

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 13 April 2005 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, P Broadhurst, B Garbutt, Mrs E Greenall, Mrs P J Hemsley and R W Marriott.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs B Hall and D Rowland.

One member of the public was in attendance.

**Declarations of Interest** –Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Planning Matters (Minute No.61). Councillor B Garbutt declared a prejudicial interest in the item relating to Atkinsons (Minute No. 58). In both cases, all parties withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion and voting.

54. **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 March 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55. **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 8 crimes reported since the last meeting relating to dwelling house burglary, a distraction burglary and criminal damage to Parish Council bus shelters.

Two motorbikes had been seen in the Oak Road area being ridden by children aged around 12 years old.

PC Gough-McMillan reported that the Dispersal Order had now been signed by the Police and the District Council and would come in to effect on 20 April and last for a 6 month period. For the first few days of the Order, the Police would advise those causing a nuisance about their behaviour and about the consequences should they cause trouble in the future. After this initial period the Police would enforce the Order more strictly. The Order applied to all of Grassmoor. The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council thanked PC Gough-McMillan for her hard work in securing the introduction of the Order. It was agreed that the Parish Council enter Kerry in the Constable of the Year Award.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the Clerk enter PC Gough-McMillan in to the Constable of the Year Award

56. **GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

There were no matters relating to the Community Centre to report.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**57. CCTV**

The Chairman reported that following the last meeting of the Parish Council, a meeting had been held with local residents affected by the anti-social behaviour problems in the village. Arising from the meeting it had been suggested that one option would be to introduce CCTV along North Wingfield Road. The Clerk had investigated the availability of funding for such schemes. The County Council had a grants programme from within their Community Safety budgets. The deadline for submission for the next bidding round was 31 May 2005.

As any potential bid for funding required a lot of preparation work, it was important that the Parish Council started work on the project prior to this meeting. The Clerk stressed that no commitment to the project had been made. One of the things which was required was evidence of consultation with the local community regarding a CCTV scheme. The Clerk had produced a questionnaire and circulated it to every household in Grassmoor. The closing date for the return of the questionnaires was 20 April. Three prizes, one of £50 and two of £25 had been offered to encourage people to return the forms. The response so far had been pleasing.

A meeting had been held with Uit CCTV, a company specialising in CCTV equipment to ascertain an estimate of the likely costs of a scheme. To provide 34 cameras and control units to give coverage of North Wingfield Road from the doctors surgery to the Boot and Shoe and including the Community Centre, the Methodist Chapel, the electricity sub-station and the School, the costs were estimated at £55,000.

It was hoped that funding assistance would be received from North East Derbyshire District Council and Surestart. In terms of local businesses, the Boot and Shoe had agreed to make a contribution towards the costs. The Grassmoor Community Centre Management Committee had also agreed to contribute £2,000 to provide coverage for the Centre. It was estimated that the costs to the Parish Council would be around £20,000.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the Parish Council agree to proceed with the CCTV scheme subject to the match funding being identified; and

(b) the prizes associated with the consultation exercise be approved.

**58. ATKINSONS – NORTH WINGFIELD ROAD**

It was reported that further representations had been made by local residents over the activities at Atkinsons. The District Council had not yet been able to set up the noise monitoring equipment. The Council had also indicated that they did not consider the activities taking place on the south side of the site constituted a breach of planning conditions and they proposed to take no further action at this stage. The activities associated with the conservatory showroom was in breach of planning conditions and

action was being pursued in this respect. The Clerk agreed to write to the District Council regarding the conservatory business.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the Clerk to write to the District Council regarding the conservatory business; and

(c) the Parish Council do not meet with Mr Atkinson to discuss the on-going problems.

**59. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

Councillors Barlow and Garbutt reported on the condition of the allotments following a site visit held on 13 March 2005. There were four main observations arising from the meeting.

(a) There was no clear information on plot boundaries

(b) There was uncertainty as to who was renting certain plots

(c) The west side of the site mainly used for the keeping of livestock was in a very poor condition and needed to be tidied up. This has already been identified as a priority by the Parish Council.

(d) The Association had hired a skip which was full. It would take several more skips to clear the site.

The Clerk agreed to write to the Association regarding these matters.

It was also agreed that whilst it was progress was being made, it was not sufficient to warrant entering in to a new lease with the Association. The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the proposed lease to the Association and to advise them of the above. The matter would be considered further following the next site meeting by Councillors Barlow and Garbutt.

**RESOLVED** that (a) the Clerk forward a copy of the draft lease to the Allotment Association; and

(b) the lease be not entered in to at this stage until further improvements in the condition of the allotments.

**60. BARNES PARK GATES AND DISABLED ENTRANCE**

The Clerk reported that JB Littlewood Ltd had provided a written quote and drawings for the replacement of the gates at Barnes Park. To replace the gate alone the estimated cost was £7,900. To replace the gate and the old metal fencing to both sides was estimated to cost £11,580. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of the problems encountered to date in getting companies to provide quotes and drawings for the replacement of the gates. Several companies had been invited to submit drawings but had not done so. Standing Order 72 (a) requires the Parish Council to give public notice of contracts in excess of £1,000 value. Given the difficulties experienced in

obtaining the estimate and drawings the Parish Council were within their rights to waive Standing Orders in this case and place an order with JB Littlewood. It was agreed that this course of action should be pursued. The Clerk agreed to check with the District Council whether planning permission was required.

With regard to the provision of a disabled access to the Park, Lincare Ltd had provided a quote of £900 to design the entrance. It was agreed that a decision on this matter be deferred to see if a cheaper design could be found.

**RESOLVED** that (a) Standing Order 72(a) be waived and an order be placed with JB Littlewood Ltd for the replacement of the gates and side fencing at Barnes Park;

(b) the Clerk check with the District Council whether planning permission for the work was required; and

(c) the decision on the disabled access to the Park be deferred.

## 61. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

The Clerk reported on the following planning application received since the last meeting;

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments/objections/Material considerations</b>
05/00216/FL (Mr G Stacey)	Change of use – keeping pigeons and erection of 2 pigeon lofts. Garage site Chapman Lane, Grassmoor	In terms of material considerations, the Council objects to the application on the grounds of:-  ? This is in an inappropriate development in a built up residential area  ? The development will have a detrimental environmental impact on health

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

(b) comments be made to the District Council as detailed above in respect of application 05/00216/FL.

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

## 62. **PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS**

The Clerk reported on the playground inspections undertaken by the District Council on behalf of the Parish Council at Winsick Park and Barnes Park.

In respect of Barnes Park;

- (a) the Levercrest Junior Multi Unit, failed to meet current European Standards although it did at the time it was installed. The District Council did not recommend any additional works be carried out. Minor works would be undertaken as part of the normal maintenance regime.
- (b) Multi-use games area – protruding bolts to be removed under normal maintenance regime.
- (c) Ancillary items – European standards recommend a legible sign to be erected detailing information re location of telephone boxes and contact numbers to report damage. Estimated cost - £140.00. Agreed

Winsick Park

- (d) Wicksteed 2 bay swing – this unit was installed prior to the implementation of European Standards regarding safer surfacing. Surfacing can be installed however, given the age of the swings and the cost, the District Council suggest it may be more economical to replace the units at an estimated cost of £7150.00. It was agreed not to proceed with this work due to the cost.
- (e) Fencing round new play unit - potential neck trap highlighted. The District Council recommend no action be taken owing to the low risk involved. It was agreed not to do this work.
- (f) Seats – there are no seats near to the new play area. The Parish Council currently have two seats in store and it was agreed that these be erected near the new play equipment.
- (g) Litter Bin – it was suggested that a litter bin be provided. The Clerk agreed to look in to the costs of such a bin.
- (h) Play area sign - European standards recommend a legible sign to be erected detailing information re location of telephone boxes and contact numbers to report damage. Estimated cost - £140.00. Agreed
- (i) Gaps had barbed wire fencing which is unsuitable for parks. The District Council suggest the planting of hawthorn at an estimated cost of £170.00. Agreed.

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

(b) the works identified in (c), (f), (g), (h) and (i) above be approved.

### **63. REQUEST FOR DONATIONS**

The following requests for donations had been received.

(a) Childline East Midlands – donation towards running costs. Not approved.

(b) Chernobyl Children Lifeline – donation towards the cost of bringing children from Chernobyl for a convalescing break. Agreed £300.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £300.00 be approved to the Chernobyl Lifeline.

**64. CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE**

It was agreed that a Chairman's Allowance Fund of £100.00 be established to enable the Chairman to undertake civic duties relating to her position.

**RESOLVED** that a Chairman's Allowance of £100.00 be established to enable the Chairman to undertake civic duties relating to her position.

**65. 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 Dovinson (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
1908	DCTP (Training course)	£275.00
1909	R Ackrill (Reimbursement – Chair)	£70.48
1910	Derbyshire County Council (Printing)	£112.80
1911	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI)	£388.75
1912	M Dovinson( Additional Hours)	£45.22
1913	DALC(Subsription)	£368.53
1914	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£175.50
1915	Grassmoor Community Centre (Grant)	£2000.00
1916	Protex (Protective Clothing)	£21.00
1917	SLCC (QP Registration)	70.00
1918	R Ackrill (Additional Hours)	£184.11
1919	I Walton (TV Licence Scheme)	£148.40

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**Chairman**