

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 13 March 2019 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

County Councillor N Barker also attended the meeting.

Two members of the public were in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters raised under public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PC K Gough and PCSOs Mick Coates and Katie Robinson attended meeting.

It was reported that Grassmoor was a relatively low crime area in terms of reported crime when compared to other areas. Wingerworth for instance, had experienced sixteen burglaries compared the Grassmoor where there had been one reported crime involving the theft of a mobile phone for the period 1 January to date. The Police were therefore concentrating their resources on the high crime areas. PC Gough stressed the importance of reporting incidents of crime and disorder to the Police as this determined the level of resources and attention the Police gave to an area.

Reference was made to the issue of motorbikes using the Country Park. PC Gough explained the difficulties the Police had in apprehending those responsible given the unprotected and multiple entrances to the Park. County Councillor N Barker agreed to take the matter up with the County Council to see if barriers could be put on entrances to prevent access by motorbikes.

It was also reported that there was an on-going problem with bottles being smashed in Barnes Park, causing a potential danger to all Park users. PC Gough agreed to give the matter attention.

PC Gough also expressed concern over the proposal to build a public toilet in Barnes Park as part of the project to replace the Pavilion. The Police would only support the proposal if the was managed by a caretaker and locked after every use to avoid criminal activity being carried out in the toilet.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Barker reported that he was working with the Friends of Grassmoor Country Park to look at options for funding fencing around the Lagoons.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

No matters relating to the District Council were raised.

3098. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

3099. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor I F Barlow, B Garbutt, E Grant, Mrs P J Hemsley and Mrs L Thomas declared a personal interest in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as a member of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 3104 refers). Councillor R W Marriott declared a pecuniary interest in the same item as an employee of the Community Centre.

3100. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3101. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

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

3102. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 11 March 2019 which showed an overall balance of £102,569.88 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
21.02.19	Yorkshire Water	Pavilion waste water	BACS	£33.62	£0.00
01.03.19	R Ackrill	Wages	BACS		£0.00
01.03.19	J S Marriott	Wages	BACS		£0.00
01.03.19	A Ward	Wages	BACS		£0.00
13.03.19	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£616.88	£0.00
13.03.19	NEDDC	Replacement Dog Bin	BACS	£311.45	£51.91
13.03.19	R Ackrill	Parish Domain Name	BACS	£59.99	£0.00
13.03.19	Heathscapes	Tree Removal	BACS	£3,492.00	£582.00
15.03.19	Water Plus	Pavilion Water	DD	£5.34	£0.00
25.03.19	Eon	Pavilion Elec	DD	£40.00	£1.90
13.03.19	Grassmoor Community Centre	Grant & Room Hire	BACS	£2,047.50	£0.00

The Responsible Financial Officer requested that the Parish Council approve a £10k from the Capital Reserve account to the Current account.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) authorise Councillor B Garbutt to sign the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 11 March 2019;
(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above; and
(d) approve the transfer of £10k from the Capital Reserve Account to the Current Account.

3103. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

3104. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was reported that there had been an unannounced inspection of the kitchen and it was pleasing to report that it had passed with a Five Star Food Hygiene rating. The Centre was currently reviewing its arrangements for re-cycling waste which may result in additional bins being required. The continued to be a good rate of bookings of private parties at the Centre.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3105. BARNES PARK

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that the District Council had damaged the surface of the football pitch by using a tractor to spike the pitch during wet weather resulting in there being ruts left by tyre tracks in one goalmouth. The matter had been reported to the District Council but as yet had not been resolved.

Concern was expressed over the continued problem of bottles being smashed on the Park. As detailed above, the Police had agreed to give the problem attention.

The replacement dog bin had now been installed.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3106. CCTV

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that the annual maintenance agreement with NW Systems was due for renewal in the sum of £2095.00. It was agreed to renew the agreement.

No response had been received from Marstons Brewery regarding the request to erect two new cameras at the Boot and Shoe. It was agreed that the matter be chased up.

RESOLVED to (a) approve the renewal of the CCTV maintenance agreement with NW Systems in the sum of £2095.00; and
(b) to chase up a response from Marstons Brewery regarding the new cameras at the Boot and Shoe.

3107. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

3108. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

3109. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The Parish Council received and noted the Annual Report of the Friends of Grassmoor Country Park.

Concern was expressed that the area was still not open to the public owing to the issue with the fencing. As detailed, Councillor Barker was looking into this in conjunction with the Friends Group. Concern was also expressed over parking for the Country Park at Corbriggs being inadequate and also the issue of lorries parking overnight. It was agreed that these concerns be discussed with the Friends Group.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) liaise with the Friends Group regarding the parking issues at Corbriggs.

3110. BIG LOCAL

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that Big Local had approached the Parish Council to seek permission to install perch style seating in the brick-built Parish Council owned bus shelters on North Wingfield Road and also to install public seats on the grassed area near the Doctors Surgery and also near the junction of North Wingfield Road and Norfolk Avenue. Big Local had been contacted to explain that the Parish Council could not give permission for the seat at the junction of North Wingfield Road and Norfolk Avenue as this was on the public highway and the permission of the County Council would be required. Similarly, the seat near the Doctors Surgery was on land owned by the District Council so their permission would be required. It was also pointed out that the Parish Council would expect the owners of any residential properties to be consulted prior to the seats being installed.

It was agreed that permission be granted to install perch seating with seat dividers in the bus shelters.

It was also reported that a constructive meeting with Big Local regarding the comments made and recorded at the December Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) agree to the perch style seating being installed in the Parish Council's brick built bus shelters on North Wingfield Road.

3111. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that following the last meeting, a meeting had been held with the Cricket Club to discuss Club's Five-Year Development Plan and the need to develop links with Grassmoor Primary School. The Chairman had agreed to set up a meeting between the School and the Cricket Club to look at a way forward for working together in the future. The Club had expressed concerns over the level of proposed fees for the new Pavilion once it was opened.

The Football Club did not consider that they were responsible for delays in the project as the Football Foundation application had been rejected on several grounds and not just the Charter status application and the link with the School. Contact would be made with the Football Club to clarify the position.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3112. HANGING BASKETS

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that two quotes had been received for the provision of hanging baskets on a three-year contract commencing in 2019. Plantscape had quoted £3,050.00 and David Slack had quoted £3150.00 for thirty-five hanging baskets. It was agreed to award the contract for the hanging baskets to Plantscape on a three-year contract.

RESOLVED to award the contract for the hanging baskets to Plantscape on a three-year contract in the sum of £3,050.00 per annum.

3113. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that application packs for the Parish Council elections on 2 May 2019 were available in the Community Centre. The closing date for nominations was 3 April.

Owing to the elections, it would be necessary to change the date of the May Parish Council meeting to 15 May.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) agree that the May meeting of the Parish Council be moved to 15 May 2019.

3114. CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER PAY AWARDS

The Responsible Financial Officer reported on the National Pay Local Government Pay Award which related to the positions of the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer. It was agreed that the new pay rates be implemented with effect from 1 April 2019.

It was also reported that the National Minimum Wage had increased to £8.21 also with effect from 1 April and it was agreed that this be implemented in respect of the Streetcleaner and Park Attendant.

RESOLVED to approve the pay awards for the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and the increase in the National Minimum Wage paid to Streetcleaner and Park Attendant.

3115. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
17/00158/FL Land to rear of 109-247 Mansfield Road, Hasland Persimmon Homes	Change of use	This application had been conditionally approved.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3116. 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

- (a) To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 February 2019.
- (b) To consider the report of the Clerk on the Barnes Park Project (contains information relating to the financial and business affairs of an individual, including the Authority holding that information).

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Chairman