

# Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council

## GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005



### CHAIRMANS' REPORT COUNCILLOR BETTY HILL

This is the first year the Parish Council has produced its Annual Report in this format. The Parish Council hopes you find it informative and useful. If you wish to comment on the report or on any of the activities of the Parish Council, please contact either myself or the Parish Clerk. Contact details for both are provided below.

#### 1. MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

There are 11 Members of the Parish Council.

Councillor	Address	Telephone
Mrs EA Hill (Chairman)	51 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor	01246 852216
Mrs PJ Hemsley (V/Ch)	211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor	01246 851385
Mr I F Barlow	4 Oak Road, Grassmoor	01246 854050
Mr A H Booker	21 MacDonald Close, Grassmoor	01246 856073
Mr P Broadhurst	222 Chesterfield Rd, Grassmoor	01246 854336
Mr CJ Clarke	54 Mansfield Rd, Temple Normanton	01246 851533
Mr B Garbutt	127 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor	01246 850322
Mrs E Greenall	Mile Hill House, Winsick	01246 274716
Mrs B Hall	32 Vernon Rise, Grassmoor	01246 859998
Mr RW Marriott	59 Chapel Rd, Grassmoor	01246 854587
Mr D Rowland	23 Frederick St, Grassmoor	01246 855360

#### 2. OFFICERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

##### Parish Clerk

Mr Roy Ackrill, 3 Collishaw Close, Hasland, Chesterfield S41 0ES

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##### Responsible Financial Officer

Mrs C Winnard, 99 North Wingfield Road, Grassmoor, Chesterfield S42 5EB

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## 3. RECORD OF MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillor	Attendance	Councillor	Attendance
I F Barlow	10	Mrs B Hall	2
A H Booker	8	Mrs P J Hemsley	12
P Broadhurst	11	Mrs E A Hill	10
C J Clarke	6	R W Marriott	3
B Garbutt	7	D Rowland	10
Mrs E Greenall	10	There were 12 meetings in 2004/2005.	

## 4. PRECEPT

The Parish Council set a precept for 2004/2005 of £78,500. In 2005/2006 the precept has been set at £82,000 which represents a 4.46% increase.

## 5. PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR

### Responsible Financial Officer

In November, Carolyn Winnard took up her position as the Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council. Carolyn will undertake all the financial affairs of the Parish Council including the preparation of the accounts, budgeting and payments.

### The Grassmoor Community Centre

In March 2004, the Community Centre finally re-opened following refurbishment works which lasted almost a year. In total the Management Committee raised £898,475 to enable the project to materialise. The Parish Council made a capital commitment of £10,000 towards the building costs and it continues to provide support to the Centre by making a revenue grant of £6,700 towards the running costs of the Centre.

### Citizens Advice Sessions

The Parish Council has worked with its partners, the Citizen Advice Bureau and the Community Centre Management Committee to establish free generic advice sessions for the community. The sessions are held every Monday in the Community Centre.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

I am sure many of you will share the Parish Council's concerns over the increase in anti-social behaviour in the village in recent months. The behaviour of some has been totally unacceptable and it has had a seriously detrimental effect on the lives of residents particularly those living on North Wingfield Road.

The Parish Council has worked closely with the Police and North East Derbyshire Community Safety Officers to combat the problems. The result has been the issuing of the first Dispersal Order in North East Derbyshire. The Order which came in to effect on 20 April lasts for 6 months and gives the Police additional powers to deal with groups causing nuisance and disorder.

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## Grassmoor Lagoons

For the past 13 years the Parish Council has been campaigning for the Grassmoor Lagoons to be cleaned up. The Government has at last announced that the DTi has admitted responsibility for the site and £4m has been allocated to clear the site of the contaminated materials. Work on the site will only commence once Derbyshire County Council has undertaken a detailed study of the options available for cleaning up the Lagoons. Work is due to start on this element of the project in May 2005.

## Village Name Signs

The Parish Council commissioned Signs of the Times to design and manufacture new village name signs. The signs, situated at both boundaries of Grassmoor on the B6038, reflect Grassmoor's mining heritage.

## New Play Equipment – Winsick Park

The Parish Council was successful in obtaining a grant of £6,000 from North East Derbyshire Surestart towards the cost of new play equipment for Winsick Park. In total the project to provide the equipment cost £7,500 with the Parish Council providing the balance of funds.

## The Grassmoor Community Website – [www.grassmoor.org.uk](http://www.grassmoor.org.uk)

Working closely with the Community Centre Management Committee, the Parish Council is continuing to develop the Grassmoor Community Website. The website provides a variety of information about the Parish Council, the Community Centre, Grassmoor in general, useful contacts as well as links to other relevant websites.

## The Grassmoor Community Newsletter

As part of its commitment to keep the local community aware of its activities, the Parish Council, again in partnership with the Community Centre Management Committee, has produced the first 3 issues of the Grassmoor Community Newsletter during the year. The Newsletter is circulated to all homes in the Parish and contains information on Parish and Community Centre activities.

## Allotments

Over recent months the Parish Council has become concerned over the general condition of the Mill Lane Allotments. Meetings have been held with the Allotment Association with a view to finding a way forward to make the site better for all concerned. The Allotment Association has given a commitment to tidy up the site which will be to the benefit of current and potential allotment holders.

## Barnes Park

The Parish Council is currently engaged in a project to renew the main Park gates. The provision of a disabled ramp access to the Park is also being considered. The District Council continue to maintain the Park and the play equipment on behalf of the Parish Council.

## Donations

In accordance with powers granted under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council has once again made donations to support local organisations and good causes.

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## Street Cleaner

Matthew Dovinson is employed as the Parish Council's Street Cleaner for 11 hours per week. Generally, Matthew concentrates on the busier roads in Grassmoor. If however, you would like him to give your road some attention when time permits, please feel free to ask him or make a request to the Parish Clerk.

## Other Parish Council activity during 2004/2005

In addition to the above the Parish Council has:-

- Funded the maintenance of Hasland Cemetery
- Funded the general maintenance of Barnes Park and Winsick Park
- Provided the hanging baskets on North Wingfield Road and at Churchside
- Organised the annual Remembrance Sunday Service
- Funded the OAP TV Licence subsidy scheme

## 6. PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR 2005/2006

### CCTV Scheme

As you will probably be aware, the Parish Council is hoping to introduce CCTV in to the centre of the village. The Scheme will cover North Wingfield Road roughly from the Doctors Surgery to the Boot and Shoe. Coverage will also include Mill Lane, the School, the Community Centre and the Methodist Chapel. Whether the Scheme goes ahead ultimately depends on whether funding can be found. It is estimated that the Scheme will cost around £60,500. If funding is secured it is hoped that the CCTV will be introduced before the end of 2005.

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the recent CCTV questionnaire. The information provided from the survey will help in the preparation of the applications for funding. The winner of the £50 cash prize was M Andrews. I Thompson and P Oakley won the second prizes of £25.00.

### The Grassmoor Parish Plan

The Parish Council resolved during the year to prepare a Parish Council Plan which will shape the priorities of the Council in the short, medium and longer-term. It is hoped that work on preparing the Plan will commence in the coming year.

### The Pavilion, Barnes Park

In 2005/2006, the Parish Council, work commitments permitting, hope to commence its plans to build a new Pavilion to replace the existing one which is in a poor state of repair. The Council will be looking to make bids to various funding organisations to help finance the project.

## 7. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

January 2005 saw the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act. The Parish Council has adopted the Local Council Model Publication Scheme (Core classes only) which has been approved by the Information Commissioner. The official contact for information requests is the Parish Clerk.

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## 8. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

A summary of the Parish Council's audited accounts for 2003/2004 is set out below.

	Year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2004 £	Year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2003 £
<b>Income</b>		
Balances brought forward	69,833	46,713
Annual precept	75,500	74,000
Other receipts	17,401	9,233
Total	162,734	129,946
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Staff costs	14,833	9,938
Loan interest/capital repayments	430	848
Other payments	40,471	49,327
Total	55,734	60,113
Balances carried forward	107,000	69,833
Total cash and investments	107,000	69,833
Total fixed assets and long term assets	1,672,151	462,224
Total borrowings	397	791

### Internal Audit

The Independent Internal Auditor concluded that the Council had complied with relevant procedures and controls expected for a council of this size.

### External Audit

The External Auditor concluded the accounts were in accordance with Audit Commission's requirements.

If you require any further information please on the financial accounts for year end 2004 please contact the Responsible Finance Officer direct on the telephone number listed on the front page of the annual report.