

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 9 February 2005 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

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

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A H Booker, 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.

17. **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 January 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. **MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) Grassmoor Gladiators (Minute No. 2/05 (a) refers)

The Clerk reported that he still not heard from Grassmoor Gladiators regarding the donation towards a new kit or water proof jackets. It was agreed that the offer of the grant be withdrawn.

- (b) Neighbourhood Partnership (Minute No. 2/05(b) refers)

The Clerk reported that the first meeting of the Partnership was to be held on 24 February at North East Derbyshire District Council Offices. Councillors Garbutt and Rowland agreed to represent the Parish Council.

- (c) Lydia Brocksopp Charity (Minute No. 5/05 refers)

The Clerk reported that he had received the details of the Lydia Brocksopp Charity accounts. It was not clear exactly how the funds had been allocated.

19. **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. Two local residents also attended the meeting to express their concerns about the anti-social behaviour of youths on the North Wingfield Road. PC Gough-McMillan indicated that she was aware of the problems and was taking steps to deal with those responsible. Part of the problem was that adults were buying alcohol underage drinkers. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries with Trading Standards about posters warning that it was

an offence to do so. The Chairman would also ask the District Council's Community Safety Officer to look in to the problems.

There had been 5 crimes reported in the village since the last meeting including 2 of house burglary. Shoplifting from local shops was a particular problem at present. There had also been problems at the back of the Chemists and the School had been broken in to but nothing had been stolen. The owner of the lorry parking on New Street which had previously been reported to the Parish Council had been spoken to. The Clerk agreed to give Kerry's mobile telephone number to the Oak Road Neighbourhood Watch.

Arrests for drug offences had been made on Chapman Lane. Landlords of known drug dealers had been spoken to about the activities taking place on their premises and warned that action might be taken. It was noted that drugs were openly being dealt in the area around Oak Road and the St John Ambulance hut. Another drugs raid in Grassmoor was planned.

PC Gough-McMillan reported that she had been taken off the Grassmoor response car however, she still intended to attend Parish Council meetings. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Inspector Durham to object to this action.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the Clerk write to Inspector Durham objecting to the decision to take PC Gough-McMillan off the Grassmoor response car.

20. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor I F Barlow (in the Chair)

It was reported that owing to circumstances beyond its control, the Management Committee had not received funding from the Government Office for the East Midlands. The funding would definitely be received, the problem was the bureaucracy at the Government Office. It was agreed that the Management Committee be charged interest on the loan from 1 February to the time the loan is repaid. The interest shall cover only the interest lost to the Parish Council over this period.

RESOLVED that the Management Committee be charged interest on the outstanding loan equivalent to that lost by the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

21. CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS PAY, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The Clerk reported that the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Clerks had agreed revised pay, terms and conditions of service for Clerks and Responsible Financial Officers which would come in to effect on 1 April 2005. As well as a new salary structure, the agreement also included a revised and updated

contract of employment and gratuity arrangements. It was agreed that the new pay, terms and conditions of service be agreed and implemented with effect from 1 April 2005.

RESOLVED that the new pay, terms and conditions of service for the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be agreed and implemented with effect from 1 April 2005.

22. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET MONITORING

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the accounts and a budget monitoring statement covering the period April to December 2004. There were no areas of concern to report.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council accounts and budget statement covering the period April to December 2004 be approved.

23. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

The Clerk had now received details of the Quality Parish Council residential training course. The course cost £275.00 and was to be held on 11-12 April 2005. It was agreed that the Parish Council would cover the costs of the 2 days unpaid leave the Clerk was taking from his employment with Derbyshire County Council. In addition to successfully completing the course, the Parish Council would be required to submit a portfolio of information to support its application for quality status. Once the course had been attended, the Parish Council had 2 years in which to complete the portfolio.

RESOLVED that (a) the attendance of the Clerk on the NQA course on 11-12 April be agreed at a cost of £275.00; and

(b) the costs of the Clerk's unpaid leave from his employment with the County Council whilst attending the course be agreed.

24. 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.

25. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with representatives of the Allotment Association to discuss the state of the allotments. It had been made clear to the Association that the Parish Council were very unhappy at the untidy condition of the site, particularly the area near the Club. The Association had also been advised that the Council intended to seek the advice of a land agent on the development options for the site.

Since the last meeting it had become apparent that Mr Stacey and Mr Carline had erected two new pigeon lofts on the site despite permission to do so being refused at the last meeting of the Parish Council. The Clerk had written to Mr Stacey instructing him to take no further action on the lofts pending the outcome of this meeting. It was clear that planning permission was required for these lofts and this had not been obtained. Liability for breaches of planning law lay with the Parish Council as landowner. The District Council's Enforcement Officer was aware of the newly erected lofts and also the existing loft belonging to Mr Kellett that also required planning permission. To date however, no action had been taken.

It was agreed that the Clerk proceed to arrange a meeting on site with a land agent to discuss the possible development of the site. It was also agreed that the advice of the land agent and the District Council be sought regarding the new and existing pigeon lofts on the site. It was noted that ultimately this may involve the lofts being taken down.

RESOLVED that (a) the Clerk arrange a site meeting with a land agent to discuss the possible development of part of the site; and

(b) advice be sought from the land agent and the District Council regarding the pigeon lofts on the site.

26. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

It was noted that it had been confirmed by the DTi that the clean up of the Lagoons would go ahead. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a consultation paper regarding the remediation of the Lagoons, comments on which were required by 31 January. Having consulted with the Chairman, the Clerk had submitted comments on the paper regarding the future use of the site as an amenity/leisure area.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

27. TV LICENCE SCHEME

Ian Walton the Grassmoor Postmaster, had indicated that he felt there were potential equality issues with the way in which the scheme was currently organised. The current scheme made a distinction between men and women in terms of the retirement ages of 60 and 65. It was agreed that the scheme be changed so that in future, it was available to any household where at least one of the usual residents was aged 60 or over.

RESOLVED that the scheme be amended so that it was available to any household where at least one resident was aged 60 or over.

28. DOG FOULING

The Clerk reported that the Council had received complaints about dog fouling on Mill Lane and Gill Lane. It was agreed that as a first step the problems be reported to the District Council dog warden.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report the problems to the District Council Dog Warden.

29. CHAPMAN LANE

It was reported that rubbish had been dumped on Chapman Lane near the St John Ambulance hut and in a house garden on Chapman Lane. The Chairman agreed to report the problems to the District Council.

RESOLVED that the Chairman report the problems to the District Council.

30. ATKINSONS

It was reported that Atkinson's sub-letting the premises to a conservatory company. The Chairman agreed to report the matter to the District Council's Enforcement Officer.

RESOLVED that the Chairman report the matter to the District Council's Enforcement Officer.

31. STREETLIGHTING – MILL LANE

It was reported that the streetlighting was very poor on Mill Lane between North Wingfield Road and the Club. Councillor Chapman was looking in to whether the County Council could provide additional lighting.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

32. FALLEN DOWN WALL

Concern was expressed over the potentially dangerous fallen down wall at Kennelly's on North Wingfield Road. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to the District Council's Enforcement Officer.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report the matter to the District Council's Enforcement Officer.

33. OVER HANGING TREES

It was reported that trees were overhanging North Wingfield Road near Barnes Park.

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

34. CONDITION OF ROADS

Concern was expressed over the condition of the road on North Wingfield Road near the Golf Club. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to the County Council.

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

35. 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)	£9.71
1896	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£360.01
1897	NEDDC(Dog bins)	£125.81
1898	R Ackrill (Reimbursement – Easily Website Domain)	£46.94
1899	Audit Commission (External Audit)	£411.25
1900	NEDDC(School milk)	£179.29

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Chairman