

SUCCESS OF PEOPLE POWER

A big thank you to everyone from Councillor Betty Hill, Chairman of Grassmoor, Winsick and Hasland Parish Council



On Monday 12 March 2007, the Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Planning Committee voted unanimously to reject the planning application proposal for building the In Vessel Composting Plant and transferring the DCC Highways Department to the Bennett Fergusson site in Grassmoor. It

was a brilliant and thrilling moment for all of us, who were able to attend the 3 hour meeting at County Hall in Matlock to witness the Planning Committee members voting to reject this unjust proposal.

We began the campaign way back in July 2006, when we formed the Campaign Group. We learnt about what an In Vessel Composting Plant was and the more we learnt the more we realised what it meant for Grassmoor. It would bring lots more traffic and noise and smells, but it would not bring new jobs for Grassmoor people, which is much needed.

Over the following months we:

- organised a successful public meeting attended by over 200 people in the Grassmoor Community Centre.
- sent endless objection letters to councillors.
- drew up our 14 page objection paper and sent it to Derbyshire County Council.
- made placards and thanks to everyone who displayed them in their gardens.
- gained the support of Natascha Engels. MP for North East Derbyshire
- made representation to North East Derbyshire District Council and the planning committee objected to it.
- organised the Protest March on Saturday 16 September 2006, which over 300 people attended from Grassmoor, Churchside, Hasland, Winsick, Corbriggs, Wingerworth and other surrounding villages.
- met with DCC officials to put forward our objections.
- wrote letters which were printed in the Derbyshire Times.
- made representation to a DCC Planning Committee special meeting in November 2006
- visited the Edmonton In Vessel Composting Plant in Enfield, North London in January 2007 to see for ourselves what Grassmoor would be getting.
- prepared and sent a final objection paper for the 12 March planning committee
- achieved getting over 100 people to attend the 12 March meeting in the Council Chamber of Derbyshire County Council
- planned for and presented well our final arguments at the 12 March meeting.
- Won by organising a responsible and well researched campaign.

I now want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped to bring about this victory. First of all I want to thank the members of the 'No, Not This Time In Grassmoor Campaign Group: James Browne, Doris Harris, Carol Withers, John

Withers, Joy Thompson. Fred Graham, Sue Hill, Pam Hemsley, Pam Briddon, Marlene Ralph, Kane Walters, Joy Thompson, Alwyn Lewis, John Gower. **(Cont'd)**

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and Susan Brighthouse. Thank you for all the hard work in sticking with the campaign, especially, as at times, we felt we were fighting a 'David versus Goliath' battle. Thanks also to all Grassmoor people who delivered leaflets, as we all know is a dangerous task if you hear a dog barking. I want to thank all members of the Parish Council for supporting me with the Campaign by agreeing to provide the funds and resources for the information and publicity of the Campaign.

Thanks to Councillor David Chapman, Derbyshire County Member for Sutton, which includes Grassmoor and a member of the DCC Planning Committee, who proposed the objection to the planning application proposal at the meeting on 12 March.

I thank Dawn Hart and her family and Tom Blyth from Wingerworth, who organised a successful meeting, attended by over 300 Wingerworth people to bring them on board with our campaign.

And most of all I want to thank all the people of Grassmoor, Winsick, Hasland, Churchside, Corbriggs, Wingerworth and other surrounding villages for giving the support needed to keep the campaign going and playing your part in the successful outcome. **PEOPLE POWER** won the day and I feel proud that, as the Chairman of Grassmoor, Winsick and Hasland Parish Council, I can say that you showed that we can make a difference in our community, when we are determined.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU—Councillor Betty Hill

DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS—MAY 2007

The District and Parish Council elections were held on 3 May 2007. The Parish Council election was uncontested therefore the 9 nominated Parish Councillors were elected unopposed. Betty Hill and Pam Hemsley were elected to the North East Derbyshire District Council in a contested election. Contact details for Parish Councillors and the District Council are shown on page 4 of the Newsletter.

CCTV CAMERA FOR WINSICK

Mansfield Road, Winsick has suffered from incidents of damage to cars and property for some years. In response the Parish Council has agreed to fund a CCTV camera to cover some of the area affected. The camera will hopefully be erected in the near future and will be operational as soon as possible. To also help alleviate some of the problems, the Parish Council has also paid for the upgrading of some of the streetlighting on Mansfield Road.

CCTV CAMERA MANAGEMENT

The Parish Council has agreed to transfer the day to day management of the CCTV cameras in Grassmoor from the Community Centre to a centre in Holmewood run by the Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link. The change will ensure that the system is managed by experts and that technical problems are identified and rectified sooner. It will also be easier for the Police to access images from the cameras.

Contact the Parish Council

Gary Huckerby, the Parish Council Responsible Financial Officer, will be available to meet with members of the public on parish Council matters every Tuesday between 9.30-11.30am at the Community Centre. If Gary is not available, there will be a box at the Centre in which you can leave messages and either Roy or Gary will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Police Community Support Officer

A welcome sight on the streets of Grassmoor recently has been the new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for the village. PCSO James Land took up his position in February.

The Parish Council has received several comments from local residents about how reassuring it is to see a Police presence in the village on a regular basis. James has already proved his worth by helping to reduce the considerable anti-social behaviour problems that were occurring on Norfolk Avenue and the entrance to the Park.

James can be contacted on the mobile phone provided by the Parish Council on 07985937709. Should you wish to report an incident you must however, call the Police on 0845 1233333 rather than on the mobile phone.

Avenue Clean-up Operation

A lot is happening to our area in terms of future change, and potential change. Probably the most important thing to happen in Grassmoor right now, is the soon to be in full-swing, Avenue site cleanup. Many people who live here, and in neighbouring villages, has a story to tell about the Coking works. Now, there is a plan in place to clean the Avenue area up, and make good all of the environmental damage caused by the works over the many years the plant was operational. Hopefully you will have seen the leaflets and other documentation in the newspapers about the plans, and the exciting future of this development.

There is a long way to go, and EMDA (East Midlands Development Agency) must do a lot of reclamation to make the location a great place to be. In the short-term, there is the actual clean-up and reclamation that is required to make the area clean and remove the pollution. In the longer-term, there is set to be a wildlife area, wetland and walks through the area. Sports facilities and fields are also in-plan.

The next Open Day is on the on 3rd August for the project office on Mill Lane. EMDA will open the centre, have nature walks, refreshments etc. The day will run 10am till 4pm. If you can, pop down and have a look at the plans. It explains what's going to happen and the steps needed to make the area nice.

Mike Fenton of EMDA said "we are working at the Avenue to restore one of the most contaminated sites in Europe, into a site with facilities the community want and can be proud of in the future. We know it is going to be disruptive while we do this but hope you can all work with us to make it happen". We'll keep you updated as this moves on!

Checkout <http://www.theavenueproject.co.uk> for more information and pictures!

Responsible Financial Officer

Carolyn Winnard has resigned as the Parish Council's Responsible Financial Officer. She was appointed to the post in 2004. The Parish Council would like to thank Carolyn for her work as RFO. The post has been advertised and the Parish Council has appointed Gary Huckerby as the new RFO. Gary will take up his new post in early April. He can be contacted on matters relating to the Parish Council finances at 134 Moorland View Road, Walton, Chesterfield, S40 3DF.

Telephone—01246 270258

Email: gary@ghuckerby.freeseve.co.uk

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Your Parish Councillors

Mrs EA Hill (C)	51 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor ,S42 5BA	01246 852216
Mrs PJ Hemsley (VC)	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER	01246 851385
Mr IF Barlow	4 Oak Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5YB	01246 854050
Mr AH Booker	21 MacDonald Close, Grassmoor S42 5EH	01246 856073
Mrs A Browne	2 Durham Avenue, Grassmoor S42 5DL	01246 857188
Mr B Garbutt	127 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5EB	01246 850322
Mrs B Greenall	Mile Hill House, Winsick, S41 0JN	01246 274716
Mr K Hemsley	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER	01246 851385
Ms JA Hill	234 Chesterfield Road, Grassmoor, S42 5EL	

Information and Help - Useful Contacts

For information and help on the following services contact the appropriate authority as detailed below;

<u>Service</u>	<u>Authority</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Authority</u>
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	NEDDC/GPC
Housing	NEDDC	Street lighting	DCC
Libraries	DCC	War Memorials	GPC

GPC Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council c/o Mr R Ackrill, Parish Clerk, 3 Collishaw Close, Hasland, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 0ES. Telephone: 01246 236878.
 Email: grassmoorpc@ntlworld.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

Community Centre Facilities and Activities

PILATES CLASSES

At Grassmoor Community Centre

Drop-in sessions

Mondays—23 & 30 July, 20 August & 3 September 2007.

New course— 10 September 2007

All dates—

Beginners & Therapeutic level 1— 6pm

Intermediate & fitness levels 2&3 - 7pm.

Please contact Lizzie on 01246 291139 or 07785 923923 for further information/booking form.

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

Why not have a children's party at the Community Centre?

Grassmoor Community Centre is an ideal venue in which to have a children's party. It has modern, safe and spacious facilities at reasonable rates. Excellent catering can also be provided.

For further details contact the Community Centre on 01246 857900

Derbyshire County Council Skate and Ride

Monday 16 July 2007

7-9pm

Grassmoor Community Centre

Further information: 01246 865842

New Street Tots

Every Thursday 9-11am

Tai Chi Group

Mondays 2-3pm

The courses are aimed at the over 50's although all age groups are welcome.

Contact: Susan Gudjonsson

0114 2553516

YOGA CLASSES

Claire Youatt offers a unique teaching style and her classes are in great demand. She is a trained therapist and is able to provide pupils to understand the relationship between a healthy body and mind. It is lucky that she is able to teach at the Centre.

Thursdays 6-7.30pm

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£4.00

Comfortable clothing and mat required.

For further information contact

Claire on 01246 203727

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 the advice sessions held at the Community Centre:

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

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

For further details contact the Community Centre on 01246 857900

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Community Centre News and Information

Members of the Community Centre Management Committee

Details of the current membership of the Management Committee along with the contact details for the Secretary are set out below:-

Member	Representing	Telephone
Mrs EA Hill (Chairman)	Parish Council	01246 852216
Mrs J Bedford	Luncheon Club	01246 856306
Mr AH Booker	Parish Council	01246 856073
Mrs A Browne	New Street Tots Group	01246 857188
Mr IF Barlow	Parish Council	01246 854050
Mrs C Fairburn	Tai Chi	01246 853199
Mrs PJ Hemsley	Parish Council	01246 851385
Ms A Beard	Sure Start	01246 852228

Secretary: Mr R Ackrill

3 Collishaw Close

Hasland

Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 0ES

Telephone: 01246 236878.

Email: grassmoorpc@ntlworld.com

ALL CHANGE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

NEW CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR

Peter Hague has been appointed as the new Community Centre Co-ordinator. He started work on 25 June. He has a wealth of experience in running community facilities and he will be an asset to the Centre. Please contact Peter to book the Centre at: Grassmoor Community Centre, New Street, Grassmoor, S42 5EY

Tel: 07956010189 or email: grassmoor@btconnect.com

Website: www.grassmoor.org.uk

FAREWELL TO SUSAN

Susan Brighouse will be leaving her post as Centre Co-ordinator once Peter takes up his appointment. It is fair to say that without Susan's hard work and dedication the Centre would have struggled to continue through what has been a difficult period. The Management Committee and the local community as a whole owe Susan a big thank you. Susan's work with the Centre is not quite finished however, as she currently putting together an application for the 5 year funding for the Centre Co-ordinator post.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We would love to hear from anybody who would be interested in volunteering at the Community Centre? This could include helping out in the Café and with the Luncheon Club to help with Care-taking duties.

Please contact Peter on 01246 857900 for further information.