

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 February 2020 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

Two members of the public was in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public attended the meeting to report on flooding issues on Norfolk Avenue arising from water coming from Barnes Park. The Clerk agreed to take the matter up with the County Council with a view to getting some measures in place as soon as possible. The District Council would also be contacted with a view to getting some emergency sand bags provided.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

PC K Gough attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on policing matters relating to the Parish. It was reported that children were congregating around the new seat near the Doctors Surgery and that they were also riding bikes dangerously down the road.

One motorbike had recently been spotted using the Country Park. It was also reported that vehicles were parking outside the Hub on North Wingfield Road which was causing an obstruction. PC Gough agreed to speak to them.

With reference to the Akita dog, only one incident had been reported to the Police and as yet the dog and its owner had not been found. PC Gough was investigating the used needles found by the Streetcleaner on Mill Lane.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Barker reported that he had made enquiries regarding the request to erect a "No through road" sign on Keats Way. The County Council had indicated that they did not provide such signs anymore. Councillor Mrs Hill reported that she had raised the matter with the District Council and they had the matter in hand.

Councillor Barker also reported that he had raised the matter of the trailer left outside the Cat Café on North Wingfield Road with the County Council. He would also report the broken 30mph road sign again to the County Council.

It was noted that Atkinson's had cut back the hedging on North Wingfield Road although there been an issue with the cuttings not being swept up.

The faulty speed sign on North Wingfield Road had still not been repaired.

Councillor Barker was also asked to raise the issue of the number of “arrow” signs that were on the Cory Coal roundabout.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

There were no District Council matters raised.

3336. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J Wood.

3337. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors I F Barlow, P J Hemsley, S Hinds and L Thomas declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 3342 refers). Councillor R W Marriott declared a pecuniary interest in the same item as an employee of the Community Centre.

Councillor L Thomas declared a personal interest in the item relating to Big Local as a member of the Big Local Board (Minute no. 3348 refers).

3338. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 January 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3339. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

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

3340. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 12 February 2020 which showed an overall balance of £98,759.33 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
03.02.20	Staff Salaries	January	BACS	£1,675.73	£0.00
11.02.20	PWLB	Loan Repayment	DD	£2,857.68	£0.00
12.02.20	Make Consultancy	Pavilion Project	BACS	£11,100.00	£1,850.00
12.02.20	J B Littlewood	Park Gates	BACS	£1,074.00	£179.00
12.02.20	GCC	Grant & Room Hire	BACS	£2,015.00	£0.00
12.02.20	Streetmaster	Roadside seat	BACS	£682.80	£113.80
12.02.20	Deltasimons	Ground Survey	BACS	£4,800.00	£0.00
15.02.20	Water Plus	Pavilion Water	DD	£8.69	£0.00

07.02.20	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£653.60	£0.00
25.02.20	Eon	Pavilion Electricity	DD	£30.00	£1.92

A transfer of funds from the Capital account to the Current account in the sum of £20,000.00 was agreed.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) authorise Councillor S Hinds to sign the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 12 February 2020;
(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above; and
(d) to approve the transfer of £20,000.00 from the Capital account to the Current account.

3341. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported that a meeting of the County Parish Liaison Forum was to be held on Monday 30 March 2020 at County Hall, Matlock between 6-8pm.

The Royal British Legion had sent a letter of thanks to the Parish Council for the donation to the Poppy Appeal following the Remembrance Sunday Service.

It was agreed that the Parish Council's thanks be passed on to Alan Ward, the Streetcleaner, for the sterling work he was doing in keeping the Park and the streets free of litter particularly after all the recent strong winds and gales.

3342. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the "opening" arrangements for the Bryan Garbutt Room were planned to coincide with the Easter Reaching Out activities on 7 April 2020. The arrangements for the ceremony would be clarified as soon as possible.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3343. BARNES PARK

It was reported that the contractor undertaking the works on Birkin Lane had damaged the Park fencing. The Clerk would take the matter up with the contractor.

The Clerk had received only one quote to date from Mounsey's Memorials for the cleaning of both Barnes Park and Winsick Park memorials. It was agreed that the Clerk remind the other companies contacted that they could still quote for the work should they so wish.

The Clerk reported that he had arranged a meeting with the Cricket Club for Wednesday 19 February to discuss the situation regarding the cricket netting and also progress with the Pavilion project. Councillors A H Booker and P J Hemsley agreed to attend the meeting with the Clerk.

It was agreed that the usual donation of £500.00 be made to the Grassmoor Fun Day. It was noted that the organisers were short of volunteers for this year's event. The Clerk agreed to put notices on Facebook and on the website seeking volunteers.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) agree a donation of £500.00 towards the Grassmoor Fun Day; and
(c) put a request for volunteers to help with the Funday on the Parish Council's website and on Facebook.

3344. CCTV

The Clerk reported that NW Systems had reported on the problems with the cameras on the Doctor's Surgery and John Singhs shop. The camera on John Singhs needed to be taken down to be checked if it was faulty beyond repair and the camera on the Surgery needed moving in order to pick up a signal from the receiver. The estimated costs of the work was £685.00. It was agreed that the Clerk place an order for the work to be undertaken as soon as possible.

RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to place an order for the repair works to be undertaken as soon as possible in the sum of £685.00.

3345. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

Councillor I F Barlow reported that he had attended the Allotment AGM and the Committee had been re-elected. Councillor Barlow indicated that owing to difficulties in getting around the site, he no longer felt able to fully undertake the role of being the representative of the Parish Council in dealings with the Allotments. Members of the Parish Council wished to place on record their thanks for the work he had undertaken with the allotments over a number of years. It was agreed that consideration of a replacement representative be considered further at the next Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3346. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

3347. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

It was noted that a decision was awaited on the missing fencing. It was reported that three interpretation boards were being erected on the Avenue Site by the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust in conjunction with the Friends of Grassmoor Country Park Group. It was intended that similar boards would be erected on the Lagoons site.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3348. BIG LOCAL

It was reported that a Big Local Open Forum Event was to be held between 11am-1pm on Saturday 14 March. It was noted that new representatives were required for Grassmoor and these would be appointed at the Forum. The Clerk agreed to publicise the event on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page.

The Friends of Grassmoor Country Park were holding their AGM on 6 March. The Group were also looking new members and volunteers. Again, the Clerk agreed to publicise this on the website and on Facebook.

RESOLVED to publicise the above on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page.

3349. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that the Working Group overseeing the project had met with Martin Hodge from Make Consultancy on 10 February to discuss the outcome of the tender process. A further detailed report on the outcome of this process would be presented in the exempt section of the meeting owing to the commercially sensitive information involved.

It was noted that the ground investigation survey had been completed and the report was awaited. It was not anticipated that any significant issues would be raised.

The capacity of the water and electricity supplies to the existing building had been provided to Make as requested. An asbestos survey on the existing building was required at an estimated cost of between £500-1,000. A waste assessment survey may be required, but Make would take further advice on this prior to proceeding. It was recommended that a survey of the drains be undertaken and the Clerk was arranging this.

The Clerk reported that he had asked NW Systems to provide a quote for CCTV coverage of the building which they had agreed to do. They had recommended that a stand-alone system be used.

It was noted that the Parish Council had previously agreed to underwrite the scheme should there be a short-fall in funding. This would be through a PWLB loan. To apply for such a loan, the Parish Council was required to obtain the Secretary of States approval and it was agreed that the Clerk take the necessary steps to progress this.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) agree to the necessary surveys being undertaken; and
(c) authorise the Clerk to apply to the Secretary of State for permission to take out a PWLB loan to cover any shortfall in funding for the project.

3350. VE DAY 2020

The Clerk reported that the Working Group and Janice Bedford had met on 4 February. Unfortunately, the Headteacher had been unable to attend the meeting as Ofsted were inspecting the School.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Working Group had concluded that there shouldn't be an event in the Park owing to the potential cost and the time such an event takes to organise.

The Working Group did propose however, to hold an event at the Centre with a 1940's theme and it was suggested that the Reaching Out Group may be a means of facilitating this. Councillor L Hartshorne agreed to liaise with the Reaching Out Group. It was also suggested that a short film, perhaps a PATHE News film could be shown.

The School had indicated that they would be happy to organise a party for the children on Thursday 7 May. The Working Group had considered possible attraction to put on such as a bouncy castle, swing boats or a carousel and the Clerk agreed to contact the School and arrange another meeting if necessary.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3351. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The Clerk reported that to apply for a loan to provide solar panels on the Community Centre through Salix, it would be necessary for the Parish Council to apply for a loan from the PWLB. To apply for a loan, the permission of the Secretary of State was required and the Council would need to demonstrate that the local community had been consulted and that budgetary provision had been made. It was agreed that the Clerk progress this at the appropriate time.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) to progress the application process for a PWLB loan at the appropriate time.

3352. CHIEF CONSTABLE'S TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL'S EVENING

The Clerk reported that the Chief Constable was holding a Town and Parish Council's Evening on 16 March 2020 at Police Headquarters. It was agreed that Councillors E A Hill and R W Marriott represent the Parish Council at the event.

RESOLVED that Councillors E A Hill and R W Marriott represent the Parish Council at the event.

3353. LITTER – FURNACE HILLOCK WAY

The Clerk reported that the District Council had agreed to undertake a litter pick on Furnace Hillock Way.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3354. CORY COAL ROUNDABOUT

The Clerk reported that the District Council had indicated that the Cory Coal roundabout was not maintained as other local roundabouts owing to the surface water which accumulated on the road. The Parish Council were unhappy with this response and Councillor Hill agreed to raise the matter with the District Council.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3355. HANGING BASKETS

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had signed for a three year contract with Plantscape for hanging baskets. It was agreed that the Clerk place an order for 35 hanging baskets as in previous years.

The Clerk also reported that Cubic Ultrasonic had once again offered to undertake the lamp column testing at a cost of £12.50 per column. It was agreed that the Clerk place an order for the testing of the lamp columns.

RESOLVED to (a) place an order for 35 hanging baskets for the 2020 season with Plantscape; and
(b) place an order with Cubic Ultrasonic for the testing of the hanging baskets at a cost of £12.50 per column.

3356. DERBYSHIRE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRE – DONATION

It was reported that North East Derbyshire District Council had agreed to cut its funding to the Unemployed Workers Centre raising the probability that if alternative sources of funding were not identified, that the Centre would close and a valuable service to the local community would be lost. It was agreed therefore, that a donation of £2,000.00 be made to the Centre.

RESOLVED to approve a donation of £2,000.00 to the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre.

3357. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
19/01159/LDC The Croft, Mansfield Road, Mile Hill Mrs L Booth	Application for lawful development certificate	This application had been refused by the District Council.
19/01230/OL The Coal Yard, North Wingfield Road	Application to vary conditions	The Parish Council objected to the proposal for a phased approach to the development to avoid delays in implementation. Voting: For - 6 Ags – 2 Abs - 2
20/00069/FLH	Removal of boundary wall and creation of	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

307 North Wingfield Road Mr A Doherty	hardstanding	
20/00058/FL Woodleigh Garage, North Wingfield Road	Construction of 3 business units for Class B1/B8 usage	The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds: The increased traffic caused by the development, including HGVs and the proximity to the School. The potential noise impact of the development on neighbouring residential properties. Voting: For - 8 Ags – 2 Abs - 0
20/00003/FLH 329 North Wingfield Road Mr M Walters	Removal of dropped kerb and creation of hardstanding	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
20/00104/FL 9 Dymond Grove Miss S Beighton	Change of use and conversion of garage to beauty salon	The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of clients parking in a residential area. Voting: For - 8 Ags – 2 Abs - 0

3358. 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.

- (a) Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 January 2020.
- (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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Chair