

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 13 December 2017 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, A H Booker, B Garbutt, E Grant, M Grayling and Mrs L Thomas.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

There were no matters relating to the County Council to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters in public participation to report.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

The Clerk reported that he had sent a press release regarding the drugs problems to the Derbyshire Times but to date no press coverage had been received. The Clerk had also reported the Parish Council's concern to PC Gough who had passed on the comments to Inspector Bowns, the Section Inspector. PC Gough had advised that photographic evidence in itself was not sufficient to enable arrests to be made and charges brought. The information had however, been logged on to Police systems and the area was on a dedicated patrol log.

The Clerk had also contacted Rykneld regarding possible drug dealers being tenants of their properties and what action they took in such circumstances. Rykneld had agreed to meet with the Parish Council to discuss general issues but they could not go into detail regarding specific tenants. It was understood however, that the problem individuals may be tenants of Aspire rather than Rykneld.

The Clerk agreed to contact Inspector Bowns regarding a replacement PCSO for the area.

2840. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs A Browne and Mrs E A Hill. County Councillor N Barker also sent his apologies for the meeting.

2841. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, J Bedford, B Garbutt and Mrs P J Hemsley declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as a member of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 2846 refers). Councillor A H Booker declared a personal interest in the Streetcleaner/Handyperson agenda item (Minute no. 2856 refers).

2842. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2843. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

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

2844. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, the bank reconciliation to 13 December 2017 which showed an overall balance of £113,149.23. 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	Amount	VAT
01.12.17	R Ackrill	Salary & Expenses	BACS		£4.67
01.12.17	J S Marriott	Salary	BACS		
01.12.17	A Ward	Salary	BACS		
01.12.17	Service 2	New boilers	BACS	£4,744.48	£790.75
01.12.17	A Ward	Safety wear	BACS	£55.00	
13.12.17	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£565.86	
15.12.17	Water Plus	Pavilion Water	DD	£9.75	
23.12.17	Eon	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£22.00	
13.12.17	GCC	Grant & Room Hire	BACS	£2,032.50	
13.12.17	R Ackrill	Expenses - Domain Name	BACS	£7.48	£1.25
13.12.17	Platinum Electrical	Lighting Column	BACS	£1,702.90	£283.82

It was agreed that in future, expenses payments should be detailed separately from salaries.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;

(b) authorise Councillor Mrs J Bedford to sign the bank reconciliation to 13 December 2017; and

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

2845. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Council had been contacted regarding possible uses for Community Payback Teams. It was suggested that litter clearing on Furnace Hillock Way may be a suitable activity along with assistance with clearing rubbish from the Mill Lane Allotment site, particularly along the boundary with the Working Men's Club.

It was reported that the Council had received requests for grit bins to be filled. It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to place orders for the grit bins to be filled as

required. It had also been reported that a grit bin on Broom Drive was missing. The Clerk agreed to investigate. It was also agreed that the grit bin at the top of Vernon Rise be relocated to a suitable site towards the bottom of the road where it would be of more use.

The County Council had informed the Parish Council of the closure of Public Footpath 35 until 30 April 2018 to allow for public safety during remediation works at the Avenue site and the construction of an earth embankment dam.

The Parish Council wished to pass on their congratulations and best wishes to Bryan and Mary Garbutt who were celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary.

RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to place orders for the grit bins to be filled as required and to approve the relocation of the Vernon Rise grit bin.

2846. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that Tina Eltringham had resigned from her role as Centre Co-ordinator and would be leaving at a date to be confirmed possibly in late January 2018. The job description for the post had been simplified and the title changed to Centre Manager. The position had been advertised with the Job Centre with a closing date of 5 January 2018.

The Café Co-ordinator post had also been re-advertised with the Job Centre as only two applications had been received for the post. The closing date was also 5 January and the original applications would be kept open and considered along with other applications received. The number of hours of the post had been increased from the 14 originally advertised to 16 per week to avoid issues with Job Seekers Allowance.

It was noted that the Christmas Lunch had been cancelled owing to the adverse weather. It was hoped to re-arrange the Lunch for 18 December 2017.

The new boilers were now fully operational and the issues with the trunking had been resolved and payment had been made.

A revised quote for the lights in the entrance and Café area had been received from Phil Gladders in the sum of £2277.00. It was agreed that the work be undertaken as funding had already been received for this work.

Councillor Garbutt reported that 64 people of limited mobility had attended the recent Christmas Cracker event at the Centre and a further 12 visits had been made to housebound Grassmoor residents. Members of the Parish Council wished to pass on their thanks to Councillor Garbutt and the other volunteers who had organised the event.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) agree to undertake the lighting works in the entrance and Café area.

2847. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the Grassmoor Sports were intending to form a team for the next season and Councillor A H Booker had agreed to manage the team. The costs of using the Park would be clarified.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2848. CCTV

There were no matters relating to the CCTV to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2849. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment Association had requested permission to site another steel container adjacent to the existing one near the date. This was agreed.

RESOLVED to agree to the siting of a second steel container on the site.

2850. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

2851. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

There was nothing to report on the Lagoons.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2852. BIG LOCAL

Councillor Garbutt reported that he and Councillor Mrs E A Hill had resigned from the Big Local Board.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2853. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk presented details of the revised layout and elevations for the Pavilion and reported that planning permission would be submitted by 15 December. The public toilet would be the subject of a separate planning application.

Concern had been raised over the increased costs of the project. The Clerk explained that the original cost quoted was a build cost and the latest figure was a project cost which included extra costs for the additional area of the building and also professional

and other fees associated with the project. The Clerk would try to identify other similar projects in order to get a better understanding of the costs. However, the costs of the project would only be confirmed following the tender process.

Concerns had also been raised over the timescales for the project. The Clerk had taken further advice and this had confirmed that the timescales were realistic.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2854. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR MRS J A ROUND-HILL

The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs J A Round-Hill had resigned from the Parish Council. The Clerk would advertise the vacancy in line with statutory requirements.

The Parish Council wished to place on record their thanks to Julie for her work as a Parish Council over the last 10 years and to wish her all the very best for the future.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2855. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk reported that a total of £93.83 had been raised from the collection at the Service and this had been sent to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The Responsible Financial Officer had taken the names of those on the war memorial in Winsick Park so that these could also be read out at the next years' service, along with those from the Barnes Park Memorial.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2856. STREETCLEANER/HANDYPERSON

The Clerk and Councillor Garbutt had interviewed for the position of Streetcleaner and had agreed to appoint Alan Ward. This would mean that his hours would be extended by 10 hours per week.

The Clerk reported that Wayne Morris had resigned from his position as Handyman. It was agreed that Rod Hill be offered this position. If Mr Hill did not accept the post, it was agreed that Paul Haywood, a candidate interviewed for the position of Streetcleaner, should be offered the position.

RESOLVED to (a) note appointment of Alan Ward to the position of Streetcleaner; (b) offer the position of Handyman to Rod Hill; and (c) authorise the Clerk to offer the Handyman post to Paul Haywood should Mr Hill not wish to take up the post.

2857. CAMPER VAN – BIRKIN LANE

The Clerk reported that the County Council were trying to contact the owners of the camper van. Councillor Mrs J Bedford reported that the van had moved to Vernon Rise.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2858. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no matters relating to planning applications to report. It was noted that application 17/01083/FL relating to the Old Coal Yard which was reported to the last meeting, had been withdrawn.

The Clerk reported that there was no time limit in respect of the Section 106 funding relating to the Skipper Drive development. The District Planning Officer had requested permission from the developer to utilise the funding for community purposes such as the Park. If the developer refused to the request, alternative highway uses for the funding would need to be identified.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2653. PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2018 - 2019

The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer reported on the Parish Council precept for 2018-19. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the Government had withdrawn the grant element of the Parish Council's funding. The grant funding would be withdrawn over four years to 2020-21. In effect therefore, the Parish Council had to address approximately an £18k deficit in its funding, excluding other budget pressures and inflation between now and 2020-21. At the end of this period, the Parish Council would not be reliant on any grant funding to supplement its income.

The Responsible Financial Officer highlighted the current budget pressures facing the Council. Whilst the Parish Council had relatively healthy reserves, their use was always on a one-off basis and continued use of reserves could not be sustained in the longer-term. To do so would leave the Council potentially exposed if a large and unexpected outlay of expenditure was required.

In order to plan ahead to address the financial deficit in full by the end of 2020-21, the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented to the Parish Council a budget for 2018-19. The Parish Council agreed a budget as detailed at Appendix A and also to set a precept of £107,414, which represented an increase of 8%.

The Parish Council agreed not to increase its charges for Gill Lane and Mill Allotments, the use of the cricket and football pitches and also the Pavilion for the coming year.

RESOLVED that (a) the precept for 2018-19 be set at £107,414; and (b) no increases be made to the Parish Council's fees and charges.

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors I F Barlow, Mrs J Bedford, A H Booker, B Garbutt, E Grant, M Grayling, Mrs P J Hemsley and Mrs L Thomas.

Against: None

Abstentions: None

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Chairman