

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 9 March 2022 at the Grassmoor Community Pavilion.

PRESENT

P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors M Durrant, J Hartshorne, L Hartshorne, S Hinds, B Uknighted and J Wood.

Also in attendance – County Councillor and J Woolley.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters taken in public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

There were no matters relating to policing to report.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor J Woolley attended the meeting to discuss matters relating to the County Council.

Councillor Woolley reported that the level of the pavement across the main entrance to Barnes Park had been raised to hopefully prevent at least some water entering the Park. The Parish Council requested that a similar arrangement be put in place near the pedestrian access on North Wingfield Road adjacent to the play equipment. Councillor Woolley was also asked to look into the on-going flooding problem on the road near the zebra crossing. It was also reported that the gully on Vernon Rise near the junction with Birkin Lane was completely blocked. It was noted that the capital works previously referred to on Birkin Lane were for near the entrance to the Country Park as opposed to near the Park.

Councillor Woolley reported that a site meeting had been held to look at the issues with the pavements on Broom Drive. County Council Officers would look into the issues.

Councillor Woolley referred to an email which had been circulated to all Parish Councillors, which set out the reasoning behind the decisions as to which roads in the area would be resurfaced. Councillor Durrant also referred to information received from the County Council arising from an FOI request which he agreed to circulate. Councillor Woolley agreed to arrange a site meeting with officers so that the matter could be discussed further.

Councillor Woolley confirmed that he would provide £200.00 to help fund the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. He also indicated that he still had funding available from his Community Leadership Fund. It was suggested that perhaps this funding could be used to pay for installation of the seat to be purchased to commemorate the Jubilee.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor L Hartshorne reported that a planning application had been submitted regarding the provision of parking places on Broom Drive (see also minute no. 3800).

Councillor Hartshorne also referred to the issue of dog fouling around the Opal Street area of Winsick. He and Councillor Durrant had leafleted the area on the matter. The District Council would monitor the area and they had suggested that it would be a good idea to put up a permanent dog fouling sign in the area. The Parish Council agreed to fund this sign.

It was reported that it was the District Parish Liaison meeting on 18 March 2022. It was suggested that for a future meeting an item for discussion could be around how the District Council were ensuring that the services they provided for matters such as park maintenance were as green as possible.

Councillor Hartshorne also referred to a motion to the Council meeting relating to the Councillors Code of Conduct not covering comments and actions in a councillors' private lives.

3784. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors A H Booker, E A Hill, J Marriott and R W Marriott and County Councillor C Cupit.

3785. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors L Hartshorne, P 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. 3789 refers).

3786. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3787. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 28 February 2022 which showed an overall balance of £133,671.15. The bank reconciliation had been circulated to every member by email.

It was agreed that payments be authorised as detailed below:

Date	Payee	Details	Reference	TOTAL	VAT Inputs
01.02.22	L Hartshorne	Electric work at Pavilion	109BACS	£150.00	£0.00
07.02.22	BT	Pavilion	110DD	£98.28	£16.38
09.02.22	A Ward	Refuse sacks	111BACS	£10.00	£1.67
17.02.22	Business	Waste water	112DD	£42.70	£0.00

	Stream				
21.02.22	R Ackrill	Mouse & Keyboard	113BACS	£22.99	£0.00
22.02.22	NW Security Systems	CCTV maintenance contract	114BACS	£1,662.00	£277.00
01.03.22	Staff Salaries	February	115BACS	£2,030.11	£0.00
01.03.22	HMRC	PAYE February	115BACS	£456.74	£0.00
01.03.22	R Ackrill	Zoom expenses	116BACS	£100.73	£0.00
09.03.22	TV Licensing	Pavilion TV	DD	41.00	£0.00
09.03.22	NW Security	CCTV Maintenance	117BACS	£216.00	£36.00
09.03.22	J S Marriott	Postage	118BACS	£7.92	£0.00
09.03.22	BT	Pavilion	119DD	£98.28	£16.38
09.03.22	Metro Rod	Barnes Park Drains	120BACS	£108.00	£18.00
09.03.22	R Ackrill	Laptop	121BACS	£533.99	£89.00

It was noted that National Joint Council had agreed a pay award for public sector employees of 1.75% backdated to 1 April 2021. It was also noted that the National Minimum Wage was increasing by 6.6% to £9.50 per hour with effect from 1 April 2022.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) agree the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 28 February 2022; and
(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

3788. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chair's announcements.

3789. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that Michelle Woodall had started work as Community Facilities Manager on 8 March 2022. The Clerk had purchased a laptop for Michelle in order to ensure that she was able to work as flexibly as possible. Interviews for the cleaner's post would be held as soon as possible.

There was no further news to report on the proposed sale of the Little Learners.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3790. BARNES PARK AND WINSICK PARK

The Clerk reported that he had Councillor L Hartshorne had met with Jack Beardsmore the new District Council Streetscene Co-ordinator for the area. It was a positive meeting and a way forward was agreed on the outstanding maintenance and other works identified in Barnes Park.

The Clerk agreed to remind Philip Heath to cut back further the hedging and trees along the boundary on Norfolk Avenue.

With regard to the flooding problems in the Park, the Clerk reported that MetroRod had agreed to survey the layout and condition of the drains in the Park including the exploratory dig around the area where the water was entering the Park. As previously mentioned, alleviating the road flooding issues outside the School and raising the pavement near the other North Wingfield Road entrances to the Park would hopefully improve the situation. It was also agreed in principle, that if there were future incidents of flooding, that the Parish Council could cover the costs of clearing the mud etc from neighbouring properties affected.

It was also noted that many of the residents had over the years removed the hedging along the Durham Avenue border to the Park. It was agreed that advice be sought regarding planting low level hedging along the boundary to help hold the water in the Park.

The Clerk reported that a site meeting had been held to look at the provision of new play equipment in Winsick Park. Unfortunately however, the ground was extremely wet and boggy and it was not considered feasible to put new equipment in the Park. It was noted that there was a new play area provided on the new estate.

It was agreed that alternative uses for the Park such as a wildlife area/trail be explored further, possibly as part of a community project.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) note that MetroRod would be undertaking a survey of the drains in the Park;
(c) agree in principle to cover the costs of clearing mud etc from properties affected by the flooding;
(d) seek advice regarding the planting of low-level hedging along the Durham Avenue boundary to the Park; and
(e) explore alternative uses for Winsick Park such as a wildlife area/trail.

3791. CCTV

The Clerk reported that NW Systems had undertaken the annual maintenance visit last week. They had also fitted the SD cards to the cameras at the Pavilion.

The Clerk had contacted ASI regarding using SD cards in the cameras at Winsick which may be a more cost-effective option. ASI considered that accessing footage would be very difficult using SD cards. The Clerk agreed to look at alternative providers for the scheme but did point out that other than ASI, he had previously failed to find a company prepared to take on the scheme.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3792. 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.

3794. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS, AVENUE WASHLANDS AND COUNTRY PARK

It was reported that the Lagoons link path was not in a very good condition. As a result, the County Council and the Green and Open Spaces Working Group were seeking to sort funding to improve the condition. It was also hoped to extend the pathway from the woodland area to connect to main pathway.

It was planned to have a memorial bench at the viewing area at the top of the Lagoons and a litter pick was being arranged.

It was noted that the pathway at the Corbriggs end of the Park had been washed away during the recent bad weather. It had been replaced by a tarmac path.

The Don Valley River Catchment Trust were actively seeking alternative providers to produce the drawings for the proposed wetland area.

The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust were holding a Avenue Washlands Nature Reserve Open Day on Saturday 9 July 2022.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3795. BIG LOCAL

It was reported that the Big Local Open Forum was to be held on Saturday 19 March at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3796. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that he had attended the meeting of the Big Local Partnership Board on 17 February to present the revised 5-Year Business Plan. The Plan had been well received by members of the Board and it had been agreed that it be reviewed again after 12 months in 2023.

The issue with the solar panels had still not been resolved although it was hoped this would be sorted in the near future.

It was noted that the final contractual snagging meeting was due to be held at the end of March. It was agreed that either The Old Know or Rykneld be engaged to provide specialist advice.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) engage either The Old Know or Rykneld be engaged to provide specialist advice to the snagging meeting.

3797. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with the Friends of North East Derbyshire Climate Change Action Group to discuss the Parish Council's response to the Climate Change emergency. The meeting was very positive and it was agreed that the Parish Council's Climate Change Action Plan was a good starting point for further development work in the field. The key points arising from the meeting were:

- The Parish Council should wherever possible, lead by example and demonstrate leadership in its actions and policies such as using green energy suppliers.
- The Parish Council should provide practical information and where possible, advice to the local community on climate change issues.
- The Parish Council should use events to promote climate change issues.
- The Parish Council should seek to engage with the wider community including schools and local businesses. This included establishing a wider community action group as well as specific community projects.
- The Parish Council should look to appoint Community Champions for specific subject areas such as parks and allotments.
- The Parish Council should challenge suppliers such as the District Council for park maintenance on what they are doing for climate change and where possible appropriate provision should be made in contracts.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3798. ADDITIONAL LIGHTING - DOCTORS PATH

The Clerk reported that a response was awaited from Rykneld regarding the additional lighting on the path.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3799. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Clerk reported that Big Local had arranged meetings to discuss arrangements to celebrate the Jubilee in Barnes Park on 2 June. For the purposes of insurance, it had been agreed that the Parish Council would be the responsible body for the event. The Clerk had taken advice from the Parish Council's insurers and it was unlikely that there would be an additional premium for the event.

It was agreed that the Clerk order a seat from Fabrications North East Limited in the sum of £1,250.00 with the colours to be purple and black. The Clerk would investigate a seat that could be located in Winsick Park.

The Clerk would arrange for the hanging baskets to be coloured red, white and blue. It was also suggested that the planted area near the Doctor's Surgery to be planted out in the design of a Union Jack. The Clerk would investigate this further.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;

- (b) agree to purchase a bench from Fabrications North East Limited in the sum of £1,250.00;
- (c) explore the options for a bench to be located in Winsick Park; and
- (d) arrange for the hanging baskets to be coloured red, white and blue and to explore the planting of the area near the Doctor's Surgery.

3800. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
21/01499/FLH 18 Frederick Street Mr J Caddick	Single storey side extension.	This application had been conditionally approved.
21/01470/FL Land to West of 90-100 Broom Drive NEDDC	Provision of 22 parking places	This Parish Council had no objections to this application.
21/0015/FLH 33 Durham Avenue Mr S Allen	Proposed single storey extension	This Parish Council had no objections to this application.
21/01320/FL Woodleigh Garage Mr J Elliott	Change of use and extension of vehicle repair garage and storage premises	This Parish Council had no objections to this application.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3801. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED that under Regulation 4 (2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

Summary of proceedings conducted after the public had been excluded from the meeting

Exempt minutes of the Parish Council held on 9 February 2022.

3802. EXEMPT MINUTES RESOLVED that the Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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