

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 13 April 2022 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance – County Councillor C Cupit.

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 C Cupit attended the meeting to discuss matters relating to the County Council.

Councillor Cupit reported that the County Council had agreed to raise the pavement near the entrance to the Park opposite the play equipment and they would look at the issue of flooding near the zebra crossing adjacent to the School.

It was also reported that the District Council had been asked to clear the gullies on Vernon Rise near the junction with Birkin Lane. The Clerk reported that MetroRod were looking at the drains in the Park which may shed more light on how water was entering the Park. The report was awaited.

Councillor Cupit confirmed that she and Councillor Woolley would provide a combined total of £500.00 to help fund the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. The Parish Council thanked the County Councillors for the contribution.

Councillor Cupit reported that there was a problem with the slurry sealing on Broom Drive which would require fixing at some point but which may involve the County Council making a claim against the contractor.

Regular meetings were continuing with the Managing Director of Harron Homes regarding the problems on the Windwhistle estate. Ultimately, if the problems were not rectified, this may involve planning enforcement action being taken against Harron. Councillor Cupit agreed to copy the Parish Council into correspondence on the issues. It was also noted that road name signs on the estate were missing.

Reference was made to the trailer which was parked on the main road and which had been there for many months. Councillor Cupit was asked to investigate if anything could be done about the problem.

Concern was expressed that Grassmoor Primary School was full and that local children in some cases were unable to get a place at the School. This meant that they had to travel elsewhere including North Wingfield which was along a very narrow pavement which was dangerous. Councillor Cupit agreed to ask for a briefing and projections for the School and would report back to the next meeting.

Councillor Woolley had emailed the Parish Council with details of a scheme to provide speed indicator devices. The scheme provided financial assistance to purchase the signs with the Parish Council agreeing in return to cover the costs of maintenance and replacement in the future. The Clerk agreed to look at the costs of the signs and any maintenance requirements.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor L Hartshorne reported that he had asked the District Council for an explanation as to why the 5G mast planning application had been turned down given the poor coverage in the area. He had also asked what efforts were made to find a suitable alternative location for a mast.

3803. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor J Hartshorne be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

Councillor J Hartshorne (in the Chair)

3804. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors A H Booker, P J Hemsley, E A Hill, J Marriott, R W Marriott and B Uknighted and County Councillor J Woolley.

3805. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS Councillors L Hartshorne, 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. 3809 refers).

3806. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3807. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 31 March 2022 which showed an overall balance of £130,774.41. 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
01.03.22	TV licence	Pavilion	DD	£41.00	£0.00
07.03.22	NW Security	CCTV maintenance	117BACS	£216.00	£36.00
08.03.22	J S Marriott	Postage stamps	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
10.03.22	Metro Rod	Credit note	CR	-£108.00	-£18.00
31.03.22	Unity Trust	Charges	DD	£24.75	£0.00
28.03.22	A Ward	Refuse bags & Keys	122BACS	£51.50	£8.58
31.03.22	Cheque 071	Cancelled	71	-£500.00	£0.00
01.04.22	Staff Salaries	March 2022	1BACS	£2,272.60	£0.00
01.04.22	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE -March	1BACS	£624.83	£0.00
01.04.22	Grassmoor Community Centre	Grant	2BACS	£2,000.00	£0.00
01.04.22	Grassmoor Community Centre	Room Hire	3BACS	£58.75	£0.00
01.04.22	NEDDC	Cemetery	4BACS	£13,601.78	£2,266.96
01.04.22	NEDDC	Dog Bins	5BACS	£810.00	£135.00
01.04.22	NEDDC	Election Costs Nov 2021	6BACS	£4,401.18	£0.00

- RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;
(b) agree the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 31 March 2022; and
(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

3808. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that Cubit Ultrasonic had undertaken the testing of the lamp columns for the hanging baskets. One column had failed the test. The Clerk would arrange for permission to be obtained for the hanging baskets from the County Council.

3809. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that Michelle Woodall, the new Community Facilities Manager had attended her first meeting of the Management Committee on 11 April. The Committee had identified that the priorities for Michelle should be to ensure that all policies and procedures were up to date and fit for purpose, to clarify staff roles and responsibilities, to identify staff training needs and to look at some "quick wins" in terms of development.

Unfortunately, soon after Michelle had started, the Community Centre boiler had broken. Michelle had encountered considerable difficulty in finding someone able to undertake the necessary repairs. She had however, now found a suitable contractor and the repairs would be undertaken as soon as possible. The cost of the repairs would be £3,500.00 which would be met by the Parish Council as owner of the building.

The door to the bin area of the Centre was in a poor condition and may need to be replaced. Again, this would be for the Parish Council to fund.

Applications had been considered for the vacant cleaning position. As a result, two cleaners had been appointed who would also help with the cleaning of the Pavilion.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) agree to cover the costs of the repair of the boiler; and
(c) agree to cover the costs of any repairs to the rear door or its replacement.

3810. BARNES PARK AND WINSICK PARK

The Clerk reported that MetroRod had undertaken a survey of the drain near the football pitch. They would be undertaking an exploratory dig around the area where the water enters the Park near Birkin Lane.

It was reported that the poplar tree at the back of the bungalow on the Durham Avenue boundary near Birkin Lane was leaning. The Clerk had asked Philip Heath to look to see if it was safe. The Clerk had also received a complaint from the resident of 2 Durham Avenue that the poplar tree adjacent to the property was shedding branches which were landing in the garden. Again, the Clerk had asked Philip Heath to investigate.

The Clerk reported that RP Fencing had agreed to quote for the work to repair the fencing at 71 Norfolk Avenue. Unfortunately, there was a delay of several weeks waiting for the quote.

The Clerk reported that he had chased the District Council regarding the matters identified in the inspection report on the play equipment and also the position with regard to removing the K frame barriers. It was noted that the rope swing was broken and had been taken out of use. The Clerk had asked the District Council to arrange for the swing to be repaired.

It was reported that funding had been obtained for an oak tree to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. A suitable location for the tree would need to be identified.

The Clerk reported details of the Local Authority Treescapes Fund and the Urban Tree Challenge schemes which were now open for applications. It was agreed that unfortunately, the timing of the application process meant that the Parish Council could not take advantage of the schemes.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) agree that the rope swing be repaired.

3811. CCTV

With regard to the proposed CCTV at Winsick, the Clerk reported that he had not identified any new companies to quote for the scheme, noting that several companies had previously refused to do so. He would however, continue to look at options.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3812. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that the Allotment Association were holding a garden party on 2 May 2022 between 1pm and 4pm.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3813. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

3814. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS, AVENUE WASHLANDS AND COUNTRY PARK

The Don Valley River Catchment Trust had received revised plans from an alternative provider which would be gone through in detail. The Trust were also looking to engage with the Primary School on projects relating to the Country Park.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3815. BIG LOCAL

It was noted that Councillor Durrant and Catherine Eyre had been appointed to the Big Local Partnership Board. Big local had set revised budgets covering the next three year period.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3816. BARNES PARK PROJECT

The Clerk reported that the final contractual snagging meeting had been held on 11 April 2022. The Parish Council had engaged Tom Oldknow to provide specialist advice. Two main issues had been identified. Firstly, the guttering which was considered to be insufficient for the size of the roof. Secondly, gaps in the insulation around the joints in the roof space. A response to these issues was awaited from Wernick.

The Clerk reported that he was still chasing Eon regarding the solar panels.

It was noted that there had been an issue of noise arising from a race night held at the Pavilion on 8 April. The Cricket Club had been contacted and had agreed to ensure that there was no repeat. Michelle Woodall would be liaising with the Cricket Club regarding the alcohol licence for the Pavilion.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3817. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The Clerk reported that the Community Centre Management Committee were looking at ways in which they could support the Parish Council's climate change agenda. They had agreed to look at recycling bins for both the Community Centre and the Pavilion. It was also intended to introduce an eco-friendly strategy for the Centre generally.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3818. ADDITIONAL LIGHTING - DOCTORS PATH

The Clerk reported that the District Council had previously produced a scheme for the lighting on the pathway with a lighting contractor. Unfortunately, the contractor had subsequently gone out of business. They were looking at alternative providers.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3819. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Clerk reported that he had ordered a bench from Fabrications North East Limited as agreed at the last meeting. However, upon further investigation, the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer had serious concerns regarding the financial viability of the company and as a result, the Clerk had cancelled the order. Details of alternative seats had been circulated and it was agreed that the preferred seat was one from BMD Limited. The Clerk would investigate further and place an order as soon as possible.

The Clerk had arranged for the hanging baskets to be coloured red, white and blue. The Clerk had investigated the possibility of planting the area near the Doctor's Surgery in the design of a Union Jack. It was agreed not to pursue this idea.

The School Parliament had suggested that key rings be purchased for all the children at the School. The Clerk had circulated some examples. The Parish Council were uncertain as to the best option so the Clerk was asked to seek advice from the School.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;
(b) agree to purchase a bench from BMD Limited; and
(c) consult the School on the type of key rings to be purchased.

3820. COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The Parish Council noted and expressed concern over the current situation regarding the cost-of-living crisis and it considered what actions it could take to assist local residents to overcome these issues.

It was noted that the Parish Council's ability to take direct action was limited particularly in terms of the resources it had at its disposal. It could however act as means of

disseminating information to local residents on the services and information available using the Parish Council's website, Facebook page, noticeboards etc.

It was agreed that this would be a standing item on future Parish Council agendas.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3821. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
21/00244/FL Land North West of Mile Hill House Mr S Jackson	14 x 4 bed dwellings	This application had been refused.
22/00013/FL Land to south east of Winsick Park Mr J Stone	Application vary condition 2	This application had been conditionally approved.
21/0015/FLH 33 Durham Avenue Mr S Allen	Proposed single storey extension	This application had been conditionally approved.
22/00038/DISCON 143 Mansfield Road Mr L Hewitt	Discharge of conditions	Conditions discharged.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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Chair