

# Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council

## GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2009

### CHAIRMANS' REPORT COUNCILLOR BETTY HILL



**Councillor Betty Hill**

It is with great pleasure that I once again present the Annual Report of the Parish Council for 2009. It has been another challenging year for the Parish Council. I'm afraid I must start on a sad note, Betty Greenall, a Parish Councillor for 31 years in 3 spells since 1973, sadly died in May. Also previously a Councillor on North East Derbyshire District Council, Betty was passionate about the local area and fought tirelessly in support of local causes. Her contribution to the Parish Council and to local life will be greatly missed.

As a Parish Council we try to make the right decisions on

your behalf. We realise however, that on occasions, the Parish Council may not be best placed to take these decisions. Last year therefore we embarked on the Parish Plan process. The Plan is a community plan of what local people not the Parish Council want and desire. It is an opportunity therefore, for you get involved and tell the Steering Group what you want. The Parish Council will be involved in trying to deliver the outcomes identified in the Plan. It won't be easy and it will not happen overnight. It will not be possible to deliver all that local people wish for. I can assure you however, that the Parish Council will work closely with other agencies to deliver as much as possible of what is wanted in the Parish.

### 1. 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
Mrs J Bedford	7 Vernon Rise, Grassmoor	
Mr A H Booker	21 MacDonald Close, Grassmoor	01246 856073
Mrs A Browne	2 Durham Avenue, Grassmoor	01246 857188
Mr D Chapman	26 Chapel Road, Grassmoor	01246 851789
Mr B Garbutt	127 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor	01246 850322
Mr K Hemsley	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor	01246 851385
Ms J A Hill	5 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor	
Vacancy		

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## 2. OFFICERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Clerk

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

Telephone – 01246 236878

Email – grassmoor.pc@talktalk.netn.net

### Responsible Financial Officer

Mr G Huckerby, 134 Moorland View Road, Walton, Chesterfield S40 3DF

Telephone – 01246 270258

## 3. RECORD OF MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillor	Attendance		Councillor	Attendance
I F Barlow	11 (12)		Mrs E Greenall	9(12)
Mrs J Bedford	10 (11)		K Hemsley	10(12)
A H Booker	8 (12)		Mrs P J Hemsley	11 (12)
Mrs A Browne	10(12)		Mrs E A Hill	7 (12)
D Chapman	6(11)		Ms J A Hill	9(12)
B Garbutt	7 (12)			

There were 12 meetings of the Parish Council during the 2007/2008 year.

## 4. PRECEPT

The Parish Council set a precept for 2008/2009 of £95,000. In 2009/2010 the precept has been set at £100,290 which represents a 2% increase.

## 5. PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR

### GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The County Council has made good progress during the year towards commencing the project to clean up works on the Lagoons. As this is such a large and complex process involving significant sums of public money, lengthy and detailed procedures have to be followed. The County Council had initially identified several companies with an interest in undertaken the work. The number of companies has been reduced to a single preferred company following the lengthy and detailed tendering process which was completed in March. The successful tenderer would be announced as soon as funding for the project had been secured which would hopefully be within the next few weeks. Once the contract is formally signed there will follow a period of detailed planning and it is anticipated that works will commence on site in late summer 2010. The project is expected to take 5 years to complete and to cost around £5m.

## **Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council**

### **CCTV**

The Parish Council has continued to experience considerable problems with the CCTV system which has unfortunately meant that coverage has not been as consistent and reliable as would have been liked. After great difficulties, Advance Monitoring Solutions the company the Parish Council have engaged to sort out the problems, are making progress to getting all the cameras operational again. Whilst we have been having the problems and to save money in the long run, the Parish Council has taken the opportunity to review the camera positions in order to maximise coverage of the "hot spot" trouble areas in the village. Several cameras have been relocated and others have their views adjusted to achieve this. It is pleasing to report that the cameras have been successful in identifying those responsible for several local incidents recently.

### **MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The Parish Council is pleased to report that the condition of the Allotments has continued to improve thanks to the efforts of the Allotment Association. The majority of plots have now been allocated. Grassmoor Primary School has a plot on the allotments and a gate directly linking the School with the allotments will be in place soon to make it easier and safer for the children to get to the site. The School allotment plot is extremely popular with the children and it has received considerable publicity. During the year the School allotment was a feature on the national BBC news. The Parish Council would like to congratulate the school children and the teachers for the success of the project. Thanks also go to Graeme Hardy for his voluntary efforts to support the project.

### **GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Parish Council has continued to support the Community Centre particularly with support for staffing costs and it continues to work closely with the Community Centre Management Committee to try to ensure that the activities at the Centre are as varied as possible.

The Centre has benefited from an Awards for All Grant of just under £10,000. The money will be used to publicise the Centre and to put on additional activities for young people. The County Council through Councillor David Chapman has also given a grant from the Community Priorities Fund for the Active and Healthy Communities Project which has largely been spent on providing activities in the Centre.

### **POLICE OFFICE—GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

It is pleasing to report that after lengthy negotiations with the Police, that the local Police Office opened for business in July. The office will give local people the opportunity to meet directly to discuss issues of local concern with the Police.

Details of when PCSO Land will be at the Office can be found at the Centre and also on the Community Website - [www.grassmoor.org.uk](http://www.grassmoor.org.uk)

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## PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan is continuing to make progress albeit somewhat slower than ideally would be liked. An important element of the Parish Plan process in getting to know what the local community wants. As a result very household in the Parish has been asked to complete a Love it/hate it questionnaire. The questionnaire asks you to identify 3 things you love about Grassmoor, 3 things you hate and 3 things you would like to see improved. Thanks to all of you who took the time to complete the questionnaire. The results will be published in the Parish Plan report.

The Group has met on several occasions and has established six themed objectives on which more detailed work on these subject areas will take place. The objectives are:

To improve facilities in the Parish

To improve activities in the Parish

To improve highway matters in the Parish generally but specifically speeding and car parking

To improve leisure and sports facilities

To reduce the level of nuisance and anti-social behaviour

To reduce litter/dog fouling and to improve the "streetscene" generally.

The parish Plan report will be produced including the recommendations made by the Steering Group and an action plan will also drawn up. Further reports will be made in future editions of the Newsletter and information will be published on the website.

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

The Parish Council funded free holiday activities for local children organised by Tupton Hall School for during the summer holidays. Several local children took up offer and the project proved very popular and successful. The project cost the Parish Council £1,000.

## CITIZEN ADVICE BUREAU—ADVICE SESSIONS

The Parish Council again made a significant grant to the Citizen Advice Bureau to enable 9 hours of generic advice work to be delivered from the Community Centre every week. Funding has been committed for this purpose again in 2008/2009. For details of the advice sessions please see the notice in the Community Centre section of the Newsletter.

## NEW PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD

The Parish Council has erected a new noticeboard in the grounds of the Grassmoor Methodist Chapel. The Council would like to thank the Methodist Chapel for allowing this. Other Parish Council noticeboards are situated at the Boot and Shoe and also in the Community Centre

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## 6. OTHER ACTIVITY DURING 2008/2009

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
- Employed a Streetcleaner to keep local streets and the Parks as free from litter as possible.
- Provided the hanging baskets In Grassmoor and at Churchside
- Continued to fund the TV Licence Scheme for the over 60's
- Worked closely with the Police, and North East Derbyshire District Council to help stamp out abuse and harassment of local shopkeepers
- Maintained local bus shelters
- Maintained the Grassmoor Community Website—[www.grassmoor.org.uk](http://www.grassmoor.org.uk)

## 7. PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR 2009/2010

During 2009/2010 the Parish Council will continue to provide local services and support to local groups and it will work closely with partners to make Grassmoor a better place in which to live. Specific projects include

### Parish Plan

The main focus of the Parish Council's activities for 2009/2010 will be the completion and implementation of the Parish Plan. Your input is most important and welcome so please keep an eye out for details of activities associated with the Plan. There will be a considerable amount of work to do to produce and develop the action plan arising from the final Plan. It is hoped that the Plan will be completed in late February 2010. The Plan will be formally launched at an open event to which all the local community will be invited. Details will be publicised locally and on the Community Website — [www.grassmoor.org.uk](http://www.grassmoor.org.uk)

### Free Summer Holiday Activities

The Parish Council has joined other local Parish Councils and is again committing £1,000 towards the costs of running a programme of free activities for young people during the summer holiday period.

### Refurbishment of the Barnes Park War Memorial

The Parish Council intends to refurbish the area around the War Memorial. It has been felt for some time that the area is untidy and could be improved. As part of the works, the Memorial itself will be cleaned.

### Improve the coverage of the CCTV cameras

The Parish Council will continue to monitor and review camera positions in order to maximise coverage of problem areas in the village.

## 8. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2008/2009

Set out overleaf are the provisional Parish Council accounts for 2008/2009. In compiling the accounts, the Parish Council is required to prepare them in accordance with laid down rules and regulations. The Parish Council's Independent Internal Auditor concluded that the Council has complied with relevant procedures and controls expected for a council of this size. The Parish Council Accounts for 2008/2009 are currently with the External Auditor for approval.

# Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council

	Year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2009 (£)	Year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2008 (£)
Balances brought forward	71,522	91,678
Annual precept	95,000	87,500
Total other receipts	16,987	8,417
<b>Total</b>	<b>183,509</b>	<b>187,595</b>
Staff costs	23,968	23,508
Loan interest/capital re- payments	21	21
Total other payments	89,126	92,544
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,115</b>	<b>116,073</b>
Balances carried forward	70,394	71,522
Total cash and invest- ments	70,394	71,522
Total fixed assets and long term assets	1,760,956	1,761,876
Total borrowings	347	358

## SUMMER HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAMME TUPTON HALL SCHOOL

**FREE PLACES AVAILABLE**

*For further details contact:*

**Darren Norwood – Community Development  
Co-ordinator  
Tupton Hall School**

**Telephone - 01246 252559 or mobile 07798 681069**

**Email— darrenn6@tuptonhall.derbyshire.sch.uk**

**CLOSING DATE 18 JULY 2009**

*Supported by Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council*

# Grassmoor Community Centre

## 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

### 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**

### Grassmoor Over 55s Friendship Club

Every Tuesday  
2-4pm

Grassmoor Community Centre.

For further details contact Pam  
Hemsley on 01246 851385.

## 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 Community Centre

### Farewell to Peter and June

Peter Hague has resigned as Centre Co-ordinator with effect from the end of June after a year in the post. The Management Committee would like to thank Peter for his work at the Centre over the year and we wish him all the very best for the future.

June Dix recently left her post in the Café and again we would like to wish her all the best in the future and to thank her for her work at the Centre. Debbie Morris who has taken on June's post in the Cafe.

### Staffing Arrangements

Following Peter leaving the Centre, the Management Committee is in the process of conducting a review of the management and staffing requirements at the Centre. Whilst this review is taking place Susan Brighthouse who many of you will already know, will take temporary charge at the Centre.

### New Charging Policy

After very careful consideration the Management Committee has reluctantly decided to increase the room hire charges at the Centre. The increases are necessary in order to cover the increased running costs of the Centre particularly in respect of gas and electricity. The decision has not been taken lightly but it should be pointed out that this is the first increase in charges at the Centre since it re-opened in March 2004. Other changes to the charging policy have been made which the Management Committee considers more fairly reflects usage of the Centre.

For details of all the changes to the charging policy please 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 (Chair)	Luncheon Club	01246 856306
Miss D Roberts	New Street Tots Group	07815010274
Mr I F Barlow	Parish Council	01246 854050
Mrs V Halberry	Tai Chi	0774 9057986
Mrs P J Hemsley (V/Chair)	Parish Council	01246 851385
Ms S Kirkland	Sure Start	01246 852228
Ms J A Hill	Parish Council	
Vacancy	Parish Council	

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