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Grassmoor Community Newsletter

Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2008/2009

Every year at its December meeting, the Parish Council considers its budget priorities for the next financial year and sets a precept which is collected through the Council tax by the District Council.

This year the Parish Council set a precept of £95,000 which represents an 8.57% increase on last years figure. The Parish Council realise that this increase is above the rate of inflation and the decision has not been taken lightly.

One of the reasons for the increase is a result of the District Council withdrawing over the next three years, the subsidy it gives to Parish Councils to maintain leisure facilities and the activities that take place on them. In the case of the Grassmoor Parish Council, this means Barnes Park and Winsick Park. In 2006/2007, the Parish Council paid £3,800 towards the costs and in 2007/2008 it will pay £7,700. By 2010/2011 the Parish Council will have to pay £13,600, therefore it is important that the Council plan ahead now to avoid problems in future years.

The Parish Council like other local councils is also committed to supporting its local Community Centre. The Centre is a superb community venue which the Management Committee, the Parish Council and the local community fought long and hard to make happen. It is important that the Centre is not lost. It is a facility whilst not always well supported by the local community, that would be greatly missed should it close. It is for this reason that the Parish Council has agreed to financially support the Centre should it be needed. The Centre Management Committee is committed to becoming as financially self-sufficient as possible and it is in the process of developing bids for external funding to support the staffing and running of the Centre. However, this is a lengthy and complicated process with no guarantee of success. The Centre needs a degree of stability and continuity hence the Council's support. If the bids for funding are successful, the funds raised through the precept will be to fund other activities and services within the Parish.

Councillor Betty Hill

In addition to the Community Centre and the Parks, the Parish Council also funds from the precept the street cleaner, the maintenance of Hasland Cemetery, the hanging baskets, the CCTV cameras, the TV Licence subsidy, bus shelters, street lighting as well as the salaries of the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

The Parish Council tries its best to fight for and where possible provide the best facilities and services for the Parish as a whole. As with everything else these have to be paid for. Myself and the Parish Council will do their very best to ensure that its finances are managed as efficiently and effectively as possible and that future precept increases as kept as low as possible whilst maintaining services.

Councillor Betty Hill, Chairman of the Parish Council

NEW PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESS

grassmoor.pc@virgin.net

Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council

Grassmoor Parish Plan—Open Meeting

The Parish Council is formally starting the process of adopting a Parish Plan. The idea of the Plan is to give local people the power to decide and plan what is best for the local community. The first stage of the process is to hold an open meeting prove the community with information on the Plan and to formally establish the Steering Committee which will undertake the work required to plan and co-ordinate the project. You are invited therefore to attend the open meeting to discuss the Plan which is to be held on **Wednesday 27 February 2008 at 7.00pm** in the Grassmoor Community Centre, New Street, Grassmoor. Contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

TV Licence Scheme

As you may be aware, Ian Walton has recently left Grassmoor Post Office. The Parish Council would like to thank Ian for his contribution to the local community and wish him all the very best for the future. His job as Postmaster has been taken on by David Holden. David is happy to continue the TV Licence subsidy scheme for residents of the Parish. The scheme gives a £10 refund on the licence fee to any resident of the Parish, where at least one resident of the household is aged 60 or over. To claim the subsidy you must complete an application form which can be obtained from Grassmoor Post Office and the Community Centre.

New Policing Arrangements

The Police have changed policing arrangements for Grassmoor under the Safer Neighbourhoods scheme. Under the arrangements, a new Beat Officer, PC Callum Marrows, will be shared between Grassmoor, North Wingfield, Tupton and Wingerworth. PC Marrows will be supported by four PCSOs covering the same area. PCSO James Land who has worked in Grassmoor for several months will continue to be the PSCO working mainly in Grassmoor. The other PCSOs will provide support as necessary.

CCTV

Over the last few weeks, several of the CCTV cameras have unfortunately been out of action owing to circumstances beyond the control of the Parish Council. Damage was caused to a cable by a contractor on a local building site putting the cameras out of use and also causing irreparable damage to the control system. The system is now up and running again and already it has been used to identify those causing anti-social behaviour in Grassmoor.

Grassmoor Lagoons

The County Council is making good progress in its efforts to appoint a contractor to clean up the Lagoons. Twenty four applicants responded to the advert in the European Journal seeking contractors for the work. References are currently being sought with the intention of producing a shortlist of between four and six companies. It is hoped that interviews with the companies will be completed in the near future. The outcome of this process will be to reduce the shortlist to two companies with the intention to invite these two companies to submit formal tenders in April to decontaminate the site. There will then follow a period of detailed tender evaluation before a contract is awarded.

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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
Mrs J Bedford	7 Vernon Rise, Grassmoor, S42 5HD	
Mr AH Booker	21 MacDonald Close, Grassmoor S42 5EH	01246 856073
Mrs A Browne	2 Durham Avenue, Grassmoor	01246 857188
Mr D Chapman	26 Chapel Road, Grassmoor S42 5EL	01246 851789
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 J Hill	51 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor ,S42 5BA	01246 852216

Information and Help - Useful 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**	**NEDDC/GPC**
Housing	**NEDDC**	**Street lighting**	**DCC**
Libraries	**DCC**	**War Memorials**	**GPC**

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DCC Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG.
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Grassmoor Community Centre

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre Advice Sessions

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Advice sessions at the Community Centre have changed the days on which they are held from Fridays to Thursdays. The sessions are held between 10.00am – 12.00noon. If you need advice about your entitlement to benefits the advisors can help so please call-in at the Centre—no appointment is necessary.

Car Boot and Table Top Sale

Whether buying or selling, the Community Centre is the place to be on Sunday 24 February at 10.00 am for a car boot and table top sale. Sellers can set up from 9.00am onwards with all pitches priced £5.00.indoor or out.. Whatever the weather there are bargains galore to be had. Hot and cold refreshments will be available. No early arrivals please.

Kick Boxing

Kickboxing comes to Grassmoor. Come along and learn how to defend yourself, keep fit and meet new friends. We meet every Tuesday at 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome so why not come along and give it a try. For further details please telephone 0750 4270814 or drop in any Tuesday we would love to see you.

Social Dances

Social dances are to be held on the 1st Thursday of every month between 8.00 and 10.30pm starting on 6 March at the Community Centre. There will be ballroom, sequence, latin and rock and roll dancing for an admission price of just £2.50. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring your own drinks and refreshments. For further information contact the Community Centre on 01246 857900.

Community Centre News and Information

Members of the Community Centre Management Committee

Member	Representing	Telephone
Mrs J Bedford	Luncheon Club	01246 856306
Mr AH Booker	Parish Council	01246 856073
Miss D Roberts	New Street Tots Group	07815010274
Mr IF Barlow	Parish Council	01246 854050
Mrs V Halberry	Tai Chi	0774 9057986
Mrs PJ Hemsley	Parish Council	01246 851385
Ms S Kirkland	Sure Start	01246 852228
Vacancy	Parish Council	

Secretary: Mr R Ackrill,3 Collishaw Close, Hasland, Chesterfield, S41 0ES
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COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

PILATES CLASSES

At Grassmoor Community Centre

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

Kick Boxing Sessions

Tuesdays

6.30—7.30pm at the Community Centre

For further details telephone 0750 4270814 or simply come along on Tuesdays and try Kickboxing out.

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

Grassmoor Over 55s Friendship Club

Every Tuesday

2-4pm

Grassmoor Community Centre.

For further details contact Pam Hemsley on 01246 851385.

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

Grassmoor Community Centre

£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 Tuesday and Wednesday – 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers – every Thursday – 10,00am – 12.00pm

For further details contact the Community Centre on 01246 857900

GRASSMOOR PARISH PLAN

OPEN MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2008

7.00PM

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For further details
See page 2 of the Newsletter or
Contact the Parish Clerk on
01246 236878
or by email:
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All welcome!