

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK
PARISH COUNCIL held on 10 March 2004 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, B Garbutt, Mrs P J Hemsley, R W Marriott and D Rowland.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Broadhurst and Mrs B Hall.

24/04 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 February 2004 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Gate Gill Lane Allotments (Minute No. 12/04 (d) refers)

It was agreed that a gate be ordered in the sum of £180.00. Councillor Booker agreed to ascertain whether or not the gate could be erected by the Breakthrough Project at no cost to the Parish Council.

(b) Seats - Barnes Park (Minute No. 12/04 (e) refers)

It was agreed that an order for six seats in Barnes Park be placed at £80.00 per seat.

(c) Planning Matters (Minute No. 16/04 refers)

It was reported that the planning application for 3, three storey flats at 2 New Street had been turned down by the District Council.

(d) Development at Mile Hill, Hasland (Minute No. 17/04 refers)

The Clerk reported that there was no further information available in respect of waste disposal and re-cycling other than that contained in the Environmental Statement. Further information would be required to be included in the full planning application.

(e) Sure Start Grant (Minute No. 20/04 refers)

It was noted that £6,000 had been approved as a grant rather the £10,000 originally requested. It was agreed that this be used to purchase play equipment for Winsick Park. Councillor Marriott agreed to liaise with the District Council regarding the type of equipment to be purchased.

26/04 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. Vandalism had again occurred at the School with damage being caused to the fencing around the garden. Those responsible had also been on the School roof. Dustbins had also been set alight on the playing field.

Nuisance problems regarding quad bikes and motorbikes were continuing although action was on-going to tackle these problems. Incidents were reported of bricks/stones being thrown at passing buses and the Community Centre.

PC Gough-MacMillan reported that she had issued warning letters to 20 youths regarding their behaviour. One individual had now received 3 letters and it would be possible to move towards an Anti-Social Behaviour Order if the problems continued.

It was reported that the Oak Road NHW had had no contact with the Police since PC Hird had retired. PC Gough-MacMillan agreed to report the matter to Inspector Durham.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

27/04 COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

The Chairman was pleased to welcome the Parish Council to its first meeting back in the Community Centre. The re-opening ceremony was to be held on 12 March to which all Parish Councillors and their partners were welcome. The County Council had estimated that the building was now worth around £2.5m.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

28/04 NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT – BARNES PARK

The Clerk referred to a letter from Mr and Mrs Armstrong of 28 Norfolk Avenue, Grassmoor complaining of noise problems arising from the ball court play area in Barnes Park. The main theme of the complaint that balls were continually being kicked against the walls of the court making a continual noise.

The letter detailed the following matters:-

- Foul and abusive language being used when complaints have been made. The Police have been informed of this problem by the Armstrong's.
- The possibility that by laws might exist to combat the problems
- NEDDC Enforcement Officers had suggested that planning permission had not been obtained. The letter suggests that "proper" consideration was not given to people living nearby. There is a view that as no local residents received a letter re planning permission, permission has not been obtained.
- NEDDC officers had suggested a solution may be to lock the Park at night
- Sound proofing the equipment may be a possibility

In response to the comments in the letter the Clerk pointed out the following matters:-

- The foul and abusive language was clearly a matter for the Police. The Clerk had sent PC Gough-MacMillan a copy of the letter of complaint
- The Clerk was unclear as to what by laws were currently in force relating to the Park. He would check the position with the District Council
- Full planning permission had been obtained. Any failure to consult with local residents was a matter for the District Council to explain
- Sound proofing the equipment and locking the Park at night may be possible solutions but their cost or practical application had not been examined. The Clerk agreed to contact the District Council re possible soundproofing
- The Clerk also pointed out that he had received no other complaints of noise from local residents who actually lived nearer the play equipment.

It was agreed a site visit be arranged with officers from the District Council to discuss the noise problems and possible solutions. The Clerk agreed to let Mr and Mrs Armstrong know what was proposed.

RESOLVED that (1) a site visit be arranged with the District Council; and

(2) the Clerk respond to Mr and Mrs Armstrong to let them know what is happening.

29/04 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)

In respect of the application for change of use of barn to dwelling at Philadelphia Farm, Birkin Lane, it was agreed that the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds that it would constitute back land development in to the countryside. There were also concerns regarding highway access particularly given the speed at which vehicles travel along Birkin Lane.

RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted; and

(2) the Clerk submit objections to the application as detailed above.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

30/04 DONATION - SAMARITANS

RESOLVED that a donation of £50.00 be made towards the running costs of the Samaritans.

31/04 DOG FOULING QUESTIONNAIRE

The Clerk was authorised to complete the North East Derbyshire District Council Improvement and Scrutiny questionnaire on dog fouling on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk complete the dog fouling questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council.

32/04 SOUTHEND – RAISED GRATE

The Clerk was asked to report a raised grate near the entrance to the former County Council depot at Southend.

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

33/04 BARNES PARK

It was reported that the tarmacing works to the Durham Avenue entrance to the Park had not been done along the entire length of the entrance. The Clerk agreed to check on the boundary of the land owned by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

34/04 GRIT BINS

It was reported that the grit bin on Chapman lane was being over turned regularly. A solution would be to move the bin to the other side of the road where it was more visible. It was also reported that the lid on the bin was broken.

Requests had also been received for additional bins to be provided on Broom Drive and at the top of Norfolk Avenue.

RESOLVED that (1) the report the broken lid to the County Council and arrange for the bin to moved; and

(2) additional grit bins be ordered for Broom Drive and Norfolk Avenue.

35/04 POTHOLES – FREDERICK STREET/NORFOLK AVENUE

The Clerk was asked to report potholes on Frederick Street and Norfolk Avenue.

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

36/04 LITTER – MILL LANE

The Clerk was asked to arrange for litter to be cleared from Mill Lane.

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

37/04 GRASSMOOR GOLF CLUB

It had been reported that the Golf Club had been given permission to bring in several lorry loads of waste to redesign the course. The type of materials was not known. The Clerk agreed to make urgent enquiries at the County Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report the make enquiries with the County Council regarding this matter.

38/04 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)	£	11.23
1802	NEDDC (Election Expenses)	£	13.20
1803	Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	£	299.36
1804	NEDDC (Dog bins)	£	114.10
1805	WT Parker (Allotment Lease)	£	176.25
1806	Audit Commission (Audit Fees)	£	411.25
1807	I Walton (TV Licence Subsidy)	£	106.00
1808	Samaritans (Donation)	£	50.00

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Chairman

