

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 10 May 2017 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, E Grant, Mrs P J Hemsley, Mrs E A Hill, Mrs J A Round-Hill and Mrs L Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters taken in public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

It was reported that two local men, Richard Cox and Matthew Moss had been remanded in custody charged with possession of a Class A drug with intent to supply and the production of crack cocaine.

2727. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

2728. 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)

2729. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs A Browne be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

2730. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Bedford, Mrs A Browne, B Garbutt and M Grayling.

2731. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, B Garbutt, E Grant, Mrs P J Hemsley and Mrs L Thomas declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 2739 refers). Councillor E Grant declared a pecuniary interest in the item relating to Planning Matters as the owner of land proposed for development off Hagg Hill (Minute no. 2750 refers).

2732. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2733. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no matters taken in the exempt part of the agenda.

2734. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, the bank reconciliation to 10 May 2017 which showed an overall balance of £145,333.58. Councillor Mr E Grant signed a copy of the reconciliation.

Accounts due for payment and details of income received were presented and it was agreed that payments be authorised as detailed below:

Date	Details		No	TOTAL	VAT
01/05/17	Severn Trent	Pavilion Water	DD	£13.32	
01/05/17	EON	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£22.00	
01/05/17	Grassmoor Community Centre	Grant and Room Hire	BACS	£2,032.50	
01/05/17	J Marriott (1)	Salary & Expenses	BACS		
01/05/17	R Ackrill (2)	Salary & Expenses	BACS		
01/05/17	A Ward (4)	Salary	BACS		
01/05/17	W Morris	Salary	BACS		
01/05/17	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£557.26	
01/05/17	Platinum Electrical	Park Lighting Repairs	BACS	£202.97	£33.83
01/05/17	J Taylor	Audit Fee	BACS	£125.00	
01/05/17	Cubric Ultrasonic	Hanging Baskets	BACS	£438.75	£471.80

RESOLVED to (a) authorise Councillor E Grant to sign the bank reconciliation to 10 May 2017; and

(b) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

2735. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The County Council had responded to the Parish Council's concerns over the extended closure of public footpath no. 35. The concerns were appreciated over the length of time the footpaths across The Avenue site had been closed. However, this had been a big and complex project, and the site operators had come across unexpected problems and delays that had meant it had been necessary to continue the closures beyond the expected timeframe. The last request was for an extension of only around two months and the County Council expected this to be the last one.

2736. STANDING ORDERS RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council's Standing Orders.

2737. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council's Financial Regulations.

2738. RISK ASSESSMENT RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council's Risk Assessment for 2017-18.

2739. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from a solicitor acting on behalf of Mandy Wass. The matter had referred to the Centre's insurers. The Centre Co-ordinator was preparing a report on the matter for the insurers.

The Centre Co-ordinator had received a quote for the purchase of replacement boilers for the Centre in the sum of £13k and a quote for installation of £16k. Alternative quotes for the installation of the boilers were being sought. The Clerk reported that a bid for £19.5k had been submitted to the County Council's Community Priorities Fund and a decision was awaited.

Big Local had agreed to renew its desk hire agreement with the Community Centre which would provide revenue income of £1.4k per annum. The Pit Stop Diner had been successful in its bid for Awards for All funding in the sum of £8,960.00 towards the running costs of the Diner.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2740. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that another needle had been found in the Park. Graffiti had been written on the play equipment but the Park Attendant had managed to clean most of it off.

The Clerk reported that the cost of hiring a portable PA system for the Remembrance Sunday Service was approximately £20.00. It was agreed that a system be ordered for this years' service.

The light on the skatepark had been repaired, although it was understood it was faulty again. The Clerk had reported the problem and the bill would not be paid until the problem had been rectified.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) hire a portable PA system for the Remembrance Sunday Service at a cost of around £20.00.

2741. CCTV

There had been a problem with all the cameras following either a power surge or power cut over the Bank Holiday weekend. There remained a problem with the camera in Barnes Park and this was being looked in to by NW Systems.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2742. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment Association had reported that they had several new members and now had only one vacant plot. All new members now paid a bond of £25 (returnable if the

plot was left in good condition). The main gates were being kept locked and vehicles on the allotment kept to a minimum. It was hoped that this would stop accumulations of rubbish and maintain the paths. The Big Local funded tractor was in use for grass cutting and flailing allotment plots and the Association hoped to have a plough before Autumn.

The Association wished to thank Councillor Julie Hill and the Parish Council for obtaining a Communities Priorities Grant from the County Council for the new cabin "The Gardeners' Rest", which was now in daily use and members and visitors enjoy refreshments during the day. The water supply was now connected and electricity would be considered when funds allowed.

The flush toilet was now in place and an application had been made to Yorkshire Water for sewage connection. Once this had been obtained permission would be requested from the County Council and Dave Cooper would then be able to finish the work. The Police and Crime Commissioner had provided a grant to help increase security on site.

The Allotments planned to have a stand at Hasland Gala on 11 June and Grassmoor Fun Day on 1 July when Nathan Gaunt would be organising a scarecrow making competition.

Judging of the Best Kept Allotment Competition would be on the weekend of 24/25 June and the Association had again requested that Parish Council assist with the judging. It was agreed that a donation of £200.00 be made towards the costs of the Best Kept Allotment competition. The prizes would then be awarded at the Allotments Open Day on 12 August.

The Clerk reported that the Association had expressed concern that an allotment holder had again erected an electric fence on his plot despite previously being instructed to remove it and they were seeking the Parish Council's support on this matter. The Parish Council's expectation was that the Association should insist that the fence be taken down immediately.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) make a donation of £200.00 towards the Best Kept Allotment competition.

2743. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

2744. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

There were no matters relating to the Lagoons to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2745. BIG LOCAL

It was reported that the latest Pit Stop Diner had been held on Saturday 6 May 2017 and had been well attended and well supported by volunteers.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2746. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that he was chasing the County Council to ensure that progress was made as soon as possible on the plans for the new Pavilion. Concern was expressed over the proposed location of the public toilet near the play equipment. It was considered that the costs of connecting to main sewers would be prohibitive. The Clerk agreed to liaise with the Architect.

The Clerk had submitted a bid for funding from the County Council's Community Priorities Fund in the sum of £19.5k. The signing-off of the bid was awaited.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2747. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION

The Clerk reported that there was some confusion over possible boundary changes which could potentially mean part of the south of Grassmoor being taken out of the current boundary. The Clerk agreed to clarify the position and object in the strongest possible terms should that be the case.

RESOLVED to, if necessary, object to the proposed boundary changes in the strongest possible terms.

2748. GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2016/17 – GOVERNANCE

The Responsible Financial Officer reported on governance arrangements for the Parish Council Accounts for 2016/17. The arrangements were approved and it was agreed that the appropriate documentation be published on the website.

RESOLVED to (a) approve the governance arrangements; and
(b) publish the appropriate notices on the website.

2749. GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2016/17 – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer reported on the Parish Council Accounts for 2016/17. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to sign the Statement of Accounts and Annual Return for submission to Grant Thornton.

RESOLVED to (a) approve the Parish Council Accounts for 2016/17; and
 (b) authorise the Clerk and the Chairman to sign the Annual Return and Statement of Accounts

2750. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
17/00467/FLH 34 Durham Avenue Ms L Green	Two storey extension.	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.

Councillor E Grant left the meeting at this point.

The Clerk reported that Gladman Developments Limited had contacted the Parish Council regarding a proposed development of 90 new homes involving land off Hagg Hill. Whilst no planning permission had been submitted at this stage, Gladman were seeking the Parish Council's initial views on the development. The Parish Council expressed concerns over the potential impact of the development on local infrastructure including schools, over the highways access to the site and also the erosion of the natural boundary between Grassmoor and Tupton. The Clerk agreed to pass on these concerns to Gladmans.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
 (b) to pass on the Parish Council's initial concerns over the proposed development.

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Chairman