

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

PRESENT

P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

One member of the public was in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised by members of the public.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

There were no matters relating to policing raised.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

There were no matters relating to the County Council to report.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

No matters were raised.

3285. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Hartshorne, E A Hill, J Marriott and L Thomas.

3286. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, P J Hemsley and S Hinds declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 3291 refers). Councillor R W Marriott declared a pecuniary interest in the same item as an employee of the Community Centre.

3287. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 November 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3288. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no matters to be taken in exclusion.

3289. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 11 December 2019 which showed an overall balance of £128,648.67 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			TOTAL	VAT Inputs
01.12.19	Staff Salaries	November	BACS	£1,701.77	£0.00
01.12.19	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£660.40	£0.00
11.12.19	NEDDC	Dog Bins	BACS	£835.38	£139.23
11.12.19	R Ackrill	Expenses	BACS	£22.58	£0.00
11.12.19	GCC	Grant & Room Hire	BACS	£2,065.00	£0.00
11.12.19	J S Trophies	Room name plate	BACS	£210.00	£35.00
15.12.19	Water Plus	Pavilion Water	DD	£12.09	£0.00
25.12.19	Eon	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£20.00	£0.95

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 December 2019; and

(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above; and

3290. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported that Atkinson's hedge had still not been cut back. Councillor L Hartshorne had reported the problem to the County Council and the Clerk had contacted Mr Atkinson on several occasions. Mr Atkinson had stated he would get the hedging cut back during this week.

It was reported that the allocation of Section 106 funding had been requested to be included as an agenda item on a future meeting of the District/Parish Liaison meeting.

The perch seating for the bus shelters and the public seat to be installed near the Doctor's Surgery funded by Big Local, had been ordered and would be installed by North East Derbyshire District Council.

Reference was made to the information/welcome pack which had been produced for residents moving in to the area. It was suggested that the contact details for fly tipping be included along with reference to the Parish Council's commitment to climate change.

3291. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported he had ordered the "Bryan Garbutt Room" name plate at a cost of £175.00 plus VAT. It was suggested that an "opening ceremony" be arranged to coincide with the Easter Reaching Out activities. The Clerk agreed to contact Bryan's family.

The Community Centre had provided an excellent Christmas meal for 60 people. The Parish Council wished to pass on their thanks to all those at the Centre who had helped with the meal.

A Christmas Party including a Santa's Grotto had been arranged for 22 December and a Pantomime had been arranged for 15 January. Assistance with funding the events had been provided by Big Local.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3292. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2020-21

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported on the budget and precept for 2020-21.

The Responsible Financial Officer reported on the anticipated out-turn position in respect of the 2019-20 financial year and this was noted.

The Clerk reported that 2019-20 was the last year of Revenue Support Grant provided by the District Council meaning that the Parish Council had lost £4,234 in funding, with no grant being received in future years, including 2020-21.

The "budget pressures" facing the Council had been highlighted at the last meeting. In respect of the cleaning of the war memorials in Barnes Park and Winsick Park, an amount of £4,500 had been allocated as one-off expenditure in the 2020-21 budget.

An allowance of £5k had been made as an additional contribution towards the Pavilion project. Also, in respect of the project, a figure of £3k had been budgeted for to cover the costs of a potential loan if required, to cover any shortfall in funding for the project. This allocation had been met from reserves rather than added to the cost of the precept.

The donations budget had been increased to £3,500 to reflect the money the Council had spent the previous year and also to potentially increase the contribution to the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre.

The cost of the new bus shelter at the junction of North Wingfield Road and Norfolk Avenue had been identified as a budget pressure at the previous meeting. It was pleasing to report however, that the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer had been able to fund this provision from 2019-20 reserves and the figure had therefore been accounted for in the out-turn figures previously presented. A figure of only £1k had therefore been allocated to cover the costs of repairs.

A figure of £400 had been allocated towards the annual maintenance costs of the new website. This would be on-going annual expenditure.

An allocation of £1k had been allowed to cover the costs of the VE Day commemorations in 2020.

An allocation of £500 had been made against a new budget heading of Climate Change. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that they had previously adopted a

climate change emergency resolution which committed to making the Parish carbon neutral by 2030. The Parish Council accepted that the contribution to this budget heading would need to significantly increase in future years if the target was to be met. The Clerk had made initial enquiries regarding loans available through Salix to purchase solar panels for the Community Centre. The loans had to be approved through the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils and were funded through the PWLB. It was agreed therefore, that to comply with PWLB rules, budgetary provision of £3k be made to cover the potential costs of any loan repayments.

Other budget headings covering utility costs and other costs such as cemetery costs and park maintenance costs, had been increased by 3% to cover the costs of inflation.

In terms of income, the reduction of the revenue support grant to zero, had been previously noted. It was agreed not to increase charges for the use of the Pavilion or the Gill Lane and Mill Lane Allotments.

The Parish Council agreed to set a precept of £121,044 for 2020-21 which represented a 7.32% increase on the previous year. In doing so, it was noted that the General Reserve at the end of 2020-21 was anticipated to be reduced from £20k to £18k. A copy of the budget is attached as an appendix to the minutes.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Councillor I F Barlow – For
Councillor A H Booker – For
Councillor L Hartshorne - For
Councillor P J Hemsley – For
Councillor S Hinds – For
Councillor R W Marriott – For
Councillor J Wood – For

The Parish Council thanked the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer for their work on the budget and precept.

3293. BARNES PARK

With regard to the ownership of the Barnes and Winsick Parks, the Clerk reported that Chesterfield Borough Council had confirmed that they did not hold the deeds. The Clerk had also asked North East Derbyshire District Council if they held the deeds and a response was awaited.

The Clerk reported that he had sought quotes for the cleaning of the war memorials in Barnes Park and Winsick Park from Mounsey's Memorials, Hopkinson's Memorials and K's Memorials.

It was reported that the District Council had advised that the dog bin near the main Park gates was broken and in need of replacement. The Clerk had placed an order for a replacement bin in the sum of £262.31.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and

(b) approve the actions of the Clerk in ordering a replacement dog bin in the sum of £262.31.

3294. CCTV

The Clerk reported that NW Systems would be coming out at some point after 16 December to look in to the problems with the cameras on John Singh's and the Doctors Surgery. More footage had been provided to the Police on incidents in the village.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3295. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

3297. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

It was reported that a funding bid had been made in the County Council's budget for 2020-21 for the fencing for the Lagoons.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3298. BIG LOCAL

There were no matters relating to Big local to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3299. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that the deadline for return of the tenders for the modular project was 13 December and not 6 December 2019 as reported to the previous meeting. This would not affect the timetable for the project.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3300. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The Clerk reported that he had sought volunteers for the Community Speed Watch Scheme through Facebook and the Parish Council's website. To date, no volunteers had come forward. The Clerk agreed to seek volunteers again in the New Year.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3301. GRIT BINS

The Clerk reported that in the 2019-20 budget, allocation had been made for two additional grit bins, but no decision had been made as to their location. It was agreed that two new grit bins be provided. The first would be located at the junction of Hagg Hill and Kestrel Drive. The second would be located at the junction of Broom Drive and Mill Lane.

RESOLVED to provide two additional grit bins as detailed above.

3302. VE DAY 2020

The Clerk reported that he had asked the Council's insurers for their views on the proposed wheelbarrow race and comments were awaited. He had also contacted the Primary School regarding having a 1940's themed children's party or possible other activities the School were planning around VE Day. Links to VE Day merchandise websites had also been circulated. It was suggested that the possibility of joint funding VE Day events with Big Local be explored.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Working Group would be held on Monday 6 January 2020 at 6.30pm.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3303. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The Clerk reported he had made initial enquiries regarding the availability of grant funding or loans solar panels for the Community Centre. Loans were available through Salix with repayments being based on savings achieved in energy bills over a five year period. PWLB loans could be arranged through the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC). The Clerk would discuss this further with DALC.

It was agreed that reference to the Parish Council's adoption of the climate change emergency resolution should be included in the Parish Council information pack.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) discuss with DALC, the possibility of a loan for solar panels on the Community Centre; and
(c) include reference to climate change in the Parish Council's information pack.

3304. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
19/00930/FL The Croft, Mansfield Road, Mile Hill Mrs L Booth	Retention of chalet in connection with Swim 1-2-1	This application had been conditionally approved.

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Chair

Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council Budget 2020-21

	2019/20			2020/21
	BUDGET			BUDGET
INCOME				
Precept	£112,785.00			£121,044.00
Allotments	£698.00			£698.00
Interest Receivable	£100.00			£250.00
Support Grant	£4,234.00			£0.00
Pavilion - Lettings/Meters	£40.00			£25.00
Sports facility lettings	£1,576.00			£1,576.00
Project	£0.00			£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£119,433.00			£123,593.00
			PROJECTED	
EXPENDITURE			RESERVES	
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			at 31.03.20	
Salaries (inc. NIC)	£28,200.00		£4,000.00	£29,000.00
Administration (inc. Ins)	£7,000.00		£616.00	£7,000.00
Allotments	£0.00		£2,000.00	£0.00
PARISH PARKS				
Rates/Water/Electricity	£800.00		£0.00	£1,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	£20,500.00		£3,870.00	£18,000.00
War Memorials	£0.00		£0.00	£4,500.00
Park Project	£10,000.00		£35,457.00	£5,000.00
Dog bins	£1,500.00		£0.00	£2,800.00
CCTV Maint/Management	£366.00		£6,627.00	£0.00
COMMUNITY CENTRE				
Staff Funding	£24,000.00		£0.00	£24,000.00
Contingency	£0.00		£16,482.00	£0.00
PWLB LOAN Pavilion	£0.00		£0.00	£3,000.00
PWLB LOAN Play Equipt	£5,747.00		£0.00	£5,623.00
CEMETERY	£10,700.00		£281.00	£11,050.00
GENERAL EXPENSES				
Courses/Subs	£400.00		£285.00	£0.00
Donations	£1,000.00		£0.00	£3,500.00
Chairman's Allowance	£120.00		£120.00	£120.00
Grassmoor School	£200.00		£200.00	£0.00
ELECTIONS	£0.00		£1,500.00	£0.00
BUS SHELTERS	£2,000.00		£0.00	£1,000.00
HANGING BASKETS	£4,000.00		£511.00	£3,700.00
TRADE REFUSE	£1,300.00		£0.00	£1,500.00
WEBSITE	£0.00		£1,500.00	£0.00
HIGHWAYS (grit bins)	£1,000.00		£1,200.00	£500.00
Remembrance Sunday	£600.00		£0.00	£800.00
VE Day	£0.00		£0.00	£1,000.00
Climate Change/Solar Panels	£0.00		£3,000.00	£500.00
General Reserve			£18,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£119,433.00		£95,649.00	£123,593.00