lagoons.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2437. BIG LOCAL

It was reported that Big Local had agreed to sponsor the Cory Coal roundabout. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that it had paid for the roundabout to be planted at a cost of £500.00, although it was unclear whether the Parish had been billed for this work.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2438. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that he and representatives of the Football and Cricket Clubs had visited the new pavilion in Eastwood Park, Hasland. Whilst the layout of building was not what was required for Grassmoor, the boiler and heating system was located in the roof space which could provide for greater storage space or greater changing room accommodation. The Clerk agreed to discuss this with the Architect.

With regard to the lighting project, the intention had been to connect the unmetered supply from a main running along North Wingfield Road. Unfortunately however, there was no main running along the Park side of the road. To connect to the main on the School side of the road would cost around £6,500.00. As a result, it was proposed to connect to the main at the Norfolk Avenue entrance to the Park which would reduce the costs to around £1,000.00.

The Clerk had applied to Rykneld for £2,500.00 and it was intended to use the funding agreement relating to the Keats development to cover the shortfall in funding.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2439. PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNTS

The Responsible Financial Officer updated the Parish Council on the latest position regarding the bank accounts.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2440. INSURANCE POLICY

There were no matters relating to the insurance policy to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2441. SECTOR LED AUDIT BODY

The Clerk reported that it was proposed from 2017/18, that Parish Councils could choose to have external auditor's appointed to them by a new sector led body (the Smaller Authority Audit Appointment Authority Limited), or it could choose to appoint its own. The Parish Council agreed to opt in to the new sector led body appointing the Council's external auditor for five years from 2017/18.

RESOLVED to opt in to the new sector led body appointing the Council's external auditor for five years from 2017/18.

2442. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/Objections/Material considerations
15/01168/FLH 2 Birkin Lane Mr L Hewitt	Two storey side extension	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
15/00772/FLH Barnes Park Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council	Lighting Project	The District Council had granted planning permission for this application.

It was reported that problems were continuing with lorries delivering to the Windwhistle Farm development on Birkin Lane. The District Council were monitoring the position and a Stop Notice could be issued if necessary. There were on-going problems with mud on the

road given the wet weather and concern was expressed that work on the site was going on after the 7pm deadline.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2443. PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2016-17

The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer reported to the Parish Council on the 2016/17 budget requirement and precept.

It was noted that the Government had reduced the level of support grant funding by 10% from 2015/16. In 2015/16, the Parish Council had total income of £105,189 which included grant funding of £18,817.76. In 2016/17, this grant income would reduce by a further 10% to £16,935.95, a reduction of £1,881.81.

The 1.9% precept increase set for 2015/16 meant a real terms reduction in total income to the Parish Council from 2014/15 of approximately £500.00. In setting the precept at 1.9%, the Parish Council accepted that this would mean utilising approximately £3,500 of reserves during the year, but it also noted that the position could not be sustained in the longer-term without cuts to the services provided. It was also noted that the Government were likely to reduce the grant to the Parish Council still further in the coming years.

With this in mind, the Parish Council agreed to set a precept of £90,689 which represented a 5% increase on the previous year and gave a total income to the Council for 2016/17 of £107,624. A copy of the budget including the precept requirement was attached as an Appendix to the minutes.

It was agreed that the fees and charges levied by the Parish Council for the Allotments and Barnes Park should remain unchanged.

RESOLVED to (a) approve that the fees and charges for 2016/17 be not increased; (b) set a precept of £90,689 for 2016/17 giving total income to the Parish Council of £107,624; and (c) to approve the budget for 2016/17 as detailed in the Appendix.

Members voting in favour of the motion: Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, A H Booker, Mrs A Browne, B Garbutt, M Grayling, Mrs P J Hemsley and L Thomas.

Members voting against the motion: None

Members abstaining: None

2444. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information Circular 25/15.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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Chairman

GRASSMOOR, HASLAND & WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2016/17

INCOME

2016/17 Budget

£

PRECEPT	90689
Rent of Allotments	620.00
Interest	50.00
Support Grants	16936.00
Pavillion - Lettings/Meters	50.00
Sports facility lettings	700.00
Other	2200.00
TOTAL INCOME	£111245.00
EXPENDITURE	
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	
Salaries (inc. National Insurance)	25500.00
Administration (inc. Insurance)	7000.00
Room Hire	750.00
ALLOTMENTS	300.00
PARKS	
Rates/Water/Electricity	2000.00
Repairs	500.00
Grounds Maintenance	20000.00
Improvements	0.00
Dog bins	2500.00
CCTV Maintenance/Management	3000.00
COMMUNITY CENTRE	
- Running Costs	3000.00
- Staff Funding	17450.00
Loan Charges	6200.00
Cemetery	10000.00
GENERAL EXPENSES	
Courses/Subs	800.00
Donations/S137 Exp	1000.00
Chairman's Allowance(inc Telephone All'ce)	120.00
Contingencies/UnallocatedReserves	0.00
School Fund	350.00
Elections	0.00
Bus Shelter	0.00

Hanging Baskets	4000.00
TV Licence Subsidy	0.00
Litter Picker/Trade Refuse	1000.00
Parish Plan	0.00
Newsletter/Public Relations	3150.00
Youth Activity	500.00
Highways (grit bins)	1500.00
Remembrance Sunday	500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£111120.00