

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 December 2018 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor A H Booker (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, E Grant, B Garbutt, L Hartshorne, Mrs E A Hill, R W Marriott and Mrs L Thomas.

County Councillor N Barker also attended the meeting.

Four members of the public were in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public reported that the Brackenfield Way development was not being swept by the District Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council's streetcleaner be asked to give the area some attention.

Problems were also reported with faulty streetlights, drains and sewers. Faulty streetlights could be reported directly to the County Council. The Clerk would report the issue with the drains and sewers to the Planning Department. There were also problems with drug dealing and cars speeding around the area, particularly late at night. The Clerk would report this to the Police.

With regard to the litter problem on Kestrel Drive, the Streetcleaner had cleaned the area, although he did report that the problem did not appear to be particularly bad.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

It was reported that PC Gough had requested that members of the public experiencing problems with motorbikes using the Country Park should be encouraged to report the problems directly to the Police. The Country Park covered a large area and was difficult to police, particularly given the large number of entrances to the Park. PC Gough had asked if the Parish Council could do anything to restrict access by motorbikes. The Clerk agreed to take the up with the Countryside Service. Councillor Hartshorne reported that the Police had spoken to one of those responsible and the problem had got better for a while but recently there had been further problems. It was also noted that a bike had recently been thrown into the pond by a group of young people.

Councillor Marriott reported that there had recently been a spate of problems with beer bottles being smashed around the village. The Clerk agreed to report the problem to the Police and any specific places and times could be provided, he would view the CCTV cameras.

Members of Parish Council expressed concern over the increased problems in the area. The Clerk reported that he understood that the area would get a new PCSO in the New Year. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the local Inspector and the Chief Constable expressing these concerns.

Concern was expressed over the parking of vehicles on North Wingfield Road near Woodleigh garage and the congestion and the danger it was causing. The Clerk agreed to report the problem to the Police.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Barker reported that he had contacted County Council officers to request that double yellow lines be introduced on Wingerworth Street, Gill Lane junction, Norfolk Avenue and New Street. The County Council had indicated that the requests would be added to the list of requests. It was noted however, that the process of approval was lengthy and costly. It was reported that there was a large pot hole on Broom Drive near the junction with Mill Lane which Councillor Barker agreed to report.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

It was reported that the final financial settlement from Government had not yet been received, so it was difficult at this stage to look at setting a budget.

It was reported that a local resident of Mill Lane was to be awarded the French Medal of Honour next Wednesday at a ceremony at the District Council.

It was reported that the footpath was damaged on Grange Walk which was causing problems for mobility scooter users. Councillor R W Marriott agreed to report the matter to Rykneld.

3043. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs A Browne, M Grayling and Mrs PJ Hemsley.

3044. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor I F Barlow, B Garbutt and E Grant declared a personal interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as a member of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 3049 refers). Councillor R W Marriott declared a pecuniary interest in the same item as an employee of the Community Centre.

3045. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 November 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3046. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

It was agreed that exempt matters relating to the Barnes Park project be considered in the exempt section of the meeting.

3047. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 5 December 2018 which showed an overall balance of £126,763.96 and

also the bank reconciliation to the same date. Councillor B Garbutt signed copies of both documents.

Accounts due for payment and details of income received were presented and it was agreed that payments be authorised as detailed below:

Date	Payee	Details	Method	TOTAL	VAT Inputs
01.12.18	R Ackrill	Wages	BACS		£0.00
01.12.18	J S Marriott	Wages	BACS		£0.00
01.12.18	A Ward	Wages	BACS		£0.00
14.12.18	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£616.88	£0.00
12.12.18	R Ackrill	Domain registration	BACS	£7.50	£1.25
12.12.18	G Birch Assoc	Consultancy	BACS	£3,000.00	£0.00
12.12.18	GCC	Grant & Room Hire	BACS	£2,032.50	£0.00
15.12.18	Water Plus	Pavilion Water	DD	£5.34	£0.00
24.12.18	Eon	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£55.00	£2.61
12.12.18	Yorkshire Water	Pavilion	DD	£36.72	
12.12.18	M Golby	Community Centre Repairs	BACs	£50.00	

A virement of £230.00 from the Course and Subscriptions budget to the Remembrance Sunday budget was approved.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
 (b) authorise Councillor B Garbutt to sign the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 5 December 2018;
 (c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above; and
 (d) approve virement of £230.00 from the Course and Subscriptions budget to the Remembrance Sunday budget.

3048. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

3049. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was reported that a positive meeting of the Management Committee had been held on 10 December.

The new audio system for the Centre utilising the County Council's Community Leadership funding had now been installed. The Management Committee had agreed to purchase a drop-down screen and projector in the Committee Room at a cost of £1534.00, again utilising Community Leadership Funding.

The annual boiler service was being undertaken by Service 2 on 13 December.

Philip Hawkins had been appointed as a Cleaner to pick up the hours vacated by Andrew Parker.

Arrangements were in hand for the Christmas Extravaganza which was to be held on 22 December.

It was reported that the Reaching Out Programme was now under the control of the Community Centre and its funds had been transferred to the Centre, but were ring-fenced for this purpose only. Councillor Garbutt reported that they had recently visited twelve housebound residents to deliver hampers and gifts and on 18 December an event was planned at the Community Centre for seventy-seven local elderly residents with limited mobility. The event had been part funded by the Parish Council who had made a donation of £500.00 towards the costs of the events. Children from Grassmoor Primary School had also been involved in the event. The Parish Council wished to place on record their thanks to Councillors Garbutt, Hartshorne and Marriott for their work on putting on these valuable and much appreciated events.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3050. PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2019-20

The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer reported on the Parish Council precept for 2019-20. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the Government had withdrawn the grant element of the Parish Council's funding. The grant funding would be withdrawn over four years to 2020-21. In effect therefore, the Parish Council had to address approximately an £18k deficit in its funding, excluding other budget pressures and inflation between now and 2020-21. At the end of this period, the Parish Council would not be reliant on any grant funding to supplement its income. The reduction in grant funding between 2018-19 and 2019-2020 was £4,234.05. Inflation was currently standing at 2.4%.

The Responsible Financial Officer highlighted the current budget pressures facing the Council. Whilst the Parish Council had relatively healthy reserves, their use was always on a one-off basis and continued use of reserves could not be sustained in the longer-term. To do so would leave the Council potentially exposed if a large and unexpected outlay of expenditure was required.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that during the year they had received two requests for grit bins, one on Hagg Hill/Kestrel Drive and the other on Shakespeare Street. It was noted that Hagg Hill was on a secondary County Council gritting route. A petition had been received by the Parish Council in support of this request. Grit bins cost around £400.00 to purchase and approximately £100.00 every time they were filled. Owing to the on-going costs of filling grit bins, the Parish Council was concerned that those provided needed to be in locations where they were most needed. It was agreed therefore, that the Parish Council budget for two additional grit bins at locations to be determined, based on greatest need.

A request had also been received for a new bus shelter on North Wingfield Road near the junction with Norfolk Avenue. The cost of a new shelter, assuming the installation was straightforward was between £7.5k and £8k. The County Council operated a 50% discount scheme which meant that the Parish Council's contribution would be between

£3.75k and £4k. It was agreed, in principle, to provide a new shelter subject to the full supply and installation costs being identified from the County Council.

A request had also been received to put a seat in the existing bus shelter at the junction of Mill Lane and North Wingfield Road. The cost of providing a lean-to seat would be £395 including fitting. It was agreed that a seat be provided.

The Parish Council agreed not to increase its charges for Gill Lane and Mill Allotments, the use of the cricket and football pitches and also the Pavilion for the coming year.

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented to the Parish Council a budget for 2019-20 which was designed to address the funding shortfall caused by the grant reduction and also the budget pressures. The Parish Council agreed a budget as detailed at Appendix A and also to set a precept of £112,785, which represented an increase of 5%. The bus shelter, the seat in the shelter and the grit bins would be funded partly from the increase in the precept but also from reserves and savings made from no longer printing and distributing the Newsletter in paper format.

RESOLVED to (a) set a precept for 2019-20 of £112,785 which represented a 5% increase;

(b) not increase the Parish Council's fees and charges;

(c) agree, in principle, to provide a new bus shelter at the junction of North Wingfield Road and Norfolk Avenue;

(d) agree to provide a seat in the bus shelter at the junction of North Wingfield Road and Mill Lane; and

(e) agree to budget for two additional grit bins at locations to be determined based on greatest need.

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, B Garbutt, E Grant, L Hartshorne, Mrs E A Hill, R W Marriott and Mrs L Thomas.

Against: None

Abstentions: None

3051. PROTOCOL ON FILMING AND RECORDING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk presented for approval, a filming of Parish Council meetings protocol. The protocol was designed to effectively manage the filming of Parish Council meetings, setting out clearly guidelines to be followed by both the Parish Council, the public and those filming the meetings.

RESOLVED to approve the filming of Parish Council meetings protocol.

3052. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that he had asked the District Council to undertake the works required arising from the annual health and safety inspection. They would also replace the missing grate near the war memorial.

The Clerk agreed to invite Steve Brunt from the District Council to a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the maintenance of the Park including the grass mowing regime.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) invite Steve Brunt to a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the maintenance of the Park including the grass mowing regime.

3053. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he had not yet contacted Marstons Brewery to ask permission to erect the new camera at the Boot and Shoe.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3054. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that the Association currently only had one vacant plot and that the Gardeners Rest was being used for community purposes.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3055. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

There were no matters relating to Gill Lane Allotments to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3056. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

Peter Myers from the Friends of Grassmoor Country Park Group attended the meeting to inform the Parish Council of the recent activities of the Group.

It was noted that the Lagoons were ready to be opened except for one area which remained fenced-off near the bottom lake where there remained some mining seepage. Around 410 trees had been planted along with bulbs and three noticeboards had been put up.

A 10k run had been organised in conjunction with North East Derbyshire Running Club for 2 June 2019. An open day was being planned involving the Fishing Club.

It was intended that when the paths were open, that the Group would conduct walking tours around the site. It was intended to put up a panoramic public information board at the highest point along with public seating.

Work was on-going to link all the paths in the area including Furnace Hillock Way and the Avenue site.

Big Local had committed £17.5k funding to the Park which had brought in a total of £176k.

The Parish Council thanked Peter for attending the meeting and asked that he keep them up to date with progress.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3057. BIG LOCAL

Concern was expressed over the funding by Big Local of the Methodist Hub and the potentially negative impact this was having on the Community Centre. Councillor Mrs E A Hill agreed to take the matter up with Steve Lee from North East Derbyshire District Council.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3058. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that three quotes had been received for undertaking the updated cost assessment for the project. Make Consultancy had agreed to undertake the work free of charge on the understanding that they could negotiate or tender for the design and project management of the scheme. It was agreed that Make Consultancy be engaged on this basis.

Three quotes had been received for the undertaking of the ecological survey, the cheapest being from Udall Martin Associates and it was agreed that they be engaged to undertake the work.

Work was progressing on funding bids. A meeting was being arranged on site in January with the Foundation which would be attended by the Clerk, Councillor Marriott and David Cooper from the Football Club. Letters of support had been received from both the Cricket and Football Clubs. A detailed business case was being prepared to support the funding bids.

The Clerk reported that advice had been sought on the position with regard to VAT and this would be reported in full in the exempt section of the meeting.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) engage Make Consultancy to assess the cost of the scheme; and
(c) engage Udall Martin Associates to undertake the Ecological Survey.

3059. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
18/00913/FLH 23 Oak Road Mr M Taylor	First floor side extension	This application had been conditionally approved.
17/00645/OL The Coal Yard, North Wingfield Road East Midlands Strategic Lane Limited	Provision of B1 Offices and B2 Workshop and B8 Storage	Site visit to be held on 18 December prior to Planning Committee. Recommended to be conditionally approved.
18/01084/FL 2-6 Westhill Lane SYHA	Application to vary condition 2	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
18/0180/FLH 133 North Wingfield Rd Mr D James	Two storey rear extension	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

The Clerk reported that both appeals to the Planning Inspectorate in relation to the land off Mansfield Road Winsick had been allowed.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3060. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED that under Section 1(20) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the business set out in the Agenda item(s) (to be specified by the Parish Council) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following summary of proceedings.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

Barnes Park Project (information relating to the business affairs of the Council)

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Chairman