

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK  
PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 April 2004 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors A H Booker, B Garbutt, Mrs E Greenall, Mrs P J Hemsley and D Rowland.

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

**39/04** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 March 2004 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**40/04** **MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Sure Start Grant (Minute No. 25/04 (e) refers)

It was noted that Councillor Marriott had not yet contacted the District Council to choose the play equipment.

(b) New Play Equipment (Minute No. 28/04 refers)

The Clerk reported that the District Council had visited Mrs Armstrong's home on one occasion but had found there to be no noise problems. The District Council had agreed to monitor the situation if Mrs Armstrong contacted them when she believed there was a problem. Mrs Armstrong had not yet contacted the District Council again. It was agreed to take no further action until the District Council had monitored the situation. It was noted that no complaints had been received from other neighbouring properties.

The Police had reported that there had recently been an accident on the new play equipment which required an ambulance to be called. The ambulance crew could not get a stretcher on to the play area. The Clerk agreed to contact the District Council to see if any action could be taken to solve the problem.

(c) Barnes Park (Minute No. 33/04 refers)

The Clerk reported that the District Council had advised that the Durham Avenue entrance to the Park did not require surfacing along its full length.

Comments had been received regarding the anti-cycle entrances to the Barnes Park. Particular problems were with pushchairs trying to access the Park. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

(d) Grassmoor Golf Club (Minute No. 37/04 refers)

The Clerk reported that the County Council had contacted the Golf Club regarding the matter. The Golf Club were intending to bring in two lorry loads of top soil in order to raise the level of the greens. There was however, a proposal to redesign the course which would require a formal application for permission to be made prior to any works commencing.

**41/04 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. It was reported that a convicted house burglar had moved in to Grassmoor. The person would be monitored under a Persistent Offenders Order.

There had again been problems at the School. Machinery left with the keys in it had been used in the playground. Fencing had also been stolen and damage had been caused to the roof. PC Gough-MacMillan had put the School on a Patrol Log which should mean that the Police give the area regular attention. Drinking was continuing to be a problem on the Park.

It was reported that the Parish Council had been inundated with complaints about illegal use of motorcycles and quad bikes. Several names as to those responsible had been put forward.

Complaints had also been received about the speed of vehicles travelling between Mile Hill and Corbriggs. The Police agreed to give the matter some attention.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**42/04 COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT**

It was reported that the Centre was continuing to be well used and the Community Café was very popular.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**43/04 ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

The Secretary to Mill Lane Allotments had reported that problems were being experienced with footballs being kicked through the hedging from the School playing fields on to the allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk advise the Allotment Association that the repair of the boundary fencing was a matter for them to put right and not the Parish Council.

In respect of Gill Lane Allotments, complaints had again been received about the boundary hedging along Gill Lane and the housing backing on to North Wingfield Road. It was agreed that the Clerk ask the Association to cut back the hedging.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the Clerk advise the Mill Lane Allotments that it proposed to take no action regarding the gaps in the fencing; and

(2) the Clerk requests the Gill Lane Allotments Association to cut back the hedging along the boundary.

#### **44/04 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 E Greenall declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item on the development at Mile Hill and took no part in the discussion and voting on this item)

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

The Clerk reported on the proposed development at Mile Hill. The proposal allowed for:-

- small scale employment uses within classes B1 and B8 with buildings up to a maximum height of 10m.
- medium scale employment uses within classes B1,B2 and B8 up to a maximum height of 12m.
- larger scale employment uses within classes B1,B2 and B8 with buildings up to a maximum height of 16m.

It was also proposed that a new junction with the A617 would be constructed at the junction of Mansfield Road/Furnace Hillock Way. The existing garden centre would be relocated to the south-west side of the junction. There would be a small area of new housing on the site of the existing garden centre along with a hotel on the same site.

The Parish Council agreed to submit objections to the application on the following grounds:-

- Most of the site is within the North East Derbyshire Green Belt. The Parish Council does not consider that the proposals create any “special circumstances” which mean that this development could be justified.
- Since the site was restored following opencast workings, it has primarily been used for agricultural purposes and the Parish Council considers that this is the most appropriate use for the land in the future.
- The proposals would effectively take away the natural boundary between Hasland, Grassmoor and Winsick and also the separate identities of these individual communities.
- The proposals for housing (and possible future applications on the land adjacent to the site but not to be developed as part of the current application), would add to the pressure already being placed on local schools and other amenities.
- Traffic through Hasland and Grassmoor would be significantly increased during construction and once the development is fully operational. This will include a significant increase in the numbers of HGVs accessing the site and also using the new junction to join the A617.

The Clerk was asked to circulate a letter to all residents affected by the application setting out the Parish Council's position regarding application.

An application had been received for a change of use of bakery shop to a fast food take-away at 194 North Wingfield Road. It was agreed that this application be objected to on the grounds that this would lead to increased traffic in an area which had two junctions with a busy main road and also a zebra crossing. It was also felt that Grassmoor was already adequately served by fast food take-aways.

In respect of the application for change of use from a barn to a dwelling at Philedelphia Farm, Birkin Lane, it was agreed that the Parish Council submit objections on the grounds that the access to the site was unsuitable.

The Parish Council had also received a letter regarding possible locations for a new radio base station in the Grassmoor area. The letter was by way of pre-planning application consultation although if the mast was below a certain height planning permission may not be required.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the report be noted;

(2) the Clerk submit objections to the applications as detailed above; and

(3) the Clerk distribute a letter to all residents within the Parish affected by the application regarding Mile Hill, explaining the Council's position on the application.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

#### **45/04 RADIO BASE STATION**

The Parish Council had received a letter regarding possible locations for a new radio base station in the Grassmoor area. The letter was by way of pre-planning application consultation, although if the mast was below a certain height planning permission may not be required.

The letter detailed five sites at Bennett Ferguson, Grange Farm, CPL Industries, Grassmoor Working Mens Club and Avenue Farm. Avenue Farm was the preferred site of Vodafone, the installers. It was agreed that the Parish Council express no view at this stage regarding the location of the mast. Some local residents on Churchside had expressed concern over rumours circulating regarding the mast. The Clerk agreed to circulate a letter to all local residents on Churchside setting out the Parish Council's position and a copy of the consultation letter.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the Parish Council express no view on the preferred location of the mast at this stage; and

(2) the Clerk circulate the consultation letter to residents of Churchside.

#### **46/04 ATKINSONS – NORTH WINGFIELD ROAD**

(Councillor B Garbutt declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and took no part in the discussion and voting on this item)

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mr and Mrs Kelsall regarding activities taking place at Atkinson's. From around 6.40 am onwards diesel vehicles were starting their engines and moving around the site. This noise continues throughout the day. Forklift trucks loads and unloads lorries on the highway outside neighbouring bungalows. In addition a large diesel tank had been installed in a storage facility near the residential properties.

It was understood that the District Council Enforcement Officer had given Atkinson's 28 days to sort out the problems on the site. The District Council Environmental Health Department had been contacted regarding the noise problems but it was understood that no noise readings had been taken to date. The Fire Service were unhappy with the situation and they would be contacting the District Council to discuss the matter.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the District Council Enforcement Officer in support of Mr and Mrs Kelsall's case and seeking assurances that urgent action will be taken immediately on the expiry of the 28 day deadline should the situation not be resolved. In addition, the Clerk was asked to write to the Environmental Health Department requesting that noise readings be taken as a matter of urgency. Copies of both letters would be sent to Mr and Mrs Kelsall.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the Clerk write to the District Council Enforcement Officer seeking an assurance that action will be taken immediately following the 28 deadline should the situation not be resolved; and

(2) the Clerk write to the Environmental Health requesting that noise readings be taken as a matter of urgency.

#### **47/04 FORMER AVENUE SITE**

The Clerk reported on the application for the on-site stabilisation of contaminated lagoon waste and off-site landfill relating to the former Avenue Site. The application relates to lagoons 2 and 4 at the former plant. Deposits from the lagoons would be transported from the site, following their treatment on site to stabilise them. Changes in legislation in 2005 meant that it was very important that the matter was dealt with as soon as possible. The supporting statement set out the worst case scenario with the final details having not yet been finalised.

The Parish Council supported the proposals although the Clerk was asked to respond to the County Council expressing the wish that if possible the treated material should be transported off-site by rail.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond to the proposals to the effect that if possible, the treated materials should be transported off-site by rail rather than by road.

#### **48/04 HIRE OF CRICKET PITCH**

The Clerk reported on the application by Grassmoor Cricket Club to use the Barnes Park cricket pitches.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**49/04 COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

The County Council had revised its plans for bus shelter notice boards. The revised proposal was that the County Council would provide a large notice board of which the Parish Council/Community Centre would have access to half. The notice board need not necessarily be sited adjacent to the bus shelter. The Parish Council agreed to the proposal in principle.

**RESOLVED** that agreement in principle be given to the County Council's proposal for a community notice board.

**50/04 FLY TIPPING FURNACE HILLOCK WAY**

It was reported that there had been some fly tipping on Furnace Hillock Way. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to the District Council.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk report the fly tipping to the District Council.

**51/04 BARNES PARK - GATES**

It was agreed that the Parish Council should look in to cost of replacing the gates to Barnes Park. Councillors Booker, Rowland and Hemsley agreed to chose an appropriate design.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council replace the gates in Barnes Park.

**52/04 VILLAGE SIGNS**

The Chairman and the Clerk agreed to liaise with County Signs to look at possible designs.

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman and the Clerk liaise with County Signs to look at possible designs for a village sign.

**53/04 SEATS**

It was agreed that the Parish Council should replace four roadside seats with benches the same as those to be put in Barnes Park at a cost of £80.00 per bench plus the cost of fitting. The locations of the benches were Birkin Lane at the rear of the Pavilion and on the brow of the hill, Churchside and Mill Lane.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk place an order for the seats as detailed above.

**54/04 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

<b><u>CHQ NO.</u></b>	<b><u>PAYEE</u></b>		<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
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
1809	Greenham Trading Ltd (Brushes)	£	13.20
1810	Grassmoor Community Centre (Grant – Running Costs)	£	8,000.00
1811	Grassmoor Community Centre (Advice Sessions)	£	10,000.00
1812	Derbyshire County Council (Postage)	£	71.52
1813	NEDDC (Trade Refuse)	£	131.98
1814	NEDDC (Works to Barnes Park)	£	4,135.93
1815	NEDDC (Pavilion Rates)	£	376.40
1816	Derbyshire County Council (Grit Bins)	£	54.61
1817	Inland Revenue (Tax and NI)	£	299.36
1818	DALC (Subscription)	£	326.13
1819	P Jackson (Lamp Column tests)	£	315.00
1820	I Walton (TV Licence Subsidy)	£	84.80
1821	Petty Cash	£	50.00

It was reported that Mr D C Burton had sent the rent for use of Gill Lane Allotments to Councillor Mrs Hemsley made payable to “Mrs P Hemsley Grassmoor Parish Council”. The Clerk agreed to try to pay the cheque in to the bank account. Any problems would be reported back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

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Chairman

