

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 September 2019 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors I F Barlow, A H Booker, E A Hill, J Hartshorne, L Hartshorne, S Hinds, R W Marriott and J Wood.

Also in attendance: County Councillor N Barker.

Two members of the public were in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised by members of the public.

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting, he had reported the problems of parking on the pavement outside the Café and the Chemists to the Police and the Planning Department. The Police said they would keep an eye on the situation but no response had been received from the Planning Department to date.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

The Clerk reported that the Police had issued details of future contact arrangements between themselves and Parish Councils. Individual Parish Councillors would be expected to contact the local PCSO via the Parish Clerk who would then pass on the message. The Parish Council expressed concern over the idea, as potentially it could lead to delays in police receiving important information. The Clerk had requested that the issue of Police/Parish Council communication be put on the agenda for the forthcoming District/Parish Liaison Conference but the agenda was already full. It was agreed that the new system be trialled prior to the matter being raised again. The Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner was aware of the proposal.

The Clerk had circulated details of the Police and Crime Commissioners consultation survey "Listening to You". The survey should be completed by individual parish Councillors should they so wish, rather than the Council as a whole.

After a quiet period, the problem of motorbikes on the Country Park had re-emerged. The Clerk had reported the problems to the Police and they had agreed to look into the problem, although they stressed again, the difficulty of policing such a large area with so many entrances. The Police had also stressed the need for the problems to be regularly reported to them in order that resources could be deployed to the issue.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Barker reported that he had contacted the County Council regarding the condition of the Birkin Lane pond. The County Council had advised that the pond had been colonised naturally by an aquatic plant, Flowering Rush, approximately 5 or 6

years ago which flowers between July and August and thereafter the vegetation dies back and through the winter months the pond would appear as it always was. The occurrence of the plant was not forced and its presence did not cause the County Council any concern. The pond had not had any active management for many years, if at all ever, and there were no plans currently to change the status quo. The Parish Council were unhappy at the response as they continued to consider that the pond was a danger to children in its current condition. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a site meeting with the Countryside Service to discuss the issue further.

It was also noted that the County Council were continuing to look in to the funding options for the fencing around the Lagoons.

Councillor Barker also reported that the County Council would be required to make an additional £60m in savings by 2024 in addition to the £257m in cuts already made which would put even more pressure on services.

Councillor Barker advised the Parish Council that he had objected to the planning application in respect of the waste transfer station at Corbriggs (See also Planning Matters – Minute no. 3241 refers).

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

No matters relating to the District Council were raised.

3219. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Marriott and L Thomas.

3220. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, P J Hemsley, S Hinds and E A Hill declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 3225 refers). Councillor R W Marriott declared a pecuniary interest in the same item as an employee of the Community Centre.

3221. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 10 July and 21 August 2019 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

3222. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no matters to be taken in exclusion.

3223. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 11 September 2019 which showed an overall balance of £90,785.26 and

also the bank reconciliation to the same date. Councillor S Hinds 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		Details	Method	TOTAL	VAT Inputs
01.08.19	Wages (RA, JM & AW)	Salary (July)	BACS	£1,675.73	
01.08.19	NEDDC	Dog Bins	BACS	£835.38	£139.23
01.08.19	R Ackrill	Expenses (DVDS)	BACS	£19.49	
10.08.19	Water Plus	Pavilion Supply (July)	DD	£12.09	
10.08.19	HMRC	Tax & NI (July)	BACS	£653.60	
10.08.19	Eon	Pavilion Supply (July)	DD	£20.00	£0.95
10.07.19	Community Centre	Grant & Room Hire (July)	BACS	£2,032.50	
11.08.19	PWLB	Loan Repayment	BACS	£2,888.62	
10.08.19	A Ward	Expenses (Refuse sacks)	BACS	£9.95	£1.65
06.08.19	Whittington Moor Printing	Minute Book Paper	BACS	£246.00	£41.00
08.08.19	Buster Marquees	Marquee	BACS	£93.00	
15.09.19	Yorkshire Water	Pavilion Waste	DD	£7.50	
02.09.19	Wages (RA, JM & AW)	Salary (August)	BACS	£1,675.53	
02.09.19	HMRC	Tax & NI (August)	BACS	£653.80	
15.09.19	Water Plus	Pavilion Supply (August)	DD	£12.09	
25.09.19	Eon	Pavilion Supply (August)	DD	£20.00	£0.95
11.09.19	Community Centre	Grant & Room Hire (August)	BACS	£2,060.50	
11.09.19	Royal British Legion	Poppies	BACS	£225.00	
11.09.19	R Ackrill	CCTV DVDs	BACS	66.00	
11.09.19	NEDDC	Road Side seat licence	BACS	£1.00	
11.09.19	GBA Ltd	Pavilion Consultancy	BACS	£800.00	
11.09.19	A Ward	Replacement keys	BACS	£10.50	
11.09.19	I Heath	Winsick Park wall repairs	BACS	£720.00	

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that £500.00 rent had been received from Mill Lane Allotment.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) authorise Councillor S Hinds to sign the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 11 September 2019; and
(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

3224. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported that the District Council were conducting a review of polling districts and polling stations although no changes were planned for the Parish. It was agreed that no comments be submitted.

It was reported that Harron Homes were seeking potential ideas of local projects or events that they could sponsor. It was suggested that these could include the Reaching Out programme, VE Day, the Community Centre Pantomime and Football/Cricket Club Sponsorship.

It was reported that the hanging baskets would be taken down on 25 September. Members commented on how good the baskets had been this season.

Concern was expressed generally over the condition of grass verges in the parish.

3225. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was reported that a Community Cinema in the Centre was to be held in October. A pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, had also been booked.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3226. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that an accident had occurred on 1 September whereby a visiting young cricket player had collided with one of the two metal seats along the Durham Avenue boundary whilst fielding and sustained injuries to his head. He was taken to hospital after the match as a precaution. Luckily, no lasting injuries had been sustained. The young man's mother had written to complain about the location of the seat and the danger it presented. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for the two seats to be removed and to inform the Parish Council's insurers of the incident in case a claim was submitted.

The Clerk had provisionally arranged for a fencing contractor, Steelway, to come to Barnes Park on 16 September to offer advice and a rough idea of cost in order that fencing provision could be included in the budget considerations at the December meeting. It was agreed that Councillors P J Hemsley and R W Marriott would attend the site meeting along with the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer.

It was reported that the Park Attendant and Streetcleaner had reported that the wiring to the lamp columns on the skate park had been tampered with as the cover to the wiring had been removed. As a result, the Clerk had asked the District Council to check the wiring as a matter of urgency. Having done so however, the wiring was safe and intact. The situation was being monitored.

The Clerk reported that he had arranged a meeting with residents of Durham Avenue on 23 September 2019 at 6.30pm. it was agreed that Councillors A H Booker, E A Hill and J Wood attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council along with the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED to (a) report the accident on 1 September 2019 to the Council's insurers and to arrange for the two seats to be removed;
(b) note the arrangements for the site visit with fencing contractor; and
(c) note the arrangements with regard to the meeting with the residents of Durham Avenue.

3227. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he contacted the Police to complain about CCTV footage not being collected and the situation had improved. He had copied two more sets of footage since the last meeting.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3228. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

3230. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

The County Council had confirmed that they were continuing to look at the options for funding the fencing at the Lagoons.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3231. BIG LOCAL

There were no matters relating to Big local to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3232. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that following the meeting on 21 August at which the Parish Council agreed to pursue a modular approach to the provision of a new Pavilion, he had spoken at length to Geoff Birch about the next steps in delivering the project.

Both he and Geoff Birch were of the view that a design and build approach should be adopted. Under this approach, potential suppliers would be provided with a special design requirement and a performance specification which would include the desire if possible, for solar panels and rain water harvesting. This approach placed the onus on the contractor to deliver the project within the agreed fee. Geoff Birch was looking at potential links between providers in order to help ensure that the Parish Council received value for money in any tender process for the new Pavilion.

To oversee the process from tender development stage to completion, it was suggested that the Parish Council needed to employ an Employer's Agent. It was agreed therefore that the Clerk seek prices for this work from three providers with a deadline for return of tenders of 25 September. As it was important to move as quickly as possible to avoid further delays, it was agreed the lowest suitable quote be accepted following consultation with members of the working group. Once this process was completed, the Employer's Agent would work on the special design requirement with a view to going out to tender within four to six weeks.

It was also agreed that a meeting with Steve Lee and Stephen Wright be arranged for early October to discuss progress with the project and the issue of the public toilet.

In terms of section 106 funding, the Clerk reported that there was a £10k highways element and a £12,270.00 maintenance allowance, both of which could be utilised on the project. In addition, in respect of the South Yorkshire Housing Association development, there was section 106 provision of £7,817.75 for play improvements and £2,345.30 for maintenance. The Clerk had asked that this be allocated to the project and a decision was awaited.

RESOLVED to (a) agree to adopt a design and build approach to the provision of the new Pavilion;
(b) agree to seek three quotes from contractors to undertake the role of Employer's Agent for the project and to accept the lowest suitable quote following consultation with members of the working group; and
(c) arrange a meeting with Steve Lee and Stephen Wright.

3233. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that as he had mentioned at the meeting on 21 August, the current Parish Council website was outdated and prone to technical problems. He had circulated some examples of companies who hosted websites on behalf of Parish

Councils. It was agreed that the options and costs of providing a new website for the Parish Council be explored further.

RESOLVED to explore the costs and options for a new Parish Council website.

3234. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Councillor Hinds reported that she had recently received several complaints about speeding in the Parish such as on Hagg Hill. It was agreed that the Police be contacted regarding the establishment of a community speed watch scheme and that the Clerk request that the 30mph speed limit on Hagg Hill be extended.

RESOLVED to (a) request the Police to establish a community speed watch scheme; and
(b) request that the 30mph speed limit on Hagg Hill be extended.

3235. NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL – CHAIR'S APPEAL

It was agreed that a donation of £150.00 be made to the North East Derbyshire District Council Chair's Appeal which was in aid of Sheffield Children's Hospital Parents Association of Children with Tumours and Leukaemia.

RESOLVED to donate £150.00 to the North East Derbyshire District Council Chair's Appeal in support of Sheffield Children's Hospital Parents Association of Children with Tumours and Leukaemia.

3236. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk reported that arrangements were in hand for this years' Service which was to be held on 10 November. Jonathan Eaton had once again, agreed to be bugler for a fee of £45.00 (which was usually donated to the British Legion). Buster Marquees had agreed to provide a marquee with seats and carpet for £465.00, including a deposit of £93.00. Reverend Anderson had agreed to perform the ceremony.

The sound system had been booked with Kay's Electronics in the sum of £25.00. The Clerk was asked to check with pre-recorded music could be played through the speakers to accompany the hymns sung during the service.

Mounsey Memorials had indicated that the cost of adding "MM" after the name of William Alton on the War Memorial was £180.00. It was agreed that the Clerk place an order for the work to be undertaken as soon as possible.

The Clerk had ordered 75 lamp column poppies which it was suggested Andrew Hill and Alan Ward be asked to put up. The County Council had issued guidance on putting up the poppies which did not require a lamp column test.

RESOLVED to (a) note and agree the arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Service as detailed above; and

(b) place an order with Mounsey Memorials to have the additional lettering added to memorial in the sum of £180.00.

3237. VE DAY 2020

The Clerk agreed to convene a meeting of the Working Group established to co-ordinate the Parish Council's activities for celebrating VE Day.

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3238. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that it had passed a resolution on the climate change emergency and had established a Working Group to oversee the Parish Council's response to the resolution. The Clerk agreed to convene a meeting of the Working Group.

RESOLVED to convene a meeting of the Climate Change Working Group.

3239. BOLSOVER WOODLAND ENTERPRISE

The Parish Council had been contacted by the Bolsover Woodland Enterprise seeking a donation towards its activities as several of its team members lived within the Parish. The Partnership provides opportunities for people with learning disabilities to gain practical training and work experience in conservation and woodland management. It was agreed that a donation of £150.00 be made to the Partnership.

RESOLVED to make a donation of £150.00 to the Bolsover Woodland Enterprise.

3240. BUS SHELTER

The Clerk reported that he had submitted the application for 50% funding for a bus shelter at the junction of North Wingfield Road and Norfolk Avenue to the County Council. The North East Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership had been consulted as required, and they had confirmed they had no objections to the proposal. The County Council would need to assess the suitability of the site for a shelter as part of the process.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3241. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
19/00442/FL 6 Burns Drive Rykneld Homes	Alterations to existing dwelling to provide access ramp.	This application had been approved by the District Council.

19/00833/FL Sportsman Inn, North Wingfield Road Mr C Browne	Construction of 3 dwellings	The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that it would reduce the amount of car parking available to the public house which would increase on-street parking. In addition, the parking for the proposed houses was on the frontage on Chapman Lane which was close to the junction.
19/00788/AMEND Land to rear 2-6 Westhill Lane Mr D Foster	Change of tree species	The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.
19/00862/FL 229 Mansfield Road Mr J Whitehead	New rear entrance and conservatory	The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.
CW4/0819/45 Mansfield Road, Corbridge War Recycling Limited	Waste transfer Station	The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds: The increased volume of HGV traffic. The impact in terms of noise, smell and dust on neighbouring residential properties. The site already had a problem with rats and the proposed activities will only increase this problem, again causing a nuisance and danger to environmental health to neighbouring residential properties. The application will be a general blight on the local area which has over the years had more than its fair share of such sites.

The Clerk reported that Swap 1-2-1 based at The Croft, Corbridge, had appealed against the refusal of planning permission to vary the conditions relating to employees and opening hours. The Parish Council had objected to the application on the basis of increased usage leading to highways issues such as parking on the road and also on

the basis of potential disturbance to neighbouring properties caused by increased opening hours. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that they had subsequently received representations from one of the proprietors of Swim 1-2-1, who had explained the proposals in more detail and the measures put in place to mitigate against these issues. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should make representations to the Planning Inspectorate, expressing the Council's concerns over the project as previously detailed, but not objecting to it.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) to submit the Parish Council's comments on the applications detailed above; and
(c) express the Parish Council's concerns rather than objections to the Swim 1-2-1 appeal.

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Chair