

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 September 2005 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E A Hill (in the Chair)

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

County Councillor D Chapman.

Seven members of the public attended the public participation session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended the meeting to put forward the Cricket Club's views on incidents involving cricket balls landing in gardens in Durham Avenue. The Cricket Club would make every effort to avoid these problems in the future by using as far as possible, the wickets furthest from neighbouring properties. The Parish Council indicated that following consultation with its insurers, it would be considering what if any action it could take with regard to the problems.

Six members of the public attended to make representations to the Parish Council regarding Gill Lane. The residents referred to a letter sent to the Parish Clerk expressing resident's concerns over parking and access on what they believed to be a private road and the removal of signs recently erected denoting the status of the Lane. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council had no involvement in the removal of the sign and the Council was not prepared to become involved in what was a dispute between the School, other users of the Lane and the residents.

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 only 3 crimes reported relating to vehicle damage and theft from vehicles.

Two drugs warrants had been issued locally. No drugs had been found although other items had been found at the properties. Stolen property had been recovered following a raid on the Corbriggs traveller site.

Motorbikes using the Country Park continued to be a problem. Section 59 of the Road Traffic Act could be used to deal with the problem of nuisance caused by motorbikes even if they were being ridden on private land. The Countryside Service intended targeting the problem in the near future.

Problems of anti-social behaviour were beginning to return to North Wingfield Road. The Streetcleaner had been collecting several empty beer and wine bottles from near

the electricity sub-station. PC Kerry Gough-McMillan reported that she had issued 6 warning letters recently to 4 young people from North Wingfield and 2 from Grassmoor.

PC Gough-McMillan reported that funding had been approved for a designated Beat Officer for Grassmoor. Kerry would not be applying for the post, although she would be continuing to work in the area. The post had not yet been advertised. The Parish Council wished to place their thanks for the hard work Kerry had put in to policing Grassmoor.

134. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A H Booker, P Broadhurst, B Garbutt and R W Marriott.

135. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs E A Hill declared a prejudicial interest in the items relating to Public Footpath No.19 (Minute No. 152) and Planning Matters (Minute No.157) and withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion and voting on both items.

136. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 July 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

137. PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee held on 12 August 2005 be received.

138. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

139. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman was pleased to report that Carolyn Winnard had given birth to a baby daughter, Pheobe Violet on 28 August. It was agreed that a bouquet of flowers be sent to Carolyn.

140. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

141. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that the District Council had confirmed that they had not received a request for an election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Barbara Hall. A new member could now be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that Marie Dovinson be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

142. RENEWAL OF PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICY

The Clerk reported that he had sought 3 quotes for premiums for the renewal of the Parish Council's insurance policy. Two quotes had been received as detailed below:-

- Zurich Municipal - £3,480.39
- AON Insurance - £3,695.95

RESOLVED that the Parish Council renew its insurance policy with Zurich Municipal in the sum of £3,480.39.

143. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The County Council had provided an update on the current position with regard to the Grassmoor Lagoons. The report to the DTI to secure funding for the works had not yet been submitted as the work was taking longer than anticipated owing to the complexity of the bid. The County Council were concerned that it was important that the bid for funds needed to be accurate when submitted to avoid problems at a later date. They proposed therefore to employ a consultant to verify the work prior to it being submitted to the DTI. The Parish Council indicated that they were disappointed with the delays and they were concerned that the delays may result in the funding being lost altogether. The Clerk agreed to convey these concerns to the County Council.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

144. COMPLAINT REGARDING CRICKET IN BARNES PARK

The Clerk had received a complaint about the danger of cricket balls landing in properties neighbouring Barnes Park. The Clerk had consulted with Zurich Municipal who had confirmed that the Parish Council had a potential liability as it was allowing cricket to be played on its property. Zurich proposed that the Parish Council carry out a survey of local residents to try to ascertain the extent of the problem and then if necessary take measures to prevent or limit the problem in the future.

The District Council had estimated that the cost of erecting safety net fencing along a 60 metre length of the boundary was approximately £9,000.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted; and

(b) the Clerk undertake a survey of neighbouring properties to ascertain the extent of the problem.

145. INSURANCE CLAIM – BEECH TREE, BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that he had received a claim against the Parish Council for root damage caused to a conservatory at 44 Durham Avenue by a beech tree in Barnes Park. It was agreed that the Clerk place the matter in the hands of Zurich Municipal.

The Clerk was asked to stress to the insurers that the parish Council did not wish the tree to be cut down as the claimant had requested.

RESOLVED that the Clerk refer the claim to the Council's insurers.

146. TRANSFER OF JUSTICES LICENCE – NEW INN, WINSICK

The Clerk had received notification of the transfer of the Justices Licence in respect of the New Inn, Winsick to David Slone.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

147. YOUTH CONSULTATION DAY

The Youth Consultation Day had been held on 11 September. Several events and activities had been staged in the Community Centre and in Barnes Park. The event had been successful and Susan Brighthouse would be preparing a full report on the outcomes of the Day.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

148. GRASSMOOR YOUTH FORUM

The Clerk proposed that the Parish Council should give consideration to the establishment of a Youth Forum for Grassmoor. Agreement in principle was given to the proposal subject to the Clerk finding out further information and reporting back to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that approval in principle be given to the establishment of a Youth Forum for Grassmoor.

149. PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 19 – PROPOSED DIVERSION

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

The Clerk reported that the District Council had received a request to divert Public Footpath 19 owing to nuisance and anti-social behaviour taking place along the current route and also because the route was a vehicular access to a property. The diversion did not significantly increase the length of the path. It was agreed that the Parish Council raise no objections to the proposed diversion.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council raise no objections to the proposed diversion of Public Footpath 19.

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150. UPDATE ON CCTV SCHEME

The Clerk reported that there had been a problem with the CCTV application. The County Council were not prepared to “double fund” the scheme which meant that the

£5,000 funding was not available from the Bus Network Fund. The additional cost would therefore need to be borne by the Parish Council. This would potentially make the Council's contribution towards the Scheme £21,300. The problems had now been addressed and it was hoped that the application would be approved on 20 September.

The Clerk sought approval to issue tenders for the scheme as soon as possible. It was proposed to use the District Council's select tender list for CCTV.

RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted;

(b) the increase in costs of the Scheme to the Parish Council to £21,300 be approved; and

(c) the Clerk be authorised to issue tenders for the work at the earliest opportunity.

151. BUS SHELTERS – NORTH WINGFIELD ROAD

It was reported that the County Council were proposing to replace the existing shelter at the junction of New Street/North Wingfield Road provided as in line with the existing agreement, the Parish Council agree to take on responsibility for its maintenance.

The Clerk had suggested that the County Council use the £5,000 originally earmarked for the CCTV Scheme to replace the existing shelter outside the Boot and Shoe. The County Council had not confirmed its agreement at this stage.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agree to take on responsibility for the maintenance of the bus shelter at the junction of New Street and North Wingfield Road on the basis that the County Council supply and erect the shelter.

152. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 13 NOVEMBER 2005

The Clerk reported that arrangements for this year's service were in hand except that he had been unable to find a bugler. The School had once again agreed to allow the School Choir to sing at the Service.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

153. GRASSMOOR CARNIVAL 2006

The Events Committee had requested permission to use Barnes Park for the Grassmoor Carnival on 1 July 2006.

RESOLVED that the Events Committee be granted permission to use Barnes Park for the Grassmoor Carnival on 1 July 2006.

154. APPLICATIONS FOR THE HIRE OF FOOTBALL PITCHES 2005/ 2006

The Clerk reported on the applications to hire the football pitches in Barnes Park for the 2005/2006 season.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

155. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/Material considerations
194 North Wingfield Road Mr I Ali	Change of use to hot food take-away – Planning Appeal	The Parish Council to submit representations to the Planning Inspectorate on the following grounds:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effect on the area in respect of means of access and car parking, the siting of the take-away being close to a zebra crossing and 2 junctions. <p>The overall impact of the creation of another fast food take-away in Grassmoor particularly given the anti-social behaviour and nuisance problems around similar nearby outlets. Grassmoor is currently subject to a Dispersal Order which includes the location of the proposed outlet.</p>
05/00759/FL Grasshill Farm, North Wingfield Road (Mr S Hayes)	Erection of side (Kitchen) extension	Planning permission had been granted by the District Council
05/00946/AD Frank Berry Office Supplies, North Wingfield Road	Advertisement consent for retention of non-illuminated sign.	The Parish Council had no material objections to this application.

RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted; and

(2) the Clerk submit representations to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of application relating to a fast food take-away at 194 North Wingfield Road.

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156. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) - CIRCULARS

The Clerk presented for the Parish Council's information DALC Circulars 21/05, 22/05 and 23/05.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

157. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk presented the accounts due for payment and it was agreed that cheques be signed as detailed below.

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 - Aug)	£	544.84
SO	K Hemsley (Salary - Aug)	£	117.28
SO	M Dovinson (Salary - Aug)	£	326.57
SO	C Winnard (Salary - Aug)	£	204.58
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - Aug)	£	23.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile Phone - Aug)	£	2.00
SO	R Ackrill (Salary - Sept)	£	544.84
SO	K Hemsley (Salary - Sept)	£	326.57
SO	C Winnard (Salary - Sept)	£	204.58
DD	Powergen (Pavilion Supply - Sept)	£	23.00
DD	Carphone Warehouse (Mobile Phone - Sept)	£	1.50
1953	Zurich Municipal (Insurance Premium)	£	77.36
1954	NEDDC (Dog Bins)	£	222.36
1955	Plantscape (Hanging Baskets)	£	2,220.75
1956	K Hemsley (Reimbursement of expenses)	£	34.42
1957	R Ackrill (Reimbursement of expenses)	£	165.80
1958	Grassmoor Community Centre (Room Hire)	£	39.00
1959	I Walton (TV Licence Scheme)	£	169.60
1960	NEDDC (Chair's Appeal)	£	50.00
1961	J Widdowson (Donation re land)	£	200.00
1962	Grassmoor Community Centre (Grant)	£	2,000.00
1963	I Walton (TV Licence Scheme)	£	137.80

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Chairman