

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 9 March 2016 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, E Grant, M Grayling and Mrs J A Round-Hill.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public attended the meeting and handed in a letter regarding the litter and rubbish in and around the derelict land on Chapman Lane. It was agreed that the Streetcleaner should be asked to give the area some attention but that he should not enter the land itself which was in private ownership.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

Inspector P Corton attended the meeting to explain the current position regarding policing in Grassmoor which followed concerns expressed by the Parish Council over a visible Police presence in the village and the lack of Police attendance at Parish Council meetings. Inspector Corton explained that there were 22 Parish Councils in the area which meant that there were over 300 meetings that potentially needed to be covered. Police Officers generally changed their working times to attend Parish Council meetings if they were on duty. They were not however, expected to attend when they were not on duty. The Clerk agreed to circulate PC Gough's and PCSO Platt's email addresses in order that Parish Councillors could report matters directly to the Police between meetings.

There had been 2 crimes, 1 of common assault and 1 of dwelling burglary. There had been 1 incident of anti-social behaviour which related to nuisance motorbikes.

Concern was expressed about speeding vehicles in the area, including Hagg Hill. Inspector Corton explained that local residents could join the Community Speed Watch Scheme. Any interested parties should contact Inspector Corton. He would ask officers to give the matter some attention.

2480. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B Garbutt, Mrs E A Hill and L Thomas.

2481. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, A H Booker, Mrs A Browne, E Grant and Mrs P J Hemsley declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre (Minute no. 2486 refers). Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley declared a personal interest in the item relating to Big Local (Minute no. 2492 refers).

2482. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 February 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2483. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

No items were taken in exclusion.

2484. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, the bank reconciliation to 9 March 2016 which showed an overall balance of £83,925.01. 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.

Date	Details		No	TOTAL	VAT
01/03/16	Severn Trent	Pavilion Water	DD	£55.21	
25/03/16	EON	Pavilion Elect	DD	£61.00	£2.90
01/03/16	Employee 1	Salary	SO	£515.04	
01/03/16	Employee 2	Salary	SO	£408.20	
01/03/16	Community Centre	Grant/Room Hire	BACS	£1,508.68	
01/03/16	Employee 3	Salary	BACS	£379.95	
01/03/16	Employee 4	Salary /Expenses	BACS	£163.27	
01/03/16	Employee 5	Salary /Expenses	BACS	£88.72	£7.43
09/03/16	NEDDC	Planning Fee	36	£48.50	
09/03/16	Heathscapes	Trees – Barnes Park	37	£720.00	£120.00
09/03/16	HMRC	PAYE	38	£625.08	
09/03/16	Employee 1	Balance of Salary/Exp	39	£31.50	£2.40

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that he had recently attended a DALC Audit. It was now a requirement that the fixed asset register had to be approved in year. A copy of the register was circulated and it was agreed that the Chairman be authorised to sign it.

It was also noted that the bank reconciliation should also be signed by a Member who was not a bank signatory.

The Responsible Financial Officer also reported that he currently stored the Parish Council's cash book on his personal PC. The briefing had indicated that this was inappropriate. It was agreed that an external hard drive be purchased to store the Council's cash book.

- RESOLVED** to (a) authorise the Councillor Mrs J Bedford to sign the bank reconciliation to 9 March 2016;
 (b) approve the payment of the accounts detailed above;
 (c) authorise the Chairman to sign the fixed asset register; and
 (d) purchase an external hard drive for use by the Responsible Financial Officer.

2485. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that Councillor Gordon had confirmed that there were no proposals at present for a boundary review. However, in the next six months, the District Council would need to agree the future numbers of District Councillors with the Boundary Commission. Parish Council wards would not be affected.

It was reported that Plantscape wanted the Parish Council to decide on the colours of the hanging baskets for the coming season. It was agreed that the baskets should be as colourful as possible as were the baskets in North Wingfield Parish Council last year.

It was reported that Councillor Garbutt had cleared the bus shelter near Westhill Lane of rubbish. The Clerk apologised for not having passed the message on to the Streetcleaner.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2486. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that a meeting of the Management Committee had been held on 7 March to consider reviewing the Community Centre charges. The meeting had agreed to ask the Parish Council to consider the charges.

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer considered that it would be appropriate to look at the financing of the Centre as a whole and to consider whether it was appropriate for the Centre to remain as a charity. It was noted that the Parish Council had previously agreed to support the Community Centre up to £26k per annum. It was agreed that the charges should not be changed pending the outcome of the review.

It was noted that the Centre were looking to change the lighting in the entrance to reduce energy costs. It was estimated that the pay-back period would be three years. The Centre Co-ordinator was also looking to replace the water heaters with more energy efficient models.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) review the future funding and management arrangements for the Centre.

2487. BARNES PARK

It was reported that the District Council had repaired the fencing damaged when the trees were pollarded. Concern was expressed about the condition of the tree near the Pavilion. The Clerk agreed to discuss the issue with the District Council.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) report the condition of the tree near the Pavilion to the District Council. .

2488. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the following licences/warrantees were due for renewal with NW Systems:

- Professional Base Licence/Professional Camera Licence - £306.00
- Server Response Warranty - £155.00
- Support Package – Level 1 - £2095.00

It was agreed that these be renewed.

The Clerk had ordered the new camera for the Doctor's Surgery but it had not arrived in time to be installed with the cameras in the Park. The works for both had therefore been postponed in order to reduce the overall costs of installation.

The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer would review the payments made for those with CCTV cameras on their properties.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) to authorise the renewal of the licences/warrantees detailed above.

2489. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk had advised the Allotments that the Parish Council would fund half the cost of the provision of a skip on receipt of a copy invoice.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2490. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

2491. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The County Council had indicated that the odours arising from the Lagoons were not to be expected and they had had no other reports. They would however, keep the matter under review.

RESOLVED to note the report.

Councillor Mrs A Browne (in the Chair)

2492. BIG LOCAL

The Clerk reported that Big Local had requested that the Parish Council make a donation towards the costs of the Grassmoor Funday which was to be held on 4 July 2016. It was agreed that a donation of £1,000.00 be made to the Funday which matched the contribution being made by Big Local.

The Chairman reported that the Big Local Board AGM had been held recently and had been well attended. Councillor B Garbutt had been elected to serve as a Board member.

Big Local were looking to site two noticeboards in the village which could be shared with other organisations such as the Parish Council. Youth activities were also being planned for both Hasland and Grassmoor.

No figures regarding take-up in Hasland were available. However, it was intended to collect postcode information off users when the evaluations were undertaken.

The Parish Council wished to place on record, it's thanks to the Grassmoor representatives on the Board for the work they were undertaking on behalf of Grassmoor.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
 (b) approve a donation of £1,000.00 towards the costs of the Grassmoor Funday to be held on 4 July 2016.

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

2493. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that he had provided the District Council with further information about the lighting on the skatepark and the MUGA and as a result, the lighting had been turned on last week. There was however, a problem with the timing of when the lights turned on and off and this was being taken up with the installers of the lighting.

With regard to the Pavilion, the Architect was looking at the options available for providing public toilets in the Park. This included looking at the possibility of the toilets being located separately from the Pavilion.

The Clerk was also asked to look into the possibility of a catering van and bouncy castles being provided as happens in Eastwood Park at Hasland.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
 (b) examine the provision of a catering van and bouncy castles in the Park.

2494. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/Objections/Material considerations
16/00091/LDC The Stables, Birkin Lane Big Local	Lawful Development	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with interested parties including the District Council and the Parish Council and Harron Homes regarding the Windwhistle Farm development. The meeting had resulted in a series of measures being agreed, details of which were presented. The situation would continue to be monitored by the District Council.

Concern was expressed over the condition of the former Newsagents on North Wingfield Road. The Clerk agreed to contact the District Council to see if any action could be taken.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) contact the District Council regarding the former Newsagents on North Wingfield Road.

2495. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information, Circulars 3/16 and 4/16.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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Chairman