

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK
PARISH COUNCIL held on 8 October 2003 at the Grassmoor Junior School.**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors P Broadhurst, A H Booker, B Garbutt and R W Marriott.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I F Barlow, C J Clarke, Mrs E Greenall, Mrs B Hall and Mrs E A Hill.

130/03 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 September 2003 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

131/03 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Lydia Brocksopp Charity (Minute No. 92/03(a) refers)

The Clerk reported that the Church Treasurer had indicated that the Charity had only very limited funds to distribute across several branches of the Charity. More information was awaited before a report would be made to the Parish Council.

- (b) Parish Signs (Minute No. 112/03 (d) refers)

It was agreed that this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council as no designs of alternative signs and costings had been received.

- (c) 198 North Wingfield Road – Sale of Calor Gas (Minute No. 122/03 refers)

It was reported that calor gas had recently been sold from the above premises. The Clerk agreed to ask the District Council if they could undertake test purchases.

- (d) Mill Lane - Allotments (Minute No. 125/03 refers)

The Clerk reported that the site visit to the Allotments had been cancelled. The meeting would be re-arranged at a convenient date in the future.

- (e) Gate – Gill Lane Allotments (Minute No. 126/03 refers)

No quotes had yet been received for a gate on the Allotments. The Clerk agreed to chase this matter up as a matter of urgency.

- (f) County Council Depot – Chesterfield Road (Minute No.127/03 refers)

Two cars were regularly parked in the entrance to the Depot, often for long periods at a time. The Clerk agreed to take the matter up with the County Council.

132/03 POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

The Clerk reported that a meeting between the Parish Council, the Police, the District Council's Community Safety Officer and the Youth Offending Service had been held on 26 September. Arising from the meeting it had been agreed that action would be targeted against those individuals believed to be the ring leaders of those causing trouble. It was intended to build up a file of the problems caused by these individuals with a view towards proceeding towards issuing Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBO). It was noted that hearsay evidence could be used to build up a picture of behaviour for use in applying for an ASBO. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Parish Councillors asking them to report any information that maybe useful to the Police as part of this process.

In respect of the School, it was agreed that appropriate signs needed to be erected on the School grounds to make it easier for the Police to remove those potentially causing trouble. It was also suggested that covert surveillance cameras be used. The Clerk had spoken to the County Council who were in the process of purchasing new equipment.

PC Kerry Gough-MacMillan attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes relating to the Parish which had occurred since the last meeting. It was reported that there had been a serious fire in the boundary hedging in Barnes Park which had been started deliberately.

There had been problems of bottles being smashed on the Park and a swing had also been broken. Objects were also being thrown at buses as they passed the Park. A blue van had also been visiting Grassmoor selling settees.

Parking was becoming a problem in front of the School during drop off and collection times.

RESOLVED that the report be noted;

133/03 COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

The Clerk reported that work was continuing at the Centre. Some cracks had been identified in the Hall ceiling. It was agreed that this would be monitored and taken up through the site visits if necessary. Shortlisting for the post of Centre Manager was to be held on 13 October with interviews being held on 22 October.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

134/03 GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

It was reported that Councillor Garbutt had recently been interviewed on television regarding the Lagoons. The Clerk was asked to find out further information on:-

- Where does the water pumped from the lower Lagoon go?
- With regard to the pump near the local stream, who attends the pump and why is the pumping necessary?

There was also evidence of mountain biking taking place on the upper Lagoon which the Clerk agreed to report to the County Council.

It was reported that the District Council had not received a response from the DTI and a decision on any action was likely to be deferred until the New Year.

RESOLVED that the Clerk seek the information referred to above from the County Council.

135/03 BARNES PARK

As previously reported, there had been a serious fire effecting the boundaries of 44 and 46 Durham Avenue. Two sheds and fencing had been destroyed. Councillors Hemsley, and Marriott and the Clerk had visited the owners of the properties to discuss the problem. It was clear the owners blamed the Parish Council for not securing the fencing along the boundary. Children were using the area as a den and had been setting fires in the hedgerow.

Whilst those present at the meeting had not accepted any liability for the fire, it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for the fencing to be repaired. This had been done. There was evidence to suggest that grass cuttings and other garden refuse had been thrown in to the area between the two fences, presumably by one of the residents.

The occupier of 44 Durham Avenue also complained of the nuisance caused by youths climbing the tree which overhangs the property. The District Council had been asked to look in to possible solutions to this problem.

The occupier of 38 Durham Avenue had written to complain to the Parish Council over problems with cricket balls being hit in to properties on Durham Avenue. The latest incident had resulted in a car window being broken whilst parked on the driveway. The Clerk had taken the opportunity to contact the insurers to seek their advice on the problem. Zurich Municipal had requested further information which the Clerk was in the process of obtaining. The District Council had suggested two options as a solution. Firstly, erecting ball stop fencing along the boundary concerned. Secondly, reducing the number of cricket pitches in order to increase the length of the boundary. The District Council had pointed out that this would cause potential problems with the remaining wickets owing to over use. It was agreed that this matter be deferred pending further advice from the insurers.

RESOLVED that (1) the action taken in respect of the fire damage be agreed;

- (2) the Clerk report to the next meeting on the possible solutions proposed by the District Council in relation to the overhanging tree; and
- (3) The matter relating to the damage caused by the cricket balls be deferred pending the receipt of advice from the Council's insurers.

136/03 PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk reported on planning matters relating to the Parish arising since the last meeting.

RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted.

137/03 ACCOUNTS 2002/2003

The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had required minor amendments to the Accounts for 2002/2003. It was agreed that the Vice-Chairman be authorised to sign the revised Statement of Accounts on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the Vice-Chairman be authorised to sign the revised Statement of Accounts on behalf of the Parish Council.

138/03 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk reported that arrangements were in hand for this years service which was to be held on 9 November 2003.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

139/03 STREET LIGHT

It was reported that a request for an additional street light at the junction of Shakespeare Street and Byron Close had been received from a Mrs Kellett of Chapel Road. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the time the budget for next year was set.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

140/03 AVENUE COKING PLANT

The County Council had provided details of a proposed Environmental Assessment produced by EMDA. As part of the process, EMDA were seeking a "scoping opinion" about the information which should be provided in the Assessment. It was agreed that the County Council be advised that the Parish Council had no additional matters which they felt should be included in the Assessment.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

141/03 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that approval be given for the payment of the following accounts:-

<u>CHQ NO.</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
SO	R Ackrill (Salary)	£	493.50
SO	K Hemsley (Salary)	£	114.72
SO	M Dovinson (Salary)	£	227.18
DD	E Mid Electricity (Pavilion Supply)	£	23.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply)	£	12.42
1782	NEDDC (Chairs Appeal)	£	50.00
1783	Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	£	299.36
1784	I Walton (TV Licence Scheme)	£	137.80

Petty Cash Payments

04/07/03	ASDA	Toilet Rolls	£4.14
05/07/03	Frank Berry Tyson	Stationary/files	£40.48
13/07/03	Poundland	Stationary	£3.00
28/07/03	NEDDC	Seat Licence	£1.00
01/10/03	Post Office	Stamps	£2.80
06/10/03	Frank Berry Tyson	Stationary/Print Cartridge	£65.37

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Chairman

