

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 10 June 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 J Wood.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Blaine Uknighted advised the Parish Council that the County Council had informed him that work would be undertaken to repair the grass verges on Broom Drive. However, if the verges were damaged again, they would not be repaired.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

There were no Police matters to report.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Barker reported that the County Council had decided to reverse its decision to close care homes. He had also allocated funding from his Members Community Leadership Scheme but had some funds left for suitable projects.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor E A Hill reported that she had been appointed to the Rykneld Community Committee.

3415. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor L Thomas.

3416. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors P J Hemsley, S Hinds, L Hartshorne and S Woods declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 3422 refers). Councillor R W Marriott declared a pecuniary interest in the same item as an employee of the Community Centre.

3417. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3418. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

3419. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 8 June 2020 which showed an overall balance of £116,406.78. The bank reconciliation could obviously not be signed but the Responsible Financial Officer had circulated a copy to every member by email.

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	Amount	VAT
01.06.20	Staff Salaries	March	BACS	£1,711.26	£0.00
01.06.20	HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£647.63	£0.00
10.06.20	Water Plus	Pavilion	DD	£8.69	£0.00
10.06.20	Eon	Pavilion	DD	£30.00	£1.42
10.06.20	G Birch Assoc	Barnes Park Project	BACS	£1,000.00	£0.00
10.06.20	A Ward	Expenses - Gloves	BACS	£21.49	£0.00
13.05.20	R Ackrill	Expenses - Zoom	BACS	£14.39	£2.40
10.06.20	A Ward	Expenses - Workwear	BACS	£33.48	£0.00
10.06.20	R Ackrill	Expenses - Stamps	BACS	£42.20	£0.00

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) agree the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 8 June 2020; and
(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

3420. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk reported on revisions to the Council's Standing Orders required to take account of the provisions of the Local Authority (Coronavirus) Flexibility of Local Meetings Regulations which came in to effect on 8 April 2020.

RESOLVED to approve the revisions to the Parish Council's Standing Orders.

3421. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the Parish Council request for a bus shelter at the junction of North Wingfield Road and Norfolk Avenue had been rejected on the grounds that the shelter would impair visibility at the junction. The Surveyors had looked at siting the shelter further back but again considered this to be unsafe. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council objecting to the decision and asking for it to be re-considered. Reference was made to the shelter near the junction with Westhill Lane which it was felt was in a similar position.

The Clerk had written to the District Council and Rykneld as requested to thank them for their in supporting the local community during the Covid-19 pandemic. Councillor Martin Thacker, Leader of the District Council had thanked the Parish Council for the letter.

It was reported that unfortunately Cubit Ultrasonic who test the lamp columns for the Parish Council had undertaken the work but the Clerk had not received the email by way of confirmation. The Clerk had therefore arranged for Plantscape to undertake the work. Cubit had queried the non-payment of the invoice and had sent the Clerk a copy of the invoice and email. It was agreed that Cubilt Ultrasonic be paid for the work undertaken in the sum of £437.50.

3422. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Centre Manager had been placed on Furlough with effect from 9 June in order to meet the deadline for newly furloughed staff. The Administrative Assistant was currently working again and was ensuring that bills were paid etc. The Clerk would arrange a meeting of the Management Committee as soon as possible. Little learners were pressing for an exit strategy to be developed as soon as possible.

The Centre Managers had made enquiries regarding the servicing of the boilers. Hamworthy's had advised that they were currently only undertaking emergency repairs so the servicing would need to be postponed.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3423. BARNES PARK

The Clerk reported that the Park Attendant and Streetcleaner had returned to work Risk assessments had been carried out and he had been provided with appropriate PPE and additional work clothing.

Councillor Hinds reported that there was no spring on the pedestrian gate at Winsick Park and the gate was often open. There was a danger that a child could run straight out on to the road. The Clerk agreed to contact the District Council to have a spring fitted to the gate and to ask that a sign be erected near to the entrance asking that the gate be kept closed.

The Clerk reported that he was trying to locate the whereabouts of the plaque that had been damaged in order that he could arrange for a replacement. It was noted that relatives of Mr Parrott had the plaque.

The Park Attendant and Streetcleaner had reported that the District Council staff who were cutting the grass in the Park were not checking for bottle and cans prior to cutting the grass. This meant that bottles and cans were being shredded by the mowers leaving glass and metal shards scattered over the Park and obviously presenting a danger to users, particularly children. The Clerk agreed to report the problem to the District Council.

Councillor L Hartshorne reported that the Big Local Partnership Board had agreed to include provision for new facilities In Winsick Park in their Local Plan.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the County Council regarding the flooding issue in the Park but to date had received no response.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) ask the District Council to replace the spring on the gate at Winsick Park and to erect a sign to keep the gate closed; and
(c) report the problem with the grass cutting to the District Council.

3424. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from the District Council Engineers Department indicating that they had asked for a quote to be provided for an additional lighting column on the Doctor's pathway.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3425. 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.

3427. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS

It was noted that works were being undertaken in the entrance to the Country Park owing to a gas leak.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3428. BIG LOCAL

Councillor L Hartshorne reported that the Big Local Partnership Board were seeking to increase the number of Neighbourhood Watch Groups operating in Grassmoor. It was agreed that the Parish Council should support the initiative.

RESOLVED to support the Neighbourhood watch initiative.

3429. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that the outcome of the PWLB loan consultation showed that 82.3% of those who participated, supported the proposal for a new community and sports hub. Of these 69.8% supported the proposal to take out a loan if necessary, to cover any funding shortfall. The results had been conveyed to the PWLB and the application had gone forward to the approver for consideration.

It was reported that Councillor L Hartshorne and the Clerk had attended a virtual meeting of the Big Local Partnership Board to discuss the project. The result was that the project had been approved with nine votes in favour with one abstention. The application would now go to the Big Local national body for approval.

Following the Partnership Board meeting, the Clerk had received a request from Mick Arnold, a Grassmoor representative on the Board, for the following statement to be read to the Parish Council:

“In order to clarify any misunderstanding over comments I made at a recent GHBL meeting regarding The Barnes Park Pavilion Project, I should be grateful if you could convey the following message to Parish Council Members:

I am aware that some Councillors may have received misinformation about my views expressed on the 28th of May 2020, at the GHBL Special Meeting to discuss the Grassmoor Sports, Leisure and Community Hub. I wish to make clear what I said at that meeting.

I did not vote against the project. I said the pavilion would be a great asset to Barnes Park and to the sports clubs. I said that there was no commitment from the Parish Council towards a public toilet facility, the responsibility would be passed on to the Operational Management Group. I also said that the figures for projected usage were optimistic and that in my opinion the building would only be used as a sports pavilion with little benefit to other user groups from the community, although with an increase in sports club usage there may be sufficient generated income to make the new pavilion a viable proposition.”

The Clerk reported on the revised conditions of grant acceptance from Big Local. It was agreed that the draft conditions be accepted subject to clarification and further detail on some points.

The Clerk had drafted terms of reference for the Operational Management Group and he had circulated these to the Parish Council. These had also been circulated to Big Local for comment. It was proposed that initially the Group should comprise representatives from the Parish Council, the Cricket and Football Clubs and Big Local. It was suggested that each of these core groups should have a main representative and a substitute representative on the Group. It was agreed that Councillor S Hinds be the Parish Council’s main representative on the Group with Councillor J Hartshorne being the substitute. It was noted that at some point in the future it was intended to have young persons representative on the Group.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) agree in principle, to the draft Big Local grant conditions;
(c) agree in principle, the draft terms of reference of the Operational Management Group; and
(d) to agree that Councillor S Hinds be the Parish Council’s main representative on the Group with Councillor J Hartshorne being the substitute representative.

3430. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

There were no matters relating to climate change to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3431. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
20/00281/NMA Barnes Park Pavilion Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council	Revised plans for Community Hub	The District Council had approved this application.

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Chair