

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, C J Clarke, B Garbutt, Mrs E Greenall, Mrs P J Hemsley and D Rowland.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Broadhurst and Mrs B Hall.

**86/04** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 June 2004 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**87/04** **MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) SureStart Grant (Minute No.71/04 (a) refers)

The Clerk reported that an order had been placed with Sutcliffe Leisure for the installation of the new play equipment in Winsick Park.

- (b) Former Avenue Coking Plant (Minute No.71/04 (c) refers)

The County Council had indicated that discussions with the DTi were on-going. The County Council had asked the DTi to accept liability for the whole scheme and to date they had not received a final decision either way. Before a decision was taken the DTi wanted to be certain of the extent of the problem and what it will cost to rectify. At present the DTi were working with figures that were 5 years out of date. Written confirmation was awaited from the DTi that they would pay the costs of updating the costs of the scheme. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Harry Barnes MP to ask him to chase up the confirmation from the DTi.

Mrs Steele of Hasland attended the meeting to express her concerns over the dust and pollution emanating from the site. The Parish Council noted Mrs Steele's concerns and suggested she contact her local County Councillor.

- (c) Gates – Barnes Park (Minute No.71/04 (f) refers)

The Clerk agreed to contact S B Wrought Iron regarding the new Park gates.

- (d) Seats – Barnes Park (Minute No.71/04 (i) refers)

It was noted that the new seats had been erected in the Park.

- (e) Atkinson's – North Wingfield Road (Minute No.74/04 refers)

The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing from the District Council regarding the outcome of the noise tests. Councillor Garbutt provided photographs showing lorries being loaded and unloaded by forklift trucks on the highway. The Chairman agreed to pass the photographs on to the District Council.

The Chairman reported that Atkinson's were due in court on 23 July regarding alleged breaches of planning regulations.

- (f) Unauthorised Fishing (Minute No.79/04 refers)

The Clerk had reported the problems to the County Council. The Countryside Service was unaware of any problems but agreed to check the Pond more regularly.

- (g) Bus Shelter – Winsick (Minute No.80/04 refers)

The Clerk had arranged for the repairs to be undertaken to the bus shelter at Winsick. A panel had also been smashed in the shelter at the top of New Street. It was likely that the cost of this repair would be around £600.00 which given the age of the shelter may mean that it was not worthwhile undertaking. Written confirmation was awaited. The Clerk was unaware of the current position with regard to the 50% grants for shelters. It was agreed that the matter be considered further at the next meeting.

- (h) Tree – Cornwall Drive (Minute No. 81/04 refers)

It was noted that the tree in question was located on private property.

#### **88/04 POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

PC Kerry Gough-MacMillan attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed in the Parish since the last meeting. There had been 5 crimes, 2 of theft, 1 of theft from motor vehicle and 2 of criminal damage.

No further damage had been reported at the School. Problems were continuing with the flats on New Street. The Police were aware of the problems and had raided the premises already. Arising from the anti-social behaviour meeting, it had been agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Singh regarding the tenants in his properties. The Clerk would liaise the Chairman regarding the wording of the letter.

The Chairman reported that there had been more problems on MacDonald Close. The Police when the problems had been reported, seemed unaware that the individuals involved had been barred from the area. Inspector Durham was aware of the problems that had been encountered when the incident was reported.

It had been reported that a youth believed to be around 12/13 years old had been seen on more than one occasion on Mill Lane carrying a double-barrel shot gun.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**89/04 GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

There were no matters arising regarding the Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted

**90/04 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Clerk reported that in recent years the role of the Parish Clerk had changed considerably particularly with regard to the Community Centre. The 14 hours a week currently worked was not sufficient to satisfactorily cover all the duties of the post. The Clerk indicated that he did not want any additional hours and he proposed that the Parish Council employ a Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) to undertake the financial duties the Clerk currently undertakes. It was estimated that 5 hours per week would be sufficient. The rate of pay for a RFO was the same as that for the Clerk minus the responsibility allowance. Based on 5 hours per week the cost of employing an RFO would be in the region of £2,400 per annum including on-costs. The Clerk proposed to advertise the post in September after the holiday period.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council employ a Responsible Financial Officer for 5 hours per week at an estimated cost of £2,400 per annum.

**91/04 NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk presented the draft Issue 2 of the Newsletter.

**RESOLVED** that issue 2 of the Community Newsletter be agreed and circulated in September.

**92/04 VILLAGE NAME SIGNS**

The Clerk reported that the cost of providing new road signs in the chosen design was £1860.00 excluding VAT. It was agreed that the Clerk place an order and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to approve the final design of the sign, if it was completed prior to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the Clerk place an order for two new village name signs with Signs of the Times in the sum of £1860.00; and

(2) the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to approve the final design of the sign.

**93/04 ALLOTMENT SITE VISIT**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk arrange for the next allotment site visit to be held at 6.00pm prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

**94/04 PLANNING MATTERS**

(Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during the discussion and voting.)

The Clerk reported on the planning applications relating to the Parish received since the last meeting. It was reported that an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use of land and buildings at Frank Berry Office Supplies had been received. It was agreed that the Clerk ascertain more detail in respect of this application.

An application had also been received for the construction of a 4 bedroom dormer bungalow at Laureldene, Westhill Lane. It was agreed that this application be objected to on the grounds of backland development.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk submit an objection to the above application on the grounds of backland development.

**95/04 REQUEST FOR DONATION**

It was agreed that the Parish Council make a donation of £200.00 to the group in North East Derbyshire which supports the children of Chernobyl.

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £200.00 be made to the Children of Chernobyl Group.

**96/04 ENCROACHMENT ON TO GILL LANE**

It was reported a complaint had been received that a local resident was allowing his property on Gill Lane to encroach across the Lane. The position was somewhat unclear as Gill Lane was an unmade up highway. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Councillor Chapman and the County Environmental Services Department to see what if any action can be taken.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk liaise with Councillor Chapman and the County Environmental Services Department to see what if any action can be taken.

**97/04 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**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
1833	Victim Support (Donation)	£ 50.00
1834	NEDDC (Park Repairs)	£ 286.71
1835	NEDDC (Park Repairs)	£ 207.46
1836	Derbyshire County Council (Land Search)	£ 80.00

1837	NEDDC (Park Maintenance)	£	3492.10
1838	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£	310.54
1839	AMS Hydraulics (Seats/gate)	£	1157.38
1840	R Hancock (Seat Installation)	£	305.00
1841	Plantscape (Hanging Baskets)	£	2261.88
1842	NEDDC (Cemetery Maintenance Fees)	£	8,024.26
1843	NEDDC (Trade Refuse)	£	131.98
1844	Community Centre (Room Hire)	£	65.00
1845	I Walton (TV Licence Scheme)	£	75.40
1846	NEDDC (Chairs Appeal)	£	50.00

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**Chairman**

