

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 5 May 2021 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

County Councillor N Barker also attended the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters raised in public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

It was reported that there had been incidents of older children bullying younger children in Barnes Park and also incidents of teenagers drinking and smoking weed. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to the Police.

Members of the Council expressed concern over the difficulties in reporting problems to the Police and also the lack of response lack of response. The Clerk agreed to take this up with the Police.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

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

3603. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor P J Hemsley be appointed as Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

3604. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIR RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council Chair, Councillor P J Hemsley read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Parish Clerk.

Councillor P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

3605. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor A H Booker be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

3606. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor A H Booker.

3607. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillor L Hartshorne, P J Hemsley, S Hinds and J Wood declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 3619 refers). Councillor R W Marriott declared a pecuniary interest in the same item as an employee of the Community Centre.

Councillor I F Barlow declared a personal interest in the agenda item relating to Planning Matters (Minute no. 3630 refers) and in particular application 21/00371/FL as a member of the Cooperative Society.

3608. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3609. ITEMS IN EXCLUSION

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

3610. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 30 April 2021 which showed an overall balance of £199,299.71. The bank reconciliation could obviously not be signed but the Responsible Financial Officer had circulated a copy to every member by email.

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that he would be presenting the Annual Return and the accounts to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The VAT registration and option to tax had now been authorised and a VAT claim in the sum of £99k had been submitted with reimbursement awaited.

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
10.03.21	Big Local	Fun Day Donation	BACS	£250.00	£0.00
31.03.21	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	DD	£26.85	£0.00
01.04.21	Staff Salaries	March	BACS	£1,753.44	£0.00
01.05.21	Staff Salaries	April	BACS	£1,805.22	£0.00
05.05.21	HMRC	PAYE March	BACS	£690.54	£0.00
05.05.21	HMRC	PAYE April	BACS	£677.65	£0.00
05.05.21	Make Consultancy	Pavilion Project	BACS	£1,110.00	£185.00
05.05.21	NEDDC	Trade Waste	BACS	£589.42	£0.00
05.05.21	R Ackrill	Zoom fees	BACS	£14.39	£0.00
05.05.21	NEDDC	Dog bins	BACS	£790.56	£131.76
05.05.21	Cubit Ultrasonic	Lamp Column Tests	BACS	£437.50	£0.00
05.05.21	Defib Store Ltd	Defibrillator	BACS	£1,642.80	£273.80
05.05.21	J S Marriott	Postage Stamps	BACS	£7.92	£0.00
05.05.21	Enforcement Bailiffs Ltd	Illegal Camper	BACS	£1,230.00	£205.00
05.05.21	Wernick Construction	Pavilion	BACS	£142,201.17	£23,700.19
05.05.21	NEDDC	Cemetery Charges	BACS	£12,806.40	£2,134.40
05.05.21	Eon	Park Lighting	BACS	£55.80	£2.66
05.05.21	JKE Ltd	Pavilion Alarm	BACS	£2,296.85	£382.81
05.05.21	J Taylor	Internal Audit Fee	BACS	£187.50	£0.00
05.05.21	Edmundson Electrical	Light Guards - Pavilion	BACS	£427.20	£71.20
05.05.21	Appliances Direct	White Goods - Pavilion	BACS	£835.90	£0.00
05.05.21	Wernick Construction	Pavilion	BACS	£14,486.80	£2,414.47
05.05.21	R Ackrill	Zoom fees	BACS	£14.39	£0.00
05.05.21	Skyline Supplies	Pavilion	BACS	£851.54	£140.29
05.05.21	R Ackrill	Routers - Pavilion	BACS	£207.60	£34.60
05.05.21	A Ward	Keys - Pavilion	BACS	£28.00	£4.67
05.05.21	NW Systems	CCTV Maintenance	BACS	£1,440.00	£240.00

- RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;
(b) agree the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 30 April 2021; and
(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

3611. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk requested that the Parish Council review its Standing Orders. No changes were recommended.

RESOLVED to defer the re-adoption of the Parish Council's Standing Orders until the next Parish Council meeting.

3612. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk requested that the Parish Council review its Financial Regulations. No changes were recommended.

RESOLVED to re-adopt the Parish Council's Financial Regulations.

3613. REVIEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk reported on the review of the Parish Council's risk assessment. The assessment had been amended to take account of the risks presented by the Coronavirus pandemic.

RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council's revised Risk Assessment.

3614. REVIEW OF THE EQUALITIES POLICY

The Clerk presented a new Equalities Policy for approval.

RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council's Equalities Policy.

3615. ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk reported that it was a requirement that the Parish Council adopt the General Power of Competence on an annual basis should it wish to use it at any point. The Parish Council satisfied both the electoral mandate and qualified Clerk requirements.

RESOLVED to adopt the General Power of Competence.

3616. APPOINTMENTS TO GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESOLVED to appoint Councillors P J Hemsley, L Hartshorne, S Hinds and J Wood to serve on the Community Centre Management Committee for the forthcoming year.

3617. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chair's announcements.

3618. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Centre Manager post had been advertised on Facebook, the Parish Council website and also on North East Derbyshire District Council's

vacancy bulletin. Unfortunately, no applications had been received. The Clerk had arranged a meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee to discuss the matter further.

The Centre Manager reported that currently only Little Learners and Slimming World were using the Centre. The Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre were struggling financially although it was hoped they would be back towards the end of the month.

The Centre Manager had arranged additional cleaning following complaints about the cleanliness of the building.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3619. BARNES PARK AND WINSICK PARK

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that as a result of the construction of the new Pavilion, four trees in the Park had been taken down. The Parish Council had agreed to replace the trees. Neil Dolley, a local resident had offered the Parish Council 3 horse chestnut and 3 hazel nut trees for planting in the Park, all sourced from seed from trees from Grassmoor. It was agreed that the trees be planted at appropriate locations in the Park.

It was also noted that over the years more trees had been lost in the Park for various reasons including poplar trees which had been planted to commemorate local people who had died at war. Grassmoor Primary School had been initially involved in the planting of the poplar trees. The Chairman had approached the School who would be happy to be involved in a project to plant more trees in the Park.

The Clerk reminded the Council that it had previously agreed in principle to allow the cricket club to locate a steel 20ft container in the Park for them to store equipment in. The Cricket Club had indicated that they could manage with a 15ft container and it was proposed to locate in the corner of the Park along the Birkin Lane East boundary.

The Clerk reported that the cost of the repairs to the see saw in Barnes Park was £440.00 and he had authorised the District Council to undertake the repairs.

The unevenness of the paths alongside the cricket pitch was noted. It was agreed that the condition of all the paths in the Park be reviewed in time for the next years budget setting in December.

It was also agreed that the Park gates be repainted by the Parish Council's Handy Person prior to the Remembrance Sunday Service.

It was reported that a homeless man had been camping in Winsick Park which had been the subject of several complaints from local residents. The Clerk had engaged bailiffs to have him removed which had cost £1,005.00.

It was noted that the "Tommy" appeared to have been stolen from Winsick Park. The Clerk would ask local residents if they had taken it in. If not, he would order a replacement.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) agree to siting of the container long the Birkin Lane East Boundary;
(c) agree to make use of the trees kindly donated by Neil Dolley in Barnes Park;
(d) agree to work with the School in a project to plant more trees in the Park;
(e) note that an order had been placed to repair the broken see-saw in the Park at a cost of £440.00;
(f) review the condition of the paths in Barnes Park prior to the budget setting meeting in December 2021;
(g) agree that the Handyperson be asked to paint the Park gates in Barnes Park;
(h) note the actions of the Clerk in engaging bailiffs to remove the person camping in Winsick Park; and
(i) if necessary, the agree that a new “Tommy” or Winsick Park be purchased.

3620. CCTV

The Clerk reported that he had ordered the new camera for the rear of the Community Centre and it would be installed as soon as possible.

The Clerk had provided footage of three incidents which had occurred recently in the village.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3621. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that there was a problem with rats on the Allotments which was spreading to neighbouring properties. The Clerk agreed to report he problem to the Allotment Association.

RESOLVED to report the problem with rats to the Allotment Association.

3622. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

3623. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS AND COUNTRY PARK

It was reported that funding had been allocated for the fencing work on the Lagoons which would hopefully mean that the area could be opened up as part of the Country Park. The original paths were being sprayed and it was intended to remove the existing perimeter fencing apart from that along the boundary with the golf course.

Councillor L Hartshorne reported that the Friends of Grassmoor Country Park were looking into the possibility of relocating the old pit wheel to a more suitable location within the Country Park.

It was also reported that the Country Park would be the location for a memorial woodland garden for victims of Covid.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3624. BIG LOCAL

It was noted that the defibrillator had been delivered and would be fitted to the Pavilion as soon as was possible.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3625. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Parish Council had taken possession of the building on 16 April 2021. Representatives of the Parish Council, the Cricket Club and Big Local had attended the hand over meeting. A "snagging list" had been identified and Wernick had undertaken the works on the list. The Clerk had arranged for insurance cover from this date. The Clerk reported that the alarm for the building had been installed and was now in use.

The Clerk reported that JP Fire Safety had undertaken a fire risk assessment and had provided fire extinguishers and fire blankets etc.

Magnet had been asked to provide a design for additional kitchen units and this was awaited. White goods for the kitchen had been ordered and delivered with the exception of the cooker which was due to be delivered on 3 June. The microwave when delivered had been damaged. Arrangements were being made for it to be replaced.

Tables and chairs had been borrowed from the Community Centre in order that the space could be better planned. The Clerk would order tables and chairs as soon as possible. Crockery had been purchased from Skyline and had been delivered.

The OMG had agreed to be set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the Clerk was in the process of setting up a bank account.

The Clerk reported that he would be applying for the outstanding 5% balance of the Sport England funding as soon as possible. Approximately £27k of funding remained outstanding from Big Local. The Clerk reported that he would be submitting invoices to Big Local for around £13.5k with the remaining balance being held back by Big Local pending completion of all outstanding matters such as the completion of the kitchen.

There had been some confusion over the naming of the building. Big Local were happy with the name Barnes Park Community Pavilion but had suggested that the building should also have a feature name. Suggestions for such a name would be welcomed.

It was noted that a letter had been received from Big Local regarding progress with the project and other matters. The Clerk agreed to respond.

It was agreed that a visit for Parish Councillors be arranged.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3626. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

There were no matters relating to climate change to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3627. ADDITIONAL LIGHTING - DOCTORS PATH

It was reported that the ownership of the lighting remained unclear. It was suggested that it may be possible to install a double headed light unit as opposed to additional lighting.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3628. VIRTUAL MEETINGS

The Clerk reported that the court case that would have allowed virtual formal meetings of the Parish Council to continue after 7 May had been lost. The Government had not given any indication that it intended to introduce legislation in the future to permit virtual meetings. This meant that from the June meeting onwards meetings would have to be held in person. The Local Government Association were however, seeking evidence in order to press for a change in legislation in the future.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3629. LOCAL AUTHORITY TREESCAPES FUND

The Clerk reported on the provisions of the Local Authority Treescapes Fund which allowed bids for funding of £50k to be submitted through the County Council for schemes for large scale tree planting.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3630. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
21/00062/FLH 151 North Wingfield Road Mr Rowan	Flat roofed extension	This application had been conditionally approved.
21/00299/FL Land to rear 109-247 Mansfield Road	Varying of condition 1	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Persimmon Homes		
21/00082/LDC 171 Mansfield Road Mr D Norton	Certificate of lawful use	Further information required.
21/01219/FLH 18 Windwhistle Drive Mrs J Snelson	Front porch	This application had been conditionally approved.
21/00149/FL 232 North Wingfield Road Mr S Cowell	Change of use from shop to dwelling	This application had been conditionally approved.
21/00176/DISCON 143 Mansfield Road Mr L Hewitt	Discharge of conditions 5,6,8,10,14 &21	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
20/01319/FLH 87 Churchside Mr S Cooper	Two storey rear extension	This application had been conditionally approved.
21/00371/FL Woodleigh Motor Sales Ltd Central England Cooperative	Construction of Coop Local Food Store	The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Section 106 funding would be requested for highway improvements in respect of this application.
21/00244/FL Land west of Mile Hill House Mr S Jackson	Residential development of 14 x 4 bed dwellings	The Parish Council had no objections to this application. Section 106 funding would be requested.
21/00360/FL Mill Lane Farm	Barn conversion	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Mr W Briddon		
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The Clerk reported that notice of a planning application from Gladmans in respect of land at Hagg Hill had been received. The Parish Council had concerns over the development but these would be presented when the planning application was out for consultation.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) submit comments to the District Council as detailed above

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Chair