

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

PRESENT

Councillor P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

Also in attendance – County Councillors C Cupit and J Woolley.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters taken in public participation.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

There were no matters relating to the Police to report.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillors C Cupit and J Woolley attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on matters relating to the County Council.

Councillor Woolley reminded the Parish Council that he had not attended a meeting for a few months and asked if there were any outstanding matters that needed attention. He was aware of outstanding issues in respect of barriers around the overgrown pond on Birkin Lane and various issues regarding road surfaces. Councillor A H Booker reminded Councillor Woolley that he had agreed to ask the County Council about the poor condition of the footpath between Chapel Road and Chapman Lane.

Councillor Cupit reported that the County Council were in the process of consulting on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order in respect of an extension to the 30mph speed limit on Hagg Hill. The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council respond positively in favour of the proposed Order.

Councillor Cupit also agreed to chase the County Council regarding the faulty speed indicator sign on North Wingfield Road.

Further meetings had been held with the Managing Director of Harron Homes regarding the issues on the Windwhistle Farm development. The remedial works were progressing and further regular meetings would be held.

Councillor Cupit was aware of Councillor L Hartshorne's representations on the issue phone masts. She would liaise further with Councillor Hartshorne outside of the meeting.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor L Hartshorne reported that he had raised the issue of the overgrown hedge between New Street and Chapman Lane with the District Council and it had been added to the regular schedule of works.

Councillor Hartshorne reported that he had been contacted by a Winsick resident who wanted the 30mph speed limit extended along Mansfield Road to the roundabout. Councillor Hartshorne had contacted the County Council who had indicated that the speed limit would not be extended.

3868. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors and E A Hill, J Hartshorne, J Marriott, R W Marriott, and B Uknighted.

3869. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS Councillors 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. 3873 refers). Councillor A H Booker declared a personal interest in the same item as his wife worked for the Community Centre.

3870. MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3871. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 30 June 2022 which showed an overall balance of £126,976.63. The bank reconciliation had been circulated to every member by email.

The budget monitoring report to 30 June 2022 was presented and noted.

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that the Parish Council's insurance renewal premium was due prior to the September Council meeting. It was agreed the policy be renewed with the details being reported to the September meeting.

It was agreed that payments be authorised as detailed below:

Date	Details	Method	TOTAL	VAT Inputs
15.06.22	Grassmoor School Trip Donation	35BACS	£200.00	£0.00
30.06.22	Unity Trust - Charges	DD	£24.60	£0.00
30.06.22	Belfast Metal Design - Jubilee Bench	36BACS	£1,015.00	£0.00
30.06.22	Metro Rod - Flood survey	37BACS	£1,200.00	£200.00
01.07.22	Staff Salaries - June	38BACS	£2,114.62	£0.00
01.07.22	HMRC - PAYE June	38BACS	£525.16	£0.00
01.07.22	Plantscape Ltd - Hanging Baskets	39BACS	£5,161.20	£860.20
01.07.22	GCC - Grant & Room Hire	40BACS	£2,032.50	£0.00
01.07.22	R Ackrill - Zoom fee	41BACS	£14.39	£0.00
01.07.22	BT - Pavilion	42BACS	£98.28	£16.38
13.07.22	Npower – Park Lights	43BACS	£79.06	£3.76
13.07.22	Chandlers Building Surveyors - Pavilion	44BACS	£400.00	£0.00
01.08.22	PWLB – Loan Repayment	DD	£2,702.97	£0.00
01.08.22	Staff Salaries - July	BACS	£2,142.63	£0.00
01.08.22	HMRC -PAYE July	BACS	£497.15	£0.00
01.08.22	GCC - Grant & Room Hire	BACS	£2,032.50	£0.00
01.08.22	R Ackrill - Zoom Fee	BACS	£14.39	£0.00
01.08.22	BT - Pavilion	BACS	£98.28	£16.38

- RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;
(b) agree the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 30 June 2022;
(c) note the budget monitoring report to 30 June 2022;
(d) approve the renewal of the Parish Council's insurance policy; and
(d) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

3872 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner was organising a Summit for local councillors to be held on 26 July 2022.

The Chair reported that she had been invited to judge the scarecrow competition at the Mill Lane Allotments Open Day on 6 August.

3873. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that Andrew (Rod) Hill had resigned from his position as Caretaker at the Community Centre. The Management Committee would consider options for his replacement at its meeting on 20 July 2022.

Draft policies and procedures had been produced and these would be considered and hopefully approved at the Management Committee meeting.

The Responsible Financial Officer had prepared a draft budget for the Centre which again would be considered by the Management Committee on 20 July.

Little Learners had confirmed that they were officially closing at the end of July. The Community Facilities Manager was trying to contact the interested party in taking it over, but no response had been received to date.

The Community Facilities Manager had been in discussions with the Adult Education Service and other training providers regarding them organising sessions at the Centre. She had also talked to PC K Gough regarding Police Drop-In sessions and also wedding fair companies with a view to having wedding fairs at weekends.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3874. BARNES PARK AND WINSICK PARK

The Clerk reported that he had attended a second meeting with Big Local and a playground company representative regarding the proposed project to provide additional play equipment in Barnes Park. A scheme would be produced for consideration. The scheme would include provision for new footpaths, although it was not clear whether this would be fully covered by the funding for the project.

No further information had been received from the County Council regarding the flooding issue in the Park. Councillor L Hartshorne reported that he had been in contact with the Don Valley River Trust Catchment Trust regarding the problem.

The Parish Council were reminded that owing to the poor drainage on Winsick Park, it would not be possible to have new play equipment. Instead, the Parish Council had agreed to pursue the idea of a wildlife trail in the Park and this was being considered by the Big Local Green and Open Spaces Working Group. It was understood that re-wilding grants were available for some projects.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3875. PARISH COUNCIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

It was reported that the Parish Council, the Community Centre, the Pavilion and Big Local all struggled to deliver important messages about services and activities in the local area through the various forms of social media which was used increasingly by local residents and in particular, by younger residents. It was agreed in principle therefore to look at employing someone to undertake this work on behalf of the Parish Council, the Community Centre, the Pavilion and Big Local.

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3876. BARNES PARK COMMUNITY PAVILION

The Clerk reported that Eon had contacted him and had asked for new meter readings which had been provided. Hopefully the situation could now be resolved although Eon had said it could take up to 8 weeks to sort out.

The Community Facilities Manager was continuing to look at the policies and procedures relevant to the Pavilion.

The Clerk reported that Chandler's Building Surveyor's had been engaged to offer advice on the size of the guttering and the dispute with Wernick. They had prepared a report which could conclude that the guttering was not adequate for the size of the building. At the same time, Wernick had agreed to replace the guttering but had not indicated to with what size. The Clerk had asked Wernick to clarify the size of the guttering.

The Community Facilities Manager was aware of the issue of alcohol sales in the Pavilion. Discussions were on-going with the Cricket Club and all alcohol had been removed from the building.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3877. COST OF LIVING CRISIS

It was noted that the summer activities for children were taking place in the Pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11am and 3pm between 25 July and 25 August 2022.

It was noted that the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers were providing drop-in sessions from the Hasland Hub. It was hoped that at some point in the future, sessions would return to the Community Centre.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3878. CCTV

There were no matters relating to CCTV to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3879. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Allotment Association had responded to the issue of rats on the site. They had spoken to members who kept poultry and asked them to be vigilant and not leave any food out and had asked all members to keep their plots tidy.

The Association had reported that after a two-year absence they were holding an Open Day on 6 August where the usual competitions. It was agreed that the Parish Council make a donation of £200.00 towards the cost of the prize fund

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) make a donation of £200.00 towards the cost of the prize fund

3880. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

3881. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS, AVENUE WASHLANDS AND COUNTRY PARK

The Friends of Grassmoor Country Park Group had confirmed that funding had been obtained for the work for the link path between the Lagoons and the main Park, although the funding had not yet been released.

It was noted that an exploratory bore hole was proposed near the Corbriggs car park to monitor water levels following the shutting-off of the pumps in the mines.

A site meeting was being arranged for all interested parties regarding the proposed wetland area. It was hoped to finalise the plans with a view to work commencing in September this year.

It was noted that several of the trees in the Covid Memorial Garden had died. The trees would be replaced by the Countryside Service.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3882. BIG LOCAL

There were no matters relating to Big local to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3883. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The Clerk reported that he and the Community Facilities Manager were looking at the options for recycling bins for the Pavilion and Centre. It was unclear as to whether recycling bins were available from the Council for commercial facilities. It was also difficult to judge the extent and type of waste generated at this point as hopefully more would arise from the Pavilion as its use increased.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3884. ADDITIONAL LIGHTING - DOCTORS PATH

There were no matters to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

3885. PLANNING MATTERS

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
22/00559/FLH 23 Vernon Rise Mr T Gelsthorpe	Single skin block outbuilding	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
22/00603/FLH 11 Tennyson Way Mr S Kimberley	Single storey garden shed	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
22/00605/DISCON Grassmoor Country Park Mr A Cox	Discharge of conditions	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
22/00620/FLH Mill Lane Farm Mr W Briddon	Demolition of swimming pool and new side and rear single storey family annex.	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

RESOLVED to note the report.

Meeting finished at 7.40pm.

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Chair