

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 January 2005 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors P Broadhurst, C J Clarke, B Garbutt, Mrs P J Hemsley and D Rowland.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, Mrs E Greenall, Mrs B Hall and R W Marriott.

Declarations of Interest – Councillors Clarke, Hemsley and Hill declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre. Councillor Hill declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Planning Matters. In both cases, all parties withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion and voting.

1. **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 December 2004 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Grassmoor Gladiators (Minute No.149/04 (b) refers)

The Clerk reported that he still not heard from Grassmoor Gladiators regarding the donation towards a new kit or water proof jackets.

(b) Lydia Brocksopp Charity (Minute No. 159/04 refers)

The Clerk reported the Church Treasurer had stated that he would be preparing the Charity accounts in the near future.

3. **POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

PC Kerry Gough-McMillan attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on crimes committed in the area since the last meeting. There had been 3 house burglaries during December and Frank Berry's had also been broken in to. Problems were beginning to occur again near the Chemists shop and the Police were giving this matter attention. Mobility scooters were not classed as motor vehicles and therefore did not require a licence. If the problems continued the Police would look to deal with the matter through the anti-social behaviour laws.

The Clerk had circulated the telephone number of Kerry's mobile to Members of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the telephone number be circulated to local shopkeepers and included on the next issue of the Newsletter.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

4. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was reported that Brian Furness had resigned from his position as Centre Manager with effect from 31 December 2004. Pam Hemsley had taken over the duties of the post relating to the general running of the building and Susan Brighthouse would be taking over the duties relating to marketing and community liaison.

The Clerk reported that the ERDF audit had been satisfactorily completed and submitted. The Auditor had queried a matter with the Government Office over the Christmas period which had meant that the audit had been delayed in being submitted by several days. This would mean that the final payment due from the Government Office had also been delayed. It was agreed that the Parish Council extend the interest free loan period for a month in order to give time for the Management Committee to receive the final payment from the Government Office.

RESOLVED that the £50,000 loan to the Management Committee be extended on an interest free basis for a further month.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

Sue O'Donnell attended the meeting to advise the Parish Council of the setting up of the Neighbourhood Partnerships which replace the old District/Parish Liaison Committee. Grassmoor had been grouped with Holmewood, Heath and Sutton-cum-Duckmanton Parish Councils. The idea of the Partnerships was to bring people together to work on projects of common interest. The first stage would be to convene a meeting in the near future in order that initial discussions on possible projects could take place. It was agreed that the Parish Council participate in the Partnerships. Once the date of the meeting was known the Clerk would contact Councillors to organise representation at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council participate in the Neighbourhood Partnerships organised by North East Derbyshire District Council.

6. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from a Mr Stacey to replace existing pigeon lofts with new ones measuring 24ft by 7 ft and 15 ft by 6 ft. It was agreed that permission to erect the new lofts be refused as the Parish Council intended to review the use of the site as a whole. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Stacey and to the Secretary of the Allotments advising them of the decision and also to invite them to attend a meeting to discuss the review.

It was noted that the Clerk had received a complaint that the hedging along the North Wingfield Road boundary of the Allotments was obscuring a road sign. The Clerk had asked the Association to ensure that the hedging was cut back.

RESOLVED that (a) the request to replace the pigeon lofts be refused: and

(b) the Allotment Association be invited to a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the review of the site.

7. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Clerk reported on a question that had been raised in Parliament by Harry Barnes MP regarding the Lagoons.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

The Clerk reported on the planning applications received since the last meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

9. VILLAGE NAME SIGNS

The Clerk reported that the new village names signs should be delivered in the near future. He had arranged for them to be erected as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

10. FREE TREE SCHEME

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been unsuccessful on this occasion when applying for trees under the Free Tree Scheme.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

11. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Clerk reminded Parish Councillors of the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, which came in to operation on 1 January 2005. It was important that if Parish Councillors received requests for information, that they should notify the Clerk of the request immediately.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

12. STANDARDS BOARD

The Clerk circulated guidance from the Standards Board relating to lobby groups and "dual hated" Members.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13. CHAPMAN LANE

Reference was made to land owned by Dennis Rye on Chapman lane where a considerable amount of litter and rubbish had accumulated. The Clerk agreed to contact the Estate Agents to see if the site could be cleaned up.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

14. GILL LANE

It was noted that the dispute regarding the encroachment on to Gill Lane was continuing. This was a private dispute which was not the business of the Parish Council.

It was also noted that the parking problems on Gill Lane were continuing. A local resident had taken legal advice to the effect that parking on the Lane was illegal.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

15. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Chairman reported that Susan Brighouse intended to undertake a community consultation exercise particularly aimed at young people. Such an exercise would be particularly useful in submitting future funding applications and in other work undertaken by the Parish Council and the Community Centre. The Management Committee were prepared to make Susan's time available along with the use of the Centre for any associated events. It was agreed that the Parish Council contribute a maximum of £1,500.00 towards the exercise.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council contribute a maximum of £1,500.00 towards the consultation exercise.

16. 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)	£498.51
SO	K Hemsley (Salary)	£117.28
SO	M Dvinson (Salary)	£262.29
SO	C Winnard (Salary)	£125.20
DD	E Mid Electricity (Pavilion Supply)	£23.00
DD	Severn Trent Water (Pavilion Supply)	£7.39
1889	R Ackrill (Reimbursement – Christmas Decorations)	£339.64
1890	R Hancock (Gate Installation)	£250.50
1891	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£1144.67
1892	R Ackrill (Reimbursement – Print Cartridge)	£41.26
1893	Signs of the Times (Village signs)	£1709.00
1894	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£39.00
1895	I Walton (TV Licence Scheme)	£137.80

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Chairman