

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 13 January 2016 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, M Grayling, Mrs E A Hill, Mrs J A Round-Hill and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public attended the meeting to complain about vehicles speeding through Grassmoor. It was also noted that the problems of speeding motorbikes on Hagg Hill in the early hours of the morning were still persisting. It was agreed that this would be taken up with the Police. Councillor J A Round-Hill indicated that she was pressing the County Council to install a pelican crossing in the village.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

The Police were unable to attend the meeting. There had been 7 crimes, 2 of theft, 1 of damage to vehicle, 1 of criminal damage, 1 of burglary, 1 of vehicle interference and 1 of violence against the person.

There had been no incidents of anti-social behaviour reported in December.

Concern was expressed that once again there were no Police present at the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk express this concern to the Section Inspector. Councillor Mrs J A Round-Hill agreed to take the matter up with the Police Commissioner. The Clerk was asked to seek the support of Natascha Engel MP and Councillor Mrs E A Hill said she would contact the Derbyshire Times if necessary.

It was reported that following a recent accident at the Sportsman Inn, the Police had not viewed the Parish Council's CCTV cameras despite the scene being covered by the cameras. It was agreed that this matter should also be taken up with the Police.

2445. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2446. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

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

2447. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 December 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2448. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

No items were taken in exclusion.

2449. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, the bank reconciliation to 5 November 2015 which showed an overall balance of £196,235.44. The Chairman signed a copy of the reconciliation.

Date	Details		No	TOTAL	VAT
02/01/16	Severn Trent	Pavilion Water	DD	£55.21	
25/01/16	EON	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£61.00	£2.90
04/01/16	Employee 1	Salary	SO	£515.04	
04/01/16	Employee 2	Salary	SO	£408.20	
06/01/16	G Earrye	CCTV Broadband	SO	£178.20	
13/01/16	HMRC	PAYE	26	£641.48	
13/01/16	Employee 3	Salary & Expenses	27	£385.43	
13/01/16	Employee 1	Balance of Salary & Expenses	28	£223.96	£34.47
13/01/16	Whittington Moor Printers	Newsletters	BACS	£1,333.16	£99.36
13/01/16	NW Systems	CCTV Maintenance	BACS	£5,602.80	£933.80
13/01/16	Platinum Elec	Park lighting	BACS	£11,767.14	£1,961.19
13/01/16	GCC	Grant & Room Hire	BACS	£1,515.19	

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

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that he was having difficulties obtaining payment from HMRC of the Parish Council's outstanding VAT claim.

RESOLVED to (a) note the bank reconciliation to 31 December 2015; and
(b) approve the payment of the following accounts:-

2450. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the litter bin on New Street had been damaged. The problem had been reported to the District Council who were hoping to have the bin repaired as soon as possible.

The Streetcleaner had cleared the area in front of the empty shop on North Wingfield Road and also the bus shelter near Westhill Lane.

It was noted that the February meeting of the Parish Council may need to be moved as it clashed with the Full Council meeting of the County Council.

It was noted that the Electoral Commission was undertaking a review which might impact on the number of District Councillors. The Clerk agreed to investigate.

It was reported that the Devolution Deal had not been signed up to by the District Council.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2451 GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Management Committee's AGM was to be held on 18 January 2016. The accounts and Annual Return would be submitted by the 31 January deadline.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2452. BARNES PARK

The District Council had suspended football matches in Barnes Park owing to the prolonged wet weather. The position would be reviewed regarding the games to be held on the weekend of 23 January 2016.

Philip Heath would be working on the Lime tree on 26 January and the District Council would be pollarding the poplar trees in the near future.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2453. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the new camera on Hairdayz and the camera on the School playground appeared not be working. NW Systems were looking to solve the problem remotely.

The missing camera on 50 Tennyson Way had been reported to the insurers. As the date on which it went missing was not known, this may affect the validity of the claim.

The Clerk was having difficulties downloading the software to access the system remotely. He had asked NW for assistance.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2454. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had written to the two complainants as reported to and agreed at the last meeting. No response to the letters had been received.

The Association had reported that their AGM was to be held on 30 January 2016. Councillors Barlow and Garbutt agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Association had held a meeting with the Big Local regarding the Men in Sheds project and a further meeting was to be held with District Council planners. It was agreed that a letter of support be sent to the Association.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) the Clerk to write a letter of support regarding the Men in Sheds project.

2455. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

2456. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The County Council had provided copies of the plans for the Lagoons. It was reported that there were still odours emanating from the site. The Clerk agreed to ask the County Council if this was to be expected.

It was understood that Kier had delayed the proposed development on the former Avenue site owing to concerns over the drainage system.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2457. BIG LOCAL

The Clerk would be arranging a meeting with Big Local to discuss the funding of the Pavilion. An internal advert had been placed for a member of staff to support the project.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2458. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that the lights would hopefully be turned on 19 January 2016 and would be lit from dusk until 9.30pm every night. The point of connection to the network was at the junction of Norfolk Avenue and North Wingfield Road and not as reported to the last meeting. The cost of the connection was £1,200.00. An unmetered supply with Eon had been established.

The District Council had not responded to queries regarding the legal agreement funding arising from the Keats Way development which the Parish Council had agreed would be used to help fund the lighting project. The application for funding to Rykneld would be considered on 19 January 2016.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2459. PARK ATTENDANT

The Clerk reported that he, Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley and Councillor Mrs A Browne had interviewed two applicants for the post of Park Attendant on 17 December 2015. As a result Alan Ward had been offered and had accepted the post and had taken up the position on 4 January 2016.

The other applicant, Wayne Morris, was also a very good candidate with skills that would be very useful in terms of minor repairs to the Community Centre and Pavilion. It was agreed that Wayne be offered a position on a non contracted hours basis. Wayne would be under no obligation to accept work offered by the Parish, and the Parish Council would under no obligation to offer him work.

RESOLVED to (a) approve the appointment of Alan Ward to the post of Park Attendant; and
 (b) agree that Wayne Morris be offered a position with the Parish Council on a non-contracted hours basis as detailed above.

2460. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/Objections/Material considerations
15/01211/DIS CON Windwhistle Farm Harron Homes	Barn conversion	The Parish Council objected to the discharge of the conditions given the issues that were being experienced with the development.
15/00753/FL Mile Hill Farm Mr A Kirkwood	Lighting Project	This application had been withdrawn.

It was reported that problems were continuing with lorries delivering to the Windwhistle Farm development on Birkin Lane. The developers had also not constructed a compound on site or an access to the site as per the conditions of the development. The District Council were continuing monitoring the position and a Stop Notice could be issued if necessary. There were on-going problems with mud on the road.

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

2461. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information Circular 26/15 and 27/15.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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Chairman