

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 March 2018 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, B Garbutt, L Hartshorne, R W Marriott and Mrs L Thomas.

The Chairman welcomed Richard Marriott and Lee Hartshorne to their first meeting of the Parish Council.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor R W Marriott was pleased to have been elected on to the District Council recently. He reported that despite severe financial pressures, the District Council had set a precept of 1.99%. He would provide further reports to future Parish Council meetings.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Concern was expressed over the condition of local roads in general, and, in particular, Broom Drive.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters taken in public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PC Gough had arranged a drop-in session for residents of the Parish to discuss issues relating to crime and anti-social behaviour with the Police. The session was to be held on Monday 26 March between 7-8pm in the Community Centre.

2896. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs A Browne, E Grant and Mrs E A Hill.

2897. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, B Garbutt, 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. 2902 refers). Councillor R W Marriott declared a personal interest in the same item as an employee of the Community Centre.

2898. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2899. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

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

2900. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, the bank reconciliation to 14 March 2018 which showed an overall balance of £96,457.58. 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:

Date	Payee	Details	Method	TOTAL	VAT Inputs
01.03.18	R Ackrill	Wages	BACS		
01.03.18	A Ward	Wages	BACS		
01.03.18	J S Marriott	Wages	BACS		
14.03.18	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£632.46	
14.03.18	Grassmoor Community Centre	Grant & Room Hire	BACS	£2,032.50	
15.03.18	Water Plus	Pavilion water	BACS	£9.75	
25.03.18	Eon	Pavilion electricity	BACS	£22.00	
14.03.18	Derbyshire County Council	Grit bin refills	BACS	£1,236.38	£206.06
14.03.18	A Ward	Expenses	BACS		£1.65

A transfer of funds of £10,000 from the Capital Account to the Current Account was also approved.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
 (b) authorise Councillor B Garbutt to sign the bank reconciliation to 14 March 2018;
 (c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above; and
 (d) approve a transfer of funds of £10,000 from the Capital Account to the Current Account.

2901. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that the County Council were seeking the Parish Council's views on the Parish Council taking over financial responsibility for the School Crossing Patrol at the Primary School. It was agreed that the Clerk respond to the County Council pointing out the financial pressures also being faced by the Parish Council and that it would not be willing to assist with funding a School Crossing Patrol.

It was reported that the Electoral Commission were proposing a review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places. The Clerk would look at the detail of the proposals in detail.

The Clerk would look at the costs of providing additional lighting on the Doctors path.

2902. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that Councillor B Garbutt had been appointed as Chairman of the Management Committee at its meeting held on 11 March 2018.

Interviews had been held for the post of Cook and Andrew Parker had been appointed to the post. The Centre Manager would be reviewing the hours worked at the Centre by all staff to ensure the most efficient use of resources available.

The Management Committee had agreed to take over the running of the Pit Stop Diner. The Centre Manager reported that he was in the process of producing a “flyer” to publicise activities at the Centre.

The Clerk reported that the Community Centre had some funding from the Members Community Leadership Fund and Awards for All which had not yet been spent and needed doing so as soon as possible. This would be actioned as soon as possible. The Centre Manager and the Clerk would look at a “wish list” for future funding applications. It was agreed to suggest to the Management Committee to look at the costs of purchasing a laptop and projectors which could enable the Centre to be used by outside organisations for small conferences. The costs of renewing the Community Centre’s PCs should also be looked at.

It had become apparent that for some time, the Methodist Chapel had been using the Community Centre bins to dispose of their rubbish. This had not been a problem in the past. However, as the Chapel had now expanded its activities this had now become a problem. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Chapel to ask them to make their own arrangements for the disposal of their rubbish.

The issues with accessing the Centre’s bank account had now been resolved.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) write to the Methodist Chapel to ask them to make their own arrangements for the disposal of rubbish.

2903. BARNES PARK

The Clerk was asked to take up the issue of flooding again with the County Council.

The much-improved condition of the Park was noted and the Clerk was asked to pass on the thanks of the Parish Council to the Park Attendant.

RESOLVED to take up the issue of flooding again with the County Council.

2904. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he had recently assisted the Police in providing CCTV footage of four separate incidents.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2905. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Garbutt reported that the Allotment site was generally in good condition and that the shop was being well used.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2906. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had obtained a copy of the deeds and he was starting putting together a pack of information to send to a solicitor to get legal advice on the status of the allotments.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2907 GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

There was nothing to report on the Lagoons.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2908. BIG LOCAL

There were no matters relating to Big Local to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

2909. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that the Pavilion planning application was to be considered by the District Council's Planning Committee on 20 March with a recommendation for conditional approval. A site meeting on the application was to be held on 19 March at 10.20am. Parish Councillors were welcome to attend. The Clerk reported that the application for the public toilet had not yet been submitted pending the outcome of the Pavilion application.

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from a local resident expressing concern over the Parish Council's plan to develop the Pavilion. In particular, he was concerned over the dangers caused by cricket balls near the road and housing. He suggested that the Council should relocate the cricket pitch to the Country Park. It was agreed that the Clerk respond explaining the history of the position with regard to the Pavilion.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
 (b) respond to the correspondence from the member of the public.

2910. GRIT BINS

The Clerk reported that a request had been received to have the grit bin refilled on Brackenfield Close. It was noted that most of the other bins were either empty or close to empty. It was agreed not to refill any of the grit bins until next winter. Concern was expressed over the use of the grit in the bins for personal use. It was agreed that the possibility of stencilling a “Public use only” or similar notice on the grit bins be investigated.

RESOLVED to (a) not fill the grit bins until next winter; and
 (b) investigate stencilling a “Public use only” or similar notice on the bins.

2911. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
18/00168/FLH Hornbeam House, Mansfield Road Mr and Mrs Pickles	Conservatory	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
18/00176/DISCON Land rear 2-6 Westhill Lane South Yorkshire Housing	Discharge of conditions	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
17/00646/OL Former Coal Yard, North Wingfield Road East Midlands Strategic Land Ltd	Offices/workshop	This application had been conditionally approved.
17/00614/OL Land south of Birkin Lane West Gladman Developments Ltd	Development of 90 dwellings	The District Council had refused this application.

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Darren Atkinson, thanking the Parish Council for its support of his application. He indicated that the site would be named the "Grassmoor Enterprise Park". The Parish Council were invited to put forward suggestions for the name of the access road.

Mr Atkinson stated that when he met with the Parish Council, the importance of a "gateway" building at the entrance to the site was discussed. He had subsequently had discussions with the District Council, with the result that it appeared this part of the site had been included, in error, as green belt rather than brownfield land. As the Local Plan was currently out for consultation, Mr Atkinson was seeking the Parish Council's support to propose an amendment to the Local Plan to change this part of the site from green belt to brownfield, which would enable the development of the gateway building. The Parish Council agreed to support this change to the Local Plan.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) to respond to the Local Plan consultation to request that the area of land adjacent to the entrance to the former coal yard site be designated as brownfield rather than greenbelt land.

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Chairman