

GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN - COUNCILLOR PAM HEMSLEY



It is with great pleasure that I present the latest edition of the Grassmoor Community Newsletter which details for your information, the activities of the Parish Council and the Community Centre over recent months. Hopefully you will find the information useful. If you have any suggestions for matters to be included in future editions, please contact either myself or the Parish Clerk with your ideas. The new play equipment in the Park continues to be very well used and anti-social behaviour figures remain low. One downside to the popularity of the Park has been the litter problem. The Parish Council has decided to employ a Park Attendant to work solely in Barnes Park which we hope will improve the situation in the future.

Planning permission for the lighting of the Multi-use Games Area and the Skatepark has been granted and hopefully work has just started on the installation. Work on Phase two of the Park refurbishment, the provision of a new Pavilion, is on-going. Unfortunately however, such processes take a massive amount of time to plan, develop and fund, particularly for a small organisation such as the Parish Council.

As I have said in previous Newsletters, the Parish Council is concerned over the extent of housing developments in the area and the potentially negative impact they will have. These concerns are aptly demonstrated by the recent problems associated with the Windwhistle Farm development off Birkin Lane, where potentially dangerous highways issues have arisen. The Parish Council have raised these issues with the County and District Councils. It will continue, where appropriate, to oppose future such developments.

I would like to thank those of you who attended the Remembrance Sunday Service. It is pleasing that the Grassmoor Service has gained a reputation locally as being one of the best attended services.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank you for your support over the year and to wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Pam Hemsley, Chairman of the Parish Council

CO-OPTED PARISH COUNCILLOR

As reported in the Parish Council Annual Report, all but one of the seats on the Parish Council were filled following the Parish Council elections in May 2015. The Parish Council agreed at its July meeting, that Lorna Thomas should be co-opted on to the Council with immediate effect for the period up to the next ordinary elections to be held in 2019. Lorna was previously on the Parish Council between 2009 and May 2015. Her contact details along with those of the other Parish Councillors can be found on page 4 of this Newsletter.

STREETCLEANER AND PARK ATTENDANT

The Parish Council has been reviewing its arrangements for street cleaning including Barnes Park. Since the Park has been refurbished it has been very well used. Unfortunately, a down side to this popularity has been that the amount of litter in the Park has been a problem, particularly over the summer months. With this in mind, the Parish Council has decided to employ a Park Attendant who will be responsible for litter picking in the Park and for looking after the Pavilion. The post has recently been advertised and will be filled as soon as possible. The Streetcleaner will concentrate on local streets but will assist in the Park if required.



BARNES PARK PROJECT – PROGRESS REPORT

In terms of the lighting project for the Multi-use Games Area and the Skatepark, an application for planning permission has only recently been granted by North East Derbyshire District Council. An official order has now been placed for the works. The delay was unfortunate but unavoidable. However, the Parish Council cannot afford to take the risk of placing an order without planning permission being first obtained. The arrangements to connect the lighting to the mains electricity supply are in the process of being sorted out and the necessary permissions gained. Work has recently started on installing the lighting columns. The project will also include the provision of two CCTV cameras mounted on a separate column and linked to the control unit in the Community Centre.

The project to replace the Pavilion in Barnes Park is progressing, albeit relatively slowly. Initial plans have been drawn up and revised following consultation with the Cricket and Football Clubs. The plans provide for a larger Pavilion than at present (186sq m as opposed to 100 sq m). As well as changing facilities there will be a larger communal area, kitchen facilities and storage areas.

The Parish Council are currently seeking estimates of the costs of the building based on these plans. This will enable funding options to more accurately be considered and developed. There will at some time need to be a consultation exercise to demonstrate a need for the new facilities. Details of the consultation will be publicised locally and you are encouraged to let us know your views in order that we provide a facility that the local community wants.

CCTV

Some of you may have noticed recently that NW Systems have been working on the Parish Council's CCTV system. As well as routine maintenance, the wireless network panels which relay the signals from the cameras to the control unit in the Community Centre, have been replaced. A faulty camera has also been replaced.

PLANNING MATTERS

Land Off North Wingfield Road – Application for 11 residential units

As many of you will be aware, South Yorkshire Housing Association submitted a planning application for 11 residential units on land off North Wingfield Road near the junction with Westhill Lane. The Parish Council and many local residents strongly opposed the development particularly on highway grounds. The application was considered by North East Derbyshire District Council and was refused. However, South Yorkshire Housing had subsequently appealed this decision. The Parish Council and local residents again made strong representations to the Planning Inspector. Disappointingly however, the appeal was allowed meaning that the development can go ahead.

Manor House Farm, Mansfield Road, Hasland – Application for a wind turbine

North East Derbyshire District Council also considered an application for a wind turbine at Manor House Farm, Hasland. The Parish Council and local residents objected to the application and the District Council refused the application. The applicant appealed this decision and following consideration by the Planning Inspector, the appeal was dismissed.

Windwhistle Farm Development

The Parish Council is well aware of the issues currently being faced by local residents, particularly those living near Birkin Lane, arising from the Windwhistle Farm. It shares local residents concerns over road safety which is why it campaigned against the development. The situation recently with site vehicles going on and off site has been unacceptable. The Parish Council has made representations to the County Council as the Highway Authority the issues and the road safety issues that it is causing. Hopefully by the time this Newsletter is distributed, the problems will have been sorted out, at least in terms of the site traffic. In the longer-term, the Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation, particularly regarding the traffic issues, and it will where necessary make representations on your behalf.



PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2014-15

Set out below, are the final Parish Council accounts for 2014-2015. In compiling the accounts, the Parish Council is required to prepare them in accordance with laid down rules and regulations. The Accounts first of all have to be approved by the Parish Council and the Council's Internal Auditor. Following this, the Annual Statement of Accounts have to be presented to the External Auditor, Grant Thornton, for auditing and approval. It is pleasing to report that the Parish Council's accounts for 2014-15 received clean bill of health. A summary of the Accounts is set out below for your information. If you require any further details, please contact the Parish Council's Responsible Financial Officer, John Marriott as detailed on page 4 of the Newsletter.

Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council Accounts 2014-15

	Year ending 31 st March 2014 (£)	Year ending 31 st March 2015 (£)
Balances brought forward	87,497	75,750
Annual precept	78,946	84,761
Total other receipts	36,817	145,039
Staff costs	26,036	26,148
Loan interest/capital repayments	21	3,492
Total other payments	101,451	214,601
Balances carried forward	75,750	61,309
Total cash and investments	77,789	63,971
Total fixed assets and long term assets	1,757,799	1,833,108
Total borrowings	289	79,380

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year's Remembrance Sunday Service was held on 8 November 2015 at the War Memorial in Barnes Park to pay tribute to those who had lost their lives during the First and Second World Wars and other conflicts. Once again this year, it was impressive to see the large numbers of people who attended the Service, even though the weather was fairly inclement on the day. The Parish Council would like to thank you all for attending and to those who took part directly in the Service. In particular, thanks go Reverend Ann Anderson for conducting the Service, Jonathan Easton for playing the Last Post and Reveille, Councillor Eugene Grant and the children from Grassmoor Primary School.

For the first time this year, the Parish Council organised a collection in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal and it is pleasing to report that the collection raised a total of £112.82. Well done to all and thanks again for attending. The Parish Council also hoped you noticed that the War Memorial had been professionally cleaned recently.



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Your Parish Councillors

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Mr AH Booker	21 MacDonald Close, Grassmoor, S42 5EH	01246 856073
Mr B Garbutt	127 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5EB	01246 850322
Mr E Grant	Croft House Farm, 1 Gill Lane, Grassmoor, S42 5AN	01246 850419
Mr M Grayling	14 Henry Street, Grassmoor, S42 5AT	0772 660360
Mrs EA Hill	51 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor, S42 5BA	01246 852216
Mrs JA Round-Hill	5 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor, S42 5BA	0796 9145328
Mrs L Thomas	95 North Wingfield Road, Grassmoor, S42 5EB	01246 857787

Officers of the Parish Council

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Responsible Financial Officer: John Marriott	214 North Wingfield Road, Grassmoor, S42 5ED	01246 851476

USEFUL INFORMATION AND HELP - CONTACTS

Service	Authority	Service	Authority
Allotments	GPC	Planning Permission	NEDDC
Building Regulations	NEDDC	Public Footpaths	DCC
Bus Shelters	DCC/GPC	Recreation/Parks	GPC/NEDDC
CCTV	GPC	Refuse Collection	NEDDC
Council Tax Collection	NEDDC	Registration – Births/Deaths/Marriages	DCC
Consumer Advice	DCC	Register of Electors	NEDDC
Dog Wardens	NEDDC	Remembrance Sunday Service	GPC
Education	DCC	Social Services	DCC
Environmental Health	NEDDC	Street cleaning	GPC/NEDDC
Housing	NEDDC	Street lighting	DCC
Libraries	DCC	War Memorials	GPC
GPC	Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council c/o Mr R Ackrill, Parish Clerk, Manor Cottage, 114 The Green, Hasland, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 0JU. Telephone: 01246 461095. Email: grassmoor.pc@sky.com Website: www.grassmoor.org.uk		
NEDDC	North East Derbyshire District Council, Council House, Saltergate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 1LF. Telephone: 01246 231111. Website: www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk		
DCC	Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG. Telephone: 08456 058058. Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk		



GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Centre are continually looking to provide activities the local community want. For example, we are hoping to set up a Community Cinema at the Centre in the new year in partnership with Big Local. Information relating to this will be posted in the village and on Facebook. We are also hoping to organise a folk night and a fashion show.

If you have any ideas or if you wish to discuss any matters relating to the Centre, please do not hesitate to give me a call on 01246 857900. I look forward to hearing from you – Tina Eltringham, Centre Manager.

Grassmoor Luncheon Club Monday 12.30-1.30pm



3 course meal including tea and coffee for only £4.50.
To join the club, please contact the Centre on
01246 857900

Pilates

Monday evenings

6pm – 7pm **Beginners and Therapeutic**
7pm – 8pm **Intermediate**

For further information contact Lizzie Self
on 01246 291139 or 07785923923

Please note: the course has to be booked and
paid for in advance as there are a limited
number of places available.

Why not join

Brownies meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 7.15 pm
(Term time only)

Guides meet Wednesday evenings 7.15 - 8.15 pm

Ringwood Bridge Club

Monday 1pm – 4pm

Tuesday 7pm – 10pm

Wednesday 7pm – 10pm



Tired of watching television? Need to get out and about?
Would you like to make some new friends?

Come and learn to play Bridge in a fun and enjoyable way with Ringwood Bridge Club.
For more information call in to centre

Friendship Club

Tuesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Come along and enjoy a game of dominoes
and bingo. Occasional day trips out

For further details contact Pam Hemsley on
01246 851385

Beginners Bridge

Mondays 10 -12

Come along and learn to play
Everyone welcome

Tuesday Lunchtime

At the Community Centre
12.30-1.30pm

3 course meal
Only £4.50

Call in for a menu
Telephone 01246 857900
or email

grassmoor@btconnect.com



Baby Clinic

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
1.30pm – 3.30pm



**Coming
Soon**

**Keep a lookout for the Family
Tea Time Club**

LITTLE LEARNER PRE SCHOOL

Little Learners continues to be a successful, welcoming and innovative Pre School, based at the Centre during the week. It is run in term time, by Louise Lee and Diane Jones with professional, qualified staff and is OFSTED registered.

It offers children, between 2 and 5 years, the chance to develop their skills and confidence in the comfort of a safe, friendly and fun environment.

For more information on times and charges please call 07866074319.

Unemployed Workers Centre Advice Worker

Thursday 10am – 12 noon

Providing advice and support on welfare benefits and tax credits; completion of claim forms; representation at Benefits Tribunals; liaison with Department of Work and Pensions, the Inland Revenue and local authorities; and redundancy. If you need advice do not be afraid to take it – call in to the Centre to see the Advice Worker.

GOT SOME SPARE TIME AND INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

The Community Centre we would love to hear from you

You could help out in the office, in the kitchen or with caretaking

Volunteering at the Centre could provide you with an opportunity to gain valuable experience and the Centre would provide you with training where appropriate.

Please contact Tina at the Centre on 01246 857900 to discuss how you can help.

We are pleased to say we have a new volunteer, Sarah. Why not come and join her and the rest of the team at the Centre and help the local community.

Planning a party this year why not have it local!



*Catering options
available please feel free
to call in and discuss*

