

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 September 2017 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors A H Booker, B Garbutt, Mrs E A Hill, Mrs J A Round-Hill and Mrs L Thomas.

Also in attendance: County Councillor N Barker.

**COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor N Barker reported that both the Community Priority Funds bids, one for the Centre boilers and one for the proposed Pavilion project, had both been approved. Councillor Barker would be happy to support a bid to his Community Leadership for a Grassmoor Carnival.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters raised under public participation.

**POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

There were no matters to report. It was noted however, that PCSO Disney was no longer with the Constabulary.

It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner had undertaken to visit every community in Derbyshire during his term of office. He had not yet visited Grassmoor so suitable events could be considered.

**2788. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors I F Barlow, J Bedford, E Grant, M Grayling and Mrs L Thomas.

**2789. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillor B Garbutt declared a personal interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as a member of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 2794 refers). Councillor A H Booker declared a pecuniary interest in the same item as a relative of a member of the Community Centre staff.

**2790. MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 July 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2791. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION**

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

## **2792. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, the bank reconciliation to 11 September 2017 which showed an overall balance of £64,219.14. Councillor B Garbutt 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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>		<b>No</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>VAT</b>
24/07/17	Water Plus	Pavilion Supply	BACS	£12.85	
01/08/17	Employee (3)	Salary & Expenses	BACS	£30.31	
04/08/17	R Ackrill	Expenses	BACS	£20.58	£3.43
04/08/17	Grassmoor Community Centre	Grant and Room Hire	BACS	£2,032.50	
04/08/17	NEDDC	Dog Bins	BACS	£802.82	£133.77
04/08/17	J Marriott	Expenses	BACS	£4.00	
04/08/17	NW Systems	CCTV	BACS	£2,020.80	£336.80
25/08/17	EON	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£22.00	
01/09/17	Employee ( 2)	Salary	BACS	£546.22	
01/09/17	Employee (4)	Salary	BACS	£136.07	
01/09/17	W Morris	Salary and Expenses	BACS	£47.94	£1.97
01/09/17	Employee (1)	Salary	BACS	£461.80	
01/09/17	Came and Company	Insurance Premium	BACS	£3,989.05	
01/09/17	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£565.46	
01/09/17	Hamworthy's	Community Centre Boiler	BACS	£7,701.60	£1,540.32
01/09/17	Water Plus	Pavilion Supply	BACS	£9.75	
14/09/17	EON	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£22.00	
14/09/17	A Ward	Expenses	BACS	£10.79	£1.80
14/09/17	Grassmoor Community Centre	Grant	BACS	£2,000.00	

**RESOLVED** to (a) authorise Councillor B Garbutt to sign the bank reconciliation to 11 September 2017; and  
(b) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

## **2793. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

## **2794. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Clerk reported that the new boilers had been fitted. Unfortunately however, there was a problem with a missing part which meant that the Centre would be without

heating for up to three weeks. The Parish Council had paid Hamworthy's in advance of the work and this money would be refunded to the Council from the Community Centre.

The Centre Co-ordinator had been undertaking fire drills at the Centre. There were some issues arising involving members of the Bridge Club which needed to be addressed. The Centre Co-ordinator had written to the Bridge Club and further drills were planned.

The Baby Clinic had given notice that it was closing. This was due to a change of priorities on the part of the NHS rather than an issue with the Centre.

Aviva had made an offer to Mandy Wass to try to settle her claim against the Centre. The Clerk reported that the internet banking facility for the Centre was now set up and would be used as soon as the bank supplied a card reader.

Concern was expressed over the running costs of the Centre and the level of support provided by the Parish Council. It was noted that Councillors Mrs A Browne and Mrs P J Hemsley, the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer were currently looking at the operation of the Centre and its costs and it was agreed that Councillor B Garbutt would join the working group.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

## **2795. BARNES PARK**

Grassmoor Sports FC had advised the Parish Council that regrettably they would not be registering a team in the Chesterfield and District Sunday League for the 2017-18 season owing to a lack of players. The Club Committee would remain in place and it was hoped to form a team in future seasons. The Club had requested permission to continue to store their equipment in the Pavilion for the time being and the request was agreed.

The Clerk reported that the County Council's Tree Officer had advised that the tree to the side of the Pavilion was dead and needed to be taken down. Quotes had previously been obtained from North East Derbyshire District Council and from Philip Heath and the Clerk had asked them both to provide new quotes. The District Council had quoted £3,050.00 plus an additional £600.00 per day if extra lift hire time was required. No revised quote had been received from Mr Heath. It was agreed therefore that the District Council be invited to take down the tree. The Clerk agreed to check whether the hedging on Norfolk Avenue had been cut back.

The Clerk reported that no problems had been reported with the bins over the summer period and no additional bin emptying had been required.

It was reported that a drain cover to the rear of the Pavilion had been damaged by the District Council and was in need of repair. It was also reported that cars had been parking in the Park entrance and blocking the District Council from entering the Park to

cut the grass. Alan Ward was continuing to monitor the situation and had left polite notes on cars. It was agreed that the possibility of installing collapsible bollards be looked in to.

It was noted that the shower payment meters in the Pavilion used the old £1 coins which were going out of circulation in October. A practical means of keeping the meters in use would be looked in to including keeping a small stock of the old coins to re-use.

Payment from the insurance company for the damage to the lighting column had been received in the sum of £1,419.00.

John Hargreaves had ordered the seat in memory of his son which the District Council would install as soon as it was delivered.

**RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;  
(b) approve the Clerk placing an order with the District Council to take down the tree near the Pavilion;  
(c) look in to the costs and practicalities of installing collapsible bollards in the Park entrance;  
(d) allow Grassmoor Sports FC to continue to store their equipment in the Pavilion; and  
(e) arrange for the repair to the drain cover.

#### **2796. CCTV**

The Clerk reported that he had received a quote from Platinum Electrical in the sum of £1,419.00 to undertake the repairs to the lighting column on the skate park and he had passed this on to the insurers.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

#### **2797. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The Allotment Association had reported that the Open Day on 12 August was very well attended and a great success. There were several community stalls as well as a Big Local presence. Councillor Mrs J A Round-Hill had officially opened the "Gardeners' Rest". The Association had thanked the Parish Council for the generous donation towards the prizes and had provided a list of prize winners. Time had not allowed the presentation of awards for Best Kept Allotment and these would now be presented by Councillors Barlow and Garbutt at the AGM on Saturday 27 January 2018.

There were regular visitors from the community on Saturday mornings to the Gardeners' Rest to socialise over a cup of coffee. Grassmoor Primary School and Grassmoor Tiny Tots had indicated that they would like to use the Gardeners' Rest in connection with their gardening interests.

There would be a community security marking event in the Gardeners' Rest on Sunday 8 October when Grassmoor residents would be able to bring along their portable

equipment, such as bicycles, lap tops, ipads and mobile telephones to be security marked.

The flush toilet was now connected to the mains sewer and had passed inspection by Yorkshire Water and Derbyshire County Council. The toilet flush water supply was not yet permanently connected as the Association were awaiting confirmation of billing arrangements and a specification from Yorkshire Water for a rainwater harvesting system from the roof of the Gardeners' Rest.

The Parish Council considered that the Allotment Association needed to better advertise the availability of the Gardeners' Rest particularly at weekends. This could include use of community noticeboards, the Parish Council Newsletter and website.

**RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;  
(b) write to the Allotment Association regarding the advertising of the Gardeners' Rest.

#### **2798. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Banner Jones Solicitors and they had advised that an initial consultation and report on the Allotments would cost approximately £400.00. The Clerk was authorised to take legal advice from Banner Jones.

**RESOLVED** to take advice on the legal position with regards to the allotments from Banner Jones.

#### **2799. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS**

The Clerk was waiting to hear back from the County Council regarding the proposed site visit.

**RESOLVED** to arrange a site visit to the Lagoons.

#### **2800. BIG LOCAL**

There were no matters relating to Big Local to report.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

#### **2801. BARNES PARK PROJECT**

The Clerk reported that the County Council had been liaising with the District Council Planning Department regarding the Parish Council's plans to replace the Pavilion. The County Council had advised that to construct a new community facility as planned, would require the removal of trees, which they stated "were known to be of significant value to the people of Grassmoor". In addition, they considered that the new building would "have a detrimental impact on the views of the Park from the vantage point of the highway". They also considered that the redevelopment proposed an increase in

usage from purely a sports pavilion and therefore, this would increase the pressure on the adjacent highway network through increased on-street parking.

All in all they felt that whilst the principle of the redevelopment was acceptable, the development as proposed, might not be acceptable. They considered that some of the issues might be overcome by reducing the size of the proposed building to something like its existing size. This would mean however, that the room for youth provision could not be included in the development.

It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting with the District Council planners and that alternative options for the provision of a youth facility be considered.

**RESOLVED** to (a) note the report; and  
(b) arrange a meeting with the District Council Planning Officers.

#### **2802. LEE ROWLEY MP**

The Clerk reported that Lee Rowley MP had written to the Parish Council to request a meeting in the coming months to look at ways in which both parties could work together in the future. The Parish Council agreed to meet with the MP at an appropriate time.

**RESOLVED** to meet with Lee Rowley MP at an appropriate time.

#### **2803. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2017**

The Clerk reported that the arrangements were in hand for this year's Service which was to be held on 12 November. Reverend Stephen Feast had agreed to conduct the Service and Jonathan Easton would play the Last Post and Reveille for a fee of £45.00. The marquee and twenty-five seats had been ordered from Buster Marquees at a cost of £357.50. The area immediately in front of the marquee would be cordoned off to allow those inside to see the service. The Clerk would also hire a portable PA system for the Service at a cost of approximately £25.00.

**RESOLVED** to agree the arrangements in respect of this year's Remembrance Sunday Service.

#### **2804. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's insurance renewal had been paid as the policy had expired on 10 September 2017. The renewal premium was £3,989.05 which was less than the previous year.

**RESOLVED** to approve the payment of the Parish Council's insurance premium in the sum of £3,989.05.

## **2805. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION**

The Clerk reported that the Boundary Commission had completed its review of North East Derbyshire. The recommendations did not affect the Parish Council boundaries, although it did recommend that part of Southend transfer in to the Tupton District Council Ward.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

## **2805 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments/objections/material considerations</b>
17/00612/FLH 9 Birch Close Mr N Oliver	Conservatory and porch	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.
17/00698/FLH PD 49 Tennyson Way Mrs J Mitchell	Single storey extension – neighbour consultation	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.
17/00708/FLH 188 North Wingfield Road Mr P Almgill	Two storey side extension	The District Council had conditionally approved this application.
17/00806/FL Land rear 109-247 Mansfield Road, Hasland Persimmon Homes	Relocation of plots	The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds:-  The scale of the development and the close proximity of the proposed properties would adversely impact on the privacy of both existing home owners and those in the new houses.  The scale of the development would adversely impact on the infrastructure of the local area including the road network, local

		schools and GP surgeries.
17/00/847/FLH 15 Shakespeare St Mr G Fellows	Proposed front porch	The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal.
17/00739/FLH PD 182 North Wingfield Road Mr and Mrs Street	Single storey rear extension – neighbour consultation	The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal.
17/00561/FLH 7 Cotswold Drive Mr C Codd	Garage extension	The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal.
17/00785/FLH 38 Durham Avenue Mr R Newbold	Two storey side extension	The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal.
15/01141/FL Telmere Lodge Mr N Findlay	Amended title – proposed housing development	The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal.

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

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**Chairman**