

Parish Council News

GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005

1. MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

There are 11 Members of the Parish Council.

Councillor	Address	Telephone
Mrs EA Hill (Chairman)	51 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor	01246 852216
Mrs PJ Hemsley (V/Ch)	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor	01246 851385
Mr I F Barlow	4 Oak Road, Grassmoor	01246 854050
Mr A H Booker	21 MacDonald Close, Grassmoor	01246 856073
Mr P Broadhurst	222 Chesterfield Rd, Grassmoor	01246 854336
Mr CJ Clarke	54 Mansfield Rd, Temple Normanton	01246 851533
Mr B Garbutt	127 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor	01246 850322
Mrs E Greenall	Mile Hill House, Winsick	01246 274716
Mrs B Hall	32 Vernon Rise, Grassmoor	01246 859998
Mr RW Marriott	59 Chapel Rd, Grassmoor	01246 854587
Mr D Rowland	23 Frederick St, Grassmoor	

2. OFFICERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk

Mr Roy Ackrill, 3 Collishaw Close, Hasland, Chesterfield S41 0ES

Telephone – 01246 236878

Email – roy.ackrill@ntlworld.com

Responsible Financial Officer

Mrs C Winnard, 99 North Wingfield Road, Grassmoor, Chesterfield S42 5EB

Telephone – 01246 856995

Email - cazandwinnie@tesco.net

3. RECORD OF MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillor	Attendance	Councillor	Attendance
I F Barlow	10	Mrs B Hall	2
A H Booker	8	Mrs P J Hemsley	12
P Broadhurst	11	Mrs E A Hill	10
C J Clarke	6	R W Marriott	3
B Garbutt	7	D Rowland	10
Mrs E Greenall	10	There were 12 meetings in 2004/2005.	

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4. PRECEPT

The Parish Council set a precept for 2004/2005 of £78,500. In 2005/2006 the precept has been set at £82,000 which represents a 4.46% increase.



CHAIRMANS' REPORT COUNCILLOR BETTY HILL

This is the first year the Parish Council has produced its Annual Report in this format. The Parish Council hopes you find it informative and useful. If you wish to comment on the report or on any of the activities of the Parish Council, please contact either myself or the Parish Clerk. Contact details for both are provided at the beginning of the report.

5. PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR

Responsible Financial Officer

In November, Carolyn Winnard took up her position as the Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council. Carolyn will undertake all the financial affairs of the Parish Council including the preparation of the accounts, budgeting and payments.

The Grassmoor Community Centre

In March 2004, the Community Centre finally re-opened following refurbishment works which lasted almost a year. In total the Management Committee raised £898,475 to enable the project to materialise. The Parish Council made a capital commitment of £10,000 towards the building costs and it continues to provide support to the Centre by making a revenue grant of £6,700 towards the running costs of the Centre.

Citizens Advice Sessions

The Parish Council has worked with its partners, the Citizen Advice Bureau and the Community Centre Management Committee to establish free generic advice sessions for the community. The sessions are held every Monday in the Community Centre.

Anti-Social Behaviour

I am sure many of you will share the Parish Council's concerns over the increase in anti-social behaviour in the village in recent months. The behaviour of some has been totally unacceptable and it has had a seriously detrimental effect on the lives of residents particularly those living on North Wingfield Road.

The Parish Council has worked closely with the Police and North East Derbyshire Community Safety Officers to combat the problems. The result has been the issuing of the first Dispersal Order in North East Derbyshire. The Order which came in to effect on 20 April lasts for 6 months and gives the Police additional powers to deal with groups causing nuisance and disorder.

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Grassmoor Lagoons

For the past 13 years the Parish Council has been campaigning for the Grassmoor Lagoons to be cleaned up. The Government has at last announced that the DTi has admitted responsibility for the site and £4m has been allocated to clear the site of the contaminated materials. Work on the site will only commence once Derbyshire County Council has undertaken a detailed study of the options available for cleaning up the Lagoons. Work is due to start on this element of the project in May 2005.

Village Name Signs

The Parish Council commissioned Signs of the Times to design and manufacture new village name signs. The signs, situated at both boundaries of Grassmoor on the B6038, reflect Grassmoor's mining heritage.

New Play Equipment – Winsick Park

The Parish Council was successful in obtaining a grant of £6,000 from North East Derbyshire Surestart towards the cost of new play equipment for Winsick Park. In total the project to provide the equipment cost £7,500 with the Parish Council providing the balance of funds.

The Grassmoor Community Website – www.grassmoor.org.uk

Working closely with the Community Centre Management Committee, the Parish Council is continuing to develop the Grassmoor Community Website. The website provides a variety of information about the Parish Council, the Community Centre, Grassmoor in general, useful contacts as well as links to other relevant websites.

The Grassmoor Community Newsletter

As part of its commitment to keep the local community aware of its activities, the Parish Council, again in partnership with the Community Centre Management Committee, has produced the first 3 issues of the Grassmoor Community Newsletter during the year. The Newsletter is circulated to all homes in the Parish and contains information on Parish and Community Centre activities.

Allotments

Over recent months the Parish Council has become concerned over the general condition of the Mill Lane Allotments. Meetings have been held with the Allotment Association with a view to finding a way forward to make the site better for all concerned. The Allotment Association has given a commitment to tidy up the site which will be to the benefit of current and potential allotment holders.

Barnes Park

The Parish Council is currently engaged in a project to renew the main Park gates. The provision of a disabled ramp access to the Park is also being considered. The District Council continue to maintain the Park and the play equipment on behalf of the Parish Council.

Donations

In accordance with powers granted under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council has once again made donations to support local organisations and good causes.

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Street Cleaner

Matthew Dovinson is employed as the Parish Council's Street Cleaner for 11 hours per week. Generally, Matthew concentrates on the busier roads in Grassmoor. If however, you would like him to give your road some attention when time permits, please feel free to ask him or make a request to the Parish Clerk.

Other Parish Council activity during 2004/2005

In addition to the above the Parish Council has:-

- Funded the maintenance of Hasland Cemetery
- Funded the general maintenance of Barnes Park and Winsick Park
- Provided the hanging baskets on North Wingfield Road and at Churchside
- Organised the annual Remembrance Sunday Service
- Funded the OAP TV Licence subsidy scheme

6. PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR 2005/2006

CCTV Scheme

As you will probably be aware, the Parish Council is hoping to introduce CCTV in to the centre of the village. The Scheme will cover North Wingfield Road roughly from the Doctors Surgery to the Boot and Shoe. Coverage will also include Mill Lane, the School, the Community Centre and the Methodist Chapel. Whether the Scheme goes ahead ultimately depends on whether funding can be found. It is estimated that the Scheme will cost around £60,500. If funding is secured it is hoped that the CCTV will be introduced before the end of 2005.

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the recent CCTV questionnaire. The information provided from the survey will help in the preparation of the applications for funding. The winner of the £50 cash prize was M Andrews. I Thompson and P Oakley won the second prizes of £25.00.

The Grassmoor Parish Plan

The Parish Council resolved during the year to prepare a Parish Council Plan which will shape the priorities of the Council in the short, medium and longer-term. It is hoped that work on preparing the Plan will commence in the coming year.

The Pavilion, Barnes Park

In 2005/2006, the Parish Council, work commitments permitting, hope to commence its plans to build a new Pavilion to replace the existing one which is in a poor state of repair. The Council will be looking to make bids to various funding organisations to help finance the project.

7. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

January 2005 saw the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act. The Parish Council has adopted the Local Council Model Publication Scheme (Core classes only) which has been approved by the Information Commissioner. The official contact for information requests is the Parish Clerk.

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8. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

A summary of the Parish Council's audited accounts for 2003/2004 is set out below.

	Year ending 31 st March 2004 £	Year ending 31 st March 2003 £
Income		
Balances brought forward	69,833	46,713
Annual precept	75,500	74,000
Other receipts	17,401	9,233
Total	162,734	129,946
Expenditure		
Staff costs	14,833	9,938
Loan interest/capital repayments	430	848
Other payments	40,471	49,327
Total	55,734	60,113
Balances carried forward	107,000	69,833
Total cash and investments	107,000	69,833
Total fixed assets and long term assets	1,672,151	462,224
Total borrowings	397	791

Internal Audit

The Independent Internal Auditor concluded that the Council had complied with relevant procedures and controls expected for a council of this size.

External Audit

The External Auditor concluded the accounts were in accordance with Audit Commission's requirements.

If you require any further information please on the financial accounts for year end 2004 please contact the Finance Officer direct on the telephone number listed in the annual report.

Grassmoor Community Centre

Grassmoor Youth Bazaar Grassmoor Community Centre

Sunday 11 September 2005

12 noon – 6pm

Plans are well underway for the Grassmoor Youth Bazaar. Lots of events have been booked –

- Bolsover Extreme Wheels mobile skateboarding
- Olympic Wrestling
- Archery by Derwent Pursuits
- Read On Write' Away Double Decker Bus
- Fencing
- Tae Kwon Do
- Derbyshire Police's Ozbox Unit
- Nail and Body Art
- DJ Training
- Break Dancer
- Digital Animation Artist

...and more to come.

All activities will be free for all young people to 'have a go'.

Member	Telephone
Mrs EA Hill	01246 852216
Mr RW Marriott	01246 854587
Mrs J Bedford	01246 856306
Mr AH Booker	01246 856283
Mr CJ Clarke	01246 851533
Mrs C Fairburn	
Mr W Knott	01773 875995
Mr A Saxton	01246 850836
1 vacancy	

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE

If there is anything you would like to try, which is not on the list above, then please contact **Susan Brighthouse on 01629 857900 or her mobile 07956010189.**

The main idea of the day is to consult with young people in Grassmoor and find out what are the most popular activities and what they would like to see organised in Grassmoor Community Centre

The **Grassmoor Youth Project Partnership Team** currently consists of:

Susan Brighthouse, Events Co-ordinator, Grassmoor Community Centre

Roy Ackrill, Clerk to Grassmoor Parish Council

Dave Radford, Co-ordinator, Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire Volunteer Centre

Frances Watt, Arts Officer, North East Derbyshire Council,

Jane Crispin, Community and Economic Development Team, Derbyshire County Council

Lynn Moore/ Kerry Gough-MacMillan, Derbyshire Police – Clay Cross

If any local sports clubs or arts groups would like to be involved in the day to encourage more young people to join them, please let us know.

NB: We are hoping to start a 6 week course on Pop Videoing and Editing aimed at young people, so watch out for further details.

Grassmoor Community Centre

Photographic Memory of Grassmoor

On Saturday 14 May many Grassmoor residents came to the Community Centre to see the GRASSMOOR EXHIBITION. Over 1,500 photographs were on display, showing life and past times in Grassmoor and surrounding villages. Some people, such as Pam Hemsley and Christine Fairburn who work in the Community Centre, discovered photographs of themselves. Others met up with distant relatives they had not seen for years, while others just spent a few happy hours recalling happy memories of the events, buildings, colliery history and people of Grassmoor they especially remembered.

The free exhibition was organised by the North Wingfield Local History Group. A special thanks must go to them for all the hard work in setting up the display, which took up all of the Main Hall in the Community Centre.

North Wingfield Local History Group is interested in the history of all surrounding villages including Grassmoor. They meet every fortnight on a Tuesday at 7pm in Temple Normanton Church. Anyone is welcome to attend their meetings. The next meeting is **Tuesday 14 June**.

The raffle raised £53.00 to go towards better security in the community.

Raffle Prize winners were:

Jill Booker, Joan Bedford, Mrs Tilley, K Walters and Mrs Sheppard.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Have some time on your hands? Want to get involved in community events?

The Community Centre always welcomes volunteers.

So if you are interested in supporting the work of the Centre we are looking for more volunteers for the Luncheon club – all expenses paid, plus a free meal

Also a voluntary youth worker and (*can't remember what else Roy?*)

We would love to hear from you.

Contact Pam Hemsley to talk about it.

Telephone: 01629 857900.

ADVICE AND HELP IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

If you want to know anything about your rights or welfare benefits and what you are entitled to then visit either of our advice sessions

Citizens Advice Bureau - every Monday – 10.00am – 2.00pm

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers – every Friday – 10.00am – 12.00pm

Grassmoor Community Centre

Grassmoor Community Centre Management Committee Accounts 2003/2004.

The Management Committee accounts for 2003/2004 have received a satisfactory audit opinion from our external auditor, S Gibbs & Co. A copy of the Statement of Financial Affairs is set out below for your information. A full set of the accounts can be obtained from the Roy Ackrill, Secretary to the Management Committee, 3 Collishaw Close, Hasland, S41 0ES. Telephone: 01246 236878. Email: roy.ackrill@ntlworld.com

Grassmoor Community Centre Management Committee Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2004

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2004 £	2004 £	2004 £	2003 £
Incoming Resources					
Capital grants, legacies & donations		-	818,308	818,308	50,761
Operating activities in furtherance of charity's objectives		5,221	8,241	13,462	9,124
Investment income		783	-	783	128
Total Incoming Resources		6,004	826,549	832,553	60,013
Net Incoming Resources available for charitable applications	A	6,004	826,549	832,553	60,013
Cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives					
Management and administration of the charity		1,956	-	1,956	960
		9,221	8,241	17,462	11,565
Total Resources expended	B	11,177	8,241	19,418	12,525
Net Incoming Resources before Transfers (i.e. Total A minus Total B)		(5,173)	818,308	813,135	47,488
Gross Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net Movement in funds		(5,173)	818,308	813,135	47,488
Total funds brought forward		25	50,693	50,718	3,230
Total funds carried forward		(5,148)	869,001	863,853	50,718

The net movement in funds referred to above is the net incoming resources as defined in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales.

All activities derive from continuing operations except for the receipt of the restricted capital grants.. All recognised gains or losses are included in the Statement of