

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 8 November 2017 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs A Browne (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, B Garbutt, Mrs E A Hill and Mrs J A Round-Hill.

Also in attendance: County Councillor N Barker.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Barker reported that the footpath along Furnace Hillock Way had now been completed. It was noted that there was some section 106 funding available from the Skipper Drive development. The Clerk agreed to investigate how this funding could be utilised.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public attended the meeting to express concern about drugs activity in the village, particularly in the Park and in the Birkin Lane area and the lack of Police action to stop the problem. She had provided dates and times of drugs, pictures of those responsible and the registration numbers of vehicles involved. It was agreed that a press release be issued to the Derbyshire Times highlighting the problem. The Clerk also agreed to contact Rykneld to ask that action be taken against tenants where drug dealing was taking place.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

There were no matters, other than those raised above, to report.

2824. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A H Booker, E Grant, M Grayling, Mrs P J Hemsley and Mrs L Thomas.

2825. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, J Bedford and B Garbutt declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as a member of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 2830 refers). Councillor Mrs J A Round-Hill a personal interest in Planning Matters (Minute no. 2839 refers).

2826. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2827. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

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

2828. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, the bank reconciliation to 11 October 2017 which showed an overall balance of £110,628.86. Councillor Mrs 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	Payee	Details	Method	TOTAL	VAT
01/11/17	R Ackrill	Salary	BACS		
01/11/17	A Ward	Salary	BACS		
01/11/17	J S Marriott	Salary	BACS		
08/11/17	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£565.66	
11/11/17	Platinum Elec	Repairs Park Lights	BACS	£101.24	£16.87
08/11/17	GCC	Grant & Room Hire	BACS	£2,032.50	
08/11/17	Heathscapes	Tree surgery Park	BACS	£288.00	£48.00
08/11/17	Service 2	Community Centre Boilers - Fitting	BACS	£9,372.00	£1,562.00
15/11/17	Water Plus	Pavilion Water	DD	£9.75	
25/11/17	Eon	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£22.00	
08/11/17	NEDDC	Dog Bins	BACS	£862.32	£133.77

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented a draft budget for 2018-19. Further work would be undertaken on the budget in time for the December meeting when the precept for 2018-19 was due to be set.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;

(b) authorise Councillor Mrs J Bedford to sign the bank reconciliation to 8 November 2017;

(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above; and

(d) note the draft budget for 2018-19.

2829. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that three applications had been received for the Streetcleaner post. The Clerk and Councillor Garbutt would interview for the post as soon as possible.

Members were reminded that it was the Remembrance Day Service on 12 November.

2830. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that Debbie Morris had resigned from her role as Café Co-ordinator with immediate effect. It was agreed that the post be advertised as soon as possible with the number of hours worked being reduced from 18 to 14 per week. The resignation would mean that the Luncheon Club would be closed temporarily until either the post was filled or other help found. The Christmas lunch on 17 December would go ahead as planned.

The issues with the new boilers had been resolved and the radiators now had individual thermostat controls which had been fully funded out of the Community Priorities funding provided by Councillor Barker.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2831. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the District Council had suggested two alternative removable bollards that could be installed in the Park. It was agreed that the “double D” style would be most appropriate. The Clerk would consult the District Council as to how many would be required to cover the entrance and to consider their possible location. It was also noted that the permission of the County Council as highway authority might be required. The cost of the bollards was approximately £200.00 plus fitting.

It was noted that the insurers had now approved the replacement of the lighting column in the Park.

The hedging on the Norfolk Avenue boundary had now been cut back.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) consult the District Council regarding the installation of the bollards at the entrance to the Park.

2832. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he had provided CCTV footage to the Police of a car break-in on Mill Lane.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2833. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

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

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2835. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

Councillors Barlow, Garbutt and Hemsley had attended the site meeting at the Lagoons held on 27 October. The water issue was largely under control but was being monitored for ammonia on a regular basis. Once clear, the water could be discharged in to the sewer. The area around the pond might need to be fenced off for a period for safety reasons.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2836. BIG LOCAL

Councillor Garbutt reported that the Reaching Out Halloween event had been held recently with 62 local residents taking part, including 11 who were housebound. The event had been supported by the Parish Council, District Council and Rykneld. A Christmas event was also being arranged.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2837. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that a site meeting had been held on 17 October with Adrian Kirkham, North East Derbyshire District Council Planning Officer, to discuss the planning issues regarding the development of the Pavilion. It was considered that the planning issues previously reported, could be overcome with some amendments to the plans and it was not considered that the trees were an issue, although some would need to be cut down. The Clerk had asked the Architects to discuss the plans with the District Council and revise them accordingly. It was hoped that the planning application would be submitted by the end of the month or as soon as possible thereafter.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2838. HASLAND CEMETERY – UNAUTHORISED MEMORIALS

The Clerk reported that the District Council were concerned that some graves in the Cemetery were maintained in breach of Cemetery Regulations Section M in that there were unauthorised items in or around the graves, including fences. The District Council were seeking the Parish Council's support for asking for unauthorised items to be removed where necessary. The Parish Council agreed to support the District Council in their efforts to keep the cemetery clear of unauthorised items.

RESOLVED to support the District Council in their efforts to keep the cemetery clear of unauthorised items.

2839. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
17/01083/FL The Old Coal Yard East Midland Strategic Land Ltd	Change of use of B8 open storage	The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds: Highway grounds – adverse impact on the local road network, lorries parking on adjacent roads and deliveries. Potential anti-social hours of operation Light pollution Negative impact on wildlife Flooding, drainage and sewage issues

RESOLVED to object to the planning application as detailed above.

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Chairman