

Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council

Adverse Weather

This winter has been the worst for several years and there times when the whole country has nearly ground to a halt. It has been a very difficult time for Local



Authorities trying to keep roads open and essential services operating in such severe conditions. Gritting of roads and pavements has been an issue nationally and particularly in Derbyshire given the geography of the area. The County Council has done its best to keep all "A" and "B" roads open and for the most part it succeeded. Shortages of grit nationally led to the Government limiting the use of grit on roads. Derbyshire is a large county with many miles of roads meaning that it is impossible to physically grit all minor roads and roads on estates. The same applies to pavements.

Councillor Betty Hill, Chairman of the Parish Council

The Parish Council currently provides 7 grit bins in the Parish. During the bad weather the Council received several calls from local residents wanting their local grit bins filling. The salt that goes in them is supplied by the County Council. The County Council will only fill bins provided by the Parish Council if it has sufficient salt supplies and after it has filled its own bins. As there was a shortage of salt there was a period when the grit bins in Grassmoor did not get filled. This situation was beyond our control. The Parish Council did look at alternative suppliers of grit. The majority of these had also run out supplies or where they had grit they were charging over three times as much as the normal price. We have also looked at having our own advance stocks of salt but this gives rise to storage and distribution problems. The County Council is reviewing the way it supplies grit which will hopefully lead to less shortages in coming years. The weather conditions also affected the Parish Council directly as the January meeting had to be cancelled.

Quality Parish Council Status

It is now almost 4 years since the Parish Council became one of the first Councils in North East Derbyshire to receive the Quality Parish Council Award. The Council is due to be re-accredited in June so work will begin shortly on preparing the submission. We

Grassmoor Community Website

The Parish Council has been experiencing some problems in keeping the website fully up to date. Some complaints were received and we have taken on board your comments and concerns. Thankfully these issues have now been rectified and the website is now up to date. One addition to the website is information about the local policing arrangements which we hope you will find useful. The website is rapidly closing in on its 10,000th "hit" with current weekly usage being around 45 visits. If you have any comments or suggestions please let the Parish Clerk know.

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CCTV

Thanks to those of you that took the time to complete the CCTV questionnaire that was circulated in late 2009. The questionnaire was a follow up survey to one which was conducted prior to the cameras being put in place. The results of the survey were pleasing in that they showed a positive view of the cameras. Some examples are set out below:

- The number of calls for service had reduced from 49 in the 3 month period immediately prior to the cameras being installed to 20 over the last 3 month period. The target figure was 12.
- It was intended that the cameras would bring about a reduction in the number of local residents feeling that anti-social behaviour had increased. The target figure was 37% and the survey results showed that only 14% felt it had increased.
- The CCTV was intended to bring about a reduction in the % of residents who felt unsafe at night in Grassmoor. The original survey indicated that the figure was 41% but the latest survey showed that the result was only 8%.

The winners of the draw for completing the questionnaires were first prize D Ayres with the two runners up prizes of £25.00 being M Slack and D Bailey.

The works to reposition some of the cameras has been delayed following the recent adverse weather conditions. Hopefully the works should be completed in the near future.

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2010/2011

The Parish Council met on 16 December 2009 to consider setting its budget for 2010/2011. In order to consider the longer term picture, and to assist with financial planning, the Parish Council has set a provisional 3 year budget covering the years 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013. For 2010/2011, the Council set a precept of £100,290 which represents a 2% increase on 2009/2010.

OTHER NEWS

New Secretary—Mill Lane Allotments

Anita Skelton has taken over from Mick Arnold as the Secretary of Mill Lane Allotments. She can be contacted on 01246 866143. The Parish Council would like to thank Mick for all the hard work he put in to the Allotments which have improved in appearance and the way they have been run since he has been involved.

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre

The Parish Council recently agreed to give the group a donation of £150 to enable them to continue to provide advice sessions in the Community Centre which are held every week at the Centre. Please telephone 01246 857900 for further details.

Family Fun Day

A Family Fun Day had been held at the Community Centre on 1 March. The Day had been funded from the Community Priorities Fund through County Councillor David Chapman. The event had proved very popular and successful.

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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
Mr K Hemsley	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER	01246 851385
Ms JA Hill	5 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor, S42 5BA	
Mrs L Thomas	95 North Wingfield Road, Grassmoor , S42 5EB	01246 857787

Information and Help - Useful Contacts

<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	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.
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DCC Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG.
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COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Grassmoor Luncheon Club

Meets at the Community Centre every Monday 12.30-1.30pm.

3 course meal including tea and coffee for only £3.25.

Please contact Janice Bedford on 01246 857900 to join the

Need a venue for a party, wedding reception or christening?

Have you thought about Grassmoor Community Centre?

Why not ask. Contact the Centre on 01246 857900.

Forthcoming activities at the Community Centre

**Game Zone sessions
Olympic Wrestling
Break Dancing and DJ Course**

**For further details telephone
01246 857900.**

Grassmoor Over 55s Friendship Club

Every Tuesday 2-4 pm
Grassmoor Community Centre.
For further details contact Pam Hemsley on 01246 851385.

Pilates Classes

Contact Lizzie Self on 01246 291139 Or 07785923923 for further information.

Working Communities Project

Wednesdays 9.30am – 1.30pm

(partly funded by Grassmoor Parish Council)

Are you unemployed or facing redundancy and looking for work?

You don't have to go it alone!

Free information, advice and support is available. For more information contact North East Derbyshire District Council's Community Employment Officer, Mark Szadura on 01246 217534 or 07973343383.

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RINGWOOD BRIDGE CLUB

The Ringwood Bridge Club took up residence at the Community Centre in February 2009 and is fast growing in popularity. Are you tired of watching television? Need to get out and about? Would you like to make some new friends? If so why not come and learn to play Bridge in a fun and enjoyable way by joining the Club.

Mondays 1pm – 4pm and Wednesdays 7pm – 10pm
Bridge lessons on Wednesdays 10am – 1pm.

If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact Iris on 01246 855535 or Mick on 01246 850660.

New Street Tots

Thursday mornings
9.00 – 11am

Grassmoor Community Centre

Mother and Toddler Drop-In
for under fives.

For further details contact
Janice Bedford
on 01246 857900.

Martial Arts

Fridays 5.30 – 7pm

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Instructor, James Baskerville 3rd Dan,
has over 20 years of experience in
teaching Korean Martial Art of Tang
Soo Do.

Price per session £2.50 with reduced rates
for families.

Contact James on 07735092120 for
more information.

Community Centre News and Information

Members of the Community Centre Management Committee

Member	Representing	Telephone
Mrs J Bedford (Chair)	Parish Council	01246 856306
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	
Mr M Gavigan	Bridge Club	01246 850660
Mrs L Thomas	Friendship Club	01246 857787

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