

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 July 2017 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs A Browne (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, J Bedford, B Garbutt, E Grant, M Grayling, Mrs E A Hill, Mrs J A Round-Hill and Mrs L Thomas.

Also in attendance: County Councillor N Barker.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the planning application relating to the former Coal Yard. Minute no. 2787 also refers.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

There were no matters to report.

2769. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A H Booker and Mrs P J Hemsley.

2770. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, B Garbutt, E Grant 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. 2775 refers). Councillor Mrs J A Round-Hill declared a personal interest in the planning item relating to the former Coal Yard (Minute no. 2787 refers). Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared a personal interest in the planning item relating to planning application 17/00698/FLHPD (Minute no. 2787 refers).

2771. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2772. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

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

2773. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, the bank reconciliation to 12 July 2017 which showed an overall balance of £96,529.53. Councillor J Bedford 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
01/07/17	EON	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£22.00	
01/07/17	M Earrye	CCTV Boadband	DD	£178.20	
01/07/17	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	DD	£23.85	
01/07/17	Grassmoor Community Centre	Grant and Room Hire	BACS	£2,032.50	
01/07/17	J Marriott (1)	Salary & Expenses	BACS		£3.75
01/07/17	R Ackrill (2)	Salary	BACS		
01/07/17	A Ward (4)	Salary	BACS		
01/07/17	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£573.66	
01/07/17	Plantscape	Hanging Baskets	BACS	£3,756.00	£626.00
01/07/17	Whittington Moor Printing	Newsletter	BACS	£1,484.35	£247.39
01/07/17	J S Marriott	Expenses	BACS	£20.00	£3.33
01/07/17	Platinum Electrical	Lights Call-out	BACS	£65.00	£13.00
01/07/17	Platinum Electrical	Lights Call-out	BACS	£65.00	£13.00
01/07/17	Grassmoor Primary School	Donation	BACS	£300.00	
01/07/17	Big Local	Donation	BACS	£500.00	
01/08/17	EON	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£22.00	
01/08/17	PWLB	Loan Repayment	DD	£2,950.51	
01/08/17	Grassmoor Community Centre	Grant and Room Hire	BACS	£2,032.50	
01/08/17	J Marriott (1)	Salary	BACS		
01/08/17	R Ackrill (2)	Salary	BACS		
01/08/17	A Ward (4)	Salary	BACS		
01/08/17	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£565.66	

RESOLVED to (a) authorise Councillor Mrs J Bedford to sign the bank reconciliation to 12 July 2017; and
(b) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

2774. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the Clerk had written to Philip Booth regarding overgrown hedging at Churchside.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2775. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the position regarding the over payment of holiday to staff at the Centre had been explained to the staff affected and they accepted the situation.

The County Council had confirmed that the Communities Priorities funding in the sum of £19.5k had been agreed to for the replacement boilers at the Centre.

The Centre Co-ordinator had provided the insurers with a detailed report on the incident involving a former employee.

Working hours and other arrangements at the Centre would be reviewed.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2776. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that a light column on the skatepark had been damaged, most probably by vandals. The cause was being investigated and the Clerk would make a claim on the insurance. There had been a spate of minor anti-social behaviour problems in the Park and the Clerk had asked to Police to give the problems attention.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that, if necessary, additional bin collections could be arranged with the District Council. The position would be kept under review.

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by John Hargreaves to request that a park bench be erected in Barnes Park near the skatepark in memory of his late son. The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal.

With regard to flood alleviation scheme, the County Council had reported that the original consultant was no longer with the Council. They had however, engaged another consultant who may be able to assist in developing a project should resources permit towards the end of his contract period.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) approve the buying in of additional bin collections if necessary; and
(c) approve the erection of a memorial bench in the Park near the skatepark.

2777. CCTV

The Clerk reported that the insurers had paid for the costs of the damage to the CCTV camera minus the excess of £250.00. NW Systems were arranging for the camera to be replaced and would check the other cameras whilst they were in Grassmoor.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2778. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that Councillors Barlow, Browne and Hemsley had judged the Best Kept Allotment competition on 24 June.

The Clerk was requested to ask the Allotment Association how much community use had been made of the "Gardeners Rest" and how they were publicising it as a community facility.

RESOLVED to ask the Allotment Association how much community use there had been of the “Gardeners Rest” and how they were publicising it as a community facility.

2779. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Councillor E Grant had undertaken a site visit to the Allotments and found little evidence of plots being cultivated and many sheds were in a state of disrepair. The Clerk agreed to take advice on the legal position with regards to the allotments.

RESOLVED to take advice on the legal position with regards to the allotments.

2780. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk would try to arrange a site visit for mid-September.

RESOLVED to arrange a site visit for mid-September.

2781. BIG LOCAL

There were no matters relating to Big Local to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2782. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that the County Council proposed to use the original plans with the youth facility to the rear of the building. They were currently discussing this proposal with the District Council to try to overcome potential issues with the trees.

The Clerk had attended the Big Local Board meeting and updated them on the current position with regard to the project.

Councillor Bedford reported that she had discussed the possibility of bringing “Royalty” back to Grassmoor and requested permission to use the trophies etc which were kept at the Centre following the folding of the Events Committee. The Parish Council were happy for the trophies to be used and also suggested that it would be good if the Carnival could also be reinstated.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) grant permission to use the former Events Committee trophies.

2783. STREETCLEANER AND PARK ATTENDANT

The Clerk reported on the options for employing a Streetcleaner. It was agreed that a Streetcleaner be employed on 10 hours per week. It was also agreed that the workload of the Park Attendant warranted an additional hour per week. The total cost of both proposals was £6,123 per annum.

RESOLVED to (a) employ a Streetcleaner for 10 hours per week;
(b) offer the Park Attendant an additional one hour per week;

2784. OVEREGROWN HEDGING - CHURCHSIDE

The Clerk reported that he had received complaints about overgrown hedging at Churchside which belonged to Philip Booth. The Clerk had already written Mr Booth to request that the hedging be cut back.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2785. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH GRASSMOOR FP14

The Clerk reported that the County Council had advised on the closure of public footpath 14 between 22 June and 12 July for health and safety reasons.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2786. GRASSMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Grassmoor Primary School had requested that the Parish Council make a donation towards the costs of a school trip to London. The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £300.00 towards the costs of the trip.

RESOLVED to make a donation of £300.00 to Grassmoor Primary School.

2787 PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
17/00645/646/ OL The Old Coal Yard East Midland Strategic Land Ltd	Offices/Workshop	The Parish Council objected to these applications on the following grounds: - the number of car parking spaces - the lack of full-time employment opportunities - the number of vehicle movements to and from the site, including HGV vehicles, exiting via a small roundabout - the impact on the environment - the visual impact of the site - the potential anti-social hours of operation of the site (See below)

17/00698/FLH PD 49 Tennyson Way Mrs J Mitchell	Single storey extension – neighbour consultation	The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal.
17/00614/OL Land south of Birkin Lane West Gladman Developments Ltd	Development of 90 dwellings	The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds: - impact on local infrastructure such as the local school and doctors surgery - impact of increased traffic on the existing road network - the location of the access to the site which is in a dangerous position where there have already been a number of accidents.
17/00529/AME ND	Relocation of plots	The Parish Council considered they needed to see more detailed plans of the proposals.
17/00612/FLH 9 Birch Close Mr N Oliver	Single storey extension	The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal.

In respect of 17/00645/646/OL, two members of the public and the developers attended the meeting to discuss these applications.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) to make representations on proposals as detailed above.

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Chairman