

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK
PARISH COUNCIL held on 10 December 2003 at the Grassmoor Junior School.**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, P Broadhurst , C J Clarke, Mrs E Greenall, Mrs B Hall, Mrs P J Hemsley, R W Marriott and D Rowland.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Garbutt.

155/03 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 November 2003 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

156/03 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Parish Signs (Minute No. 143/03 (a) refers)

The Clerk reported that he had received a brochure from County Sign Services run by the County Council. The Service offered advice on potential signs and designs. The Clerk agreed to contact the Service. It was agreed to defer issuing an invitation to local schools and organisations re possible designs for the signs pending advice from County Signs.

(b) 198 North Wingfield Road – Sale of Calor Gas (Minute No. 143/03 (b) refers)

The Clerk reported that the District Council had reiterated that they could take no action regarding the sales of calor gas from the above premises without specific evidence. The Clerk agreed to contact other agencies such as Trading Standards to see if they could take any action.

(c) Travellers/ Former County Council Depot (Minute No. 152/03 refers)

Councillor Chapman reported that the County Council were currently looking at possible solutions to develop the former County Council Depot site.

157/03 POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

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. There were 3 incidents covering the period 3 November to 9 December along with 9 nuisance incidents.

The Chairman referred to a letter from a resident of North Wingfield Road regarding nuisance problems. The problems included footballs being kicked across the road, stone throwing, mooning and needles being found in gardens. The situation was so bad that people were scared to walk passed those causing the problems. PC

Gough-MacMillan reported that a youth had also mooned at a passing Police car. The youth involved was known and would be spoken to.

No action had resulted to date regarding the incident involving a teacher reported at the last meeting. The matter was now being looked in to by Inspector Durham. A known drug user had recently been found guilty of possession and had left Grassmoor. PC Gough-MacMillan had found that the bus companies had not reported a single incident regarding the Grassmoor Services, despite the problems previously reported. Local public houses had been reminded of the legal requirements of not selling alcohol to under aged persons.

The Clerk apologised for not having had the opportunity to produce the posters for display in local shops asking the local community to report incidents to the Police immediately. It was agreed that in the New Year, a leaflet/newsletter be produced setting out the problems currently being experienced and seeking the public's help to combat them. The leaflet would be circulated to all residents via the Chesterfield Advertiser. Councillor Chapman reported that a meeting was to be set up to listen to the problems of young people and seek to address some of the issues concerned. It was agreed that Councillors Booker and Hemsley represent the Parish Council. It was also suggested that the new Centre Manager be invited to the meeting.

Problems of vehicles parking on Gill Lane and Birkin Lane when football teams were using the Park were reported. PC Gough-MacMillan advised that if the vehicles were not parked illegally, there was nothing that could be done. Councillor Booker agreed to ask Grassmoor Sports FC players and visiting clubs to park responsibly and to travel in as few vehicles as possible.

It was reported that a motorised scooter was regularly being ridden down North Wingfield Road and it had also been seen on Oak Road. Damage had also been caused to the outside toilet door at the Pavilion on 2 occasions in the last month. Irish travellers had been calling at properties in the Winsick area.

RESOLVED that the report be noted;

158/03 COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

The Clerk reported that the County Council were hopeful that the problems that had lead to the delays had been resolved. Work appeared to be progressing well and no additional delays were anticipated.

The County Council had expressed concern over the condition of the Centre floor in the main hall. Given that no residual funding from the project was likely to be available to replace the floor, the Site Manager had looked in to refurbishing the floor. In his opinion, the floor could not be re-sanded. This left the prospect of having a newly refurbished Centre left with a floor that was obviously in poor condition and which would need to be replaced at some point in the future anyway. It was agreed that the Parish Council agree to pay for the costs of a replacement floor which was estimated to be in the region of £10,000. The exact cost of the floor would not be known until works to replace the floor had commenced. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman could authorise expenditure up to £15,000 if necessary.

It was noted that Brian Furness, Centre Manager had formally taken up his post on 1 December.

RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted; and

(2) the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to approve expenditure of up to £15,000 in respect of the replacement hall floor in the Community Centre.

159/03 BARNES PARK

The District Council had provided details of the costs of the proposed works as detailed below;

- (1) Tarmac footpath leading to Durham Ave (up to our boundary only), £600
- (2) Tarmac proposed new entrance on Birkin Lane, £400
- (3) Tarmac proposed link footpath from Birkin Lane to North Wingfield entrance (behind pavillion), £3500
- (4) Replace approximately 6 metres of post and rail fencing near pavillion entrance, £255
- (5) Supply and plant thorn, front of post and rail fencing, £140
- (6) Plant thorn, fence line Durham Ave (plants already supplied), £25
- (7) Supply and install 5 motorcycle access barriers, £2950
- (8) Removal of concrete posts and reinstate to grassed areas (Durham Ave side), £365
- (9) Supply and erect approximately 9 metres of green powder coated bowtop fencing (top corner near ball court), £515
- (10) Supply and erect chain link/ bowtop fencing at Durham Avenue / Birkin Lane corner, £1000

The Parish Council agreed to proceed with all the above works with the exception of items 2 and 3. Item 2 was deferred pending a decision from the County Council as to whether parking places would be provided along Birkin Lane. Item 3 was considered unnecessary. The total cost of the proposed works was £6,250 for which provision would be made in the budget for 2004/2005.

The District Council had also advised of vandal damage to 2 swings in the Park. The estimated cost of undertaking the repairs was £300.00. It was agreed that the repairs be undertaken.

RESOLVED that (1) approval be given to the works proposed above to be undertaken by the District Council as soon as possible; and

(2) the District Council be authorised to undertake the repairs to the damaged swings.

160/03 BUDGET 2004/2005

The Parish Council considered the budget for 2004/2005. It was agreed that specific budgetary provision be made for the following:-

- Improvement works to Barnes Park in the sum of £6,250.
- Community Centre roof. Estimated cost £10,000, maximum £15,000.
- Match funding for Community Development worker in the sum of £12,000
- Advice sessions in Centre in the sum of £10,000.
- Hanging baskets in the sum of £3,900.
- Additional hours for street cleaning – approximately £2,000 – hours to be determined.

It was agreed that no increases in the level of charges for use of the Pavilion or the Gill Lane and Mill Lane Allotments be made in the coming financial year.

The Parish Council agreed to set a budget of £78,500 for the year 2004/2005 which represented a 3.97% increase on the previous year. A copy of the full budget is attached as an appendix to the minutes.

RESOLVED that (1) the Parish Council set a budget of £78,500 for the year 2004/2005 as detailed in the appendix.;

(2) the rent for the use of the Barnes Park Pavilion be not increased for the year 2004/2005; and

(3) the rent for the use of the Gill Lane and Mill Lane Allotments be not increased for the year 2004/2005.

161/03 PLANNING MATTERS

(Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared an interest in this item and left the room during the discussion and voting on the planning items)

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

162/03 SPEED SIGN – CHESTERFIELD ROAD

It was reported that the speed sign on Chesterfield Road was faulty as it lit up when pedestrians walked passed it. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to the County Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report the problem to the County Council.

163/03 DOG SIGNS

It was agreed that the District Council be asked to erect dog fouling signs on North Wingfield Road, near the newsagents.

RESOLVED that the Clerk agreed to place an order with the District Council for the signs.

164/03 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
1787	Ian Walton (TV Licence subsidy)	£	159.00
1788	Petty Cash	£	50.00
1789	Community Centre (Match funding)	£	10,000.00
1790	Shelter Maintenance Co. (Shelter repairs)	£	290.23
1791	NEDDC (Park Repairs)	£	87.36
1792	Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	£	299.36

Petty Cash Payments

10/12/03	Frank Berry Tyson	Print Cartridge	£49.34
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