

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 April 2023 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters taken in public participation.

**POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

There were no issues raised.

**COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

There were no issues raised.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

There were no issues raised.

**3990. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors A H Booker and E A Hill and County Councillors C Cupit and J Woolley.

**3991. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillors P J Hemsley, 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. 3995 refers).

**3992. MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**3993. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 31 March 2023 which showed an overall balance of £129,138.69. The bank reconciliation had been circulated to every member by email.

It was agreed that payments be authorised as detailed below:

Date	Details	Method	TOTAL	VAT Inputs
01.03.23	BT - Pavilion	118DD	£98.28	£16.38
01.02.23	TV Licence - Pavilion	DD	£41.00	£0.00
01.02.23	A1 Garage Doors - Pavilion shutter rep	119BACS	£149.00	£24.83
01.03.23	Cathedral Leasing - Pav Hygiene	120BACS	£42.12	£7.02
15.03.23	E-on Next - Pav Elec	121DD	£461.44	£76.87
20.03.23	Brailsford Cleaning - Pavilion Carpet	122BACS	£180.00	£0.00
31.03.23	Staff Salaries - March	123BACS	£2,147.71	£0.00
31.03.23	HMRC PAYE - March	123BACS	£516.19	£0.00
31.03.23	Unity Trust - Charges	DD	£24.75	£0.00
12.04.23	NEDDC - Play equipment repairs	1BACS	£2,481.31	£413.55
12.04.23	NEDDC - Dog Bin Service	2BACS	£829.44	£138.24
12.04.23	J S Marriott - Key Cutting	3BACS	£22.50	£3.75
12.04.23	R Ackrill - Zoom Fee	4BACS	£15.59	£2.60
12.04.23	JKE Ltd - Pavilion Alarm service	5BACS	£66.00	£11.00
12.04.23	Community Cent - Grant & Room Hire	6BACS	£3,032.50	£0.00
12.04.23	Metro Rod - Water Leak in Park	7BACS	£2,760.00	£460.00
12.04.23	NEDDC – Dog Bins	8BACS	£898.56	£149.76
12.04.23	Cubit Ultrasonic - Lamp column Tests	9BACS	£580.50	£0.00
12.04.23	Cathedral Leasing – Hygiene Services Pavilion	10BACS	£42.12	£7.02
12.04.23	NEDDC – Trade Waste	11BACS	£678.86	£0.00
12.04.23	BT - Pavilion	12DD	£98.28	£16.38
12.04.23	Eon Next – Pavilion Supply	13DD	£92.48	£4.40
12.04.23	Npower – Park Lighting	14BACS	£56.05	£2.67
12.04.23	R Ackrill – Expenses (Stamps)	15BACS	£8.80	£0.00

**RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;

(b) agree the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 31 March 2023; and

(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

### **3994. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of the Parish Council were reminded that the District and Parish Council elections were to be held on 4 May 2023. Six candidates had been nominated for the Hasland and Winsick Ward and one for the Grassmoor Ward. This meant therefore that the election would be uncontested and there would be four vacancies which should be filled, if possible, by co-option. The Clerk agreed to look at the process for co-option and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

The Chair wished to place on record, the Council's thanks to the retiring members. Of the retiring members, Councillors E A Hill, J Marriott and R W Marriott were not in

attendance at the meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to these retiring members to thank them for their service on the Council.

It was reported that a response had been received from Royal Primary Care Chesterfield relating to issue of appointments at the Grassmoor Surgery. Members of the Parish Council felt that the response did not really address the issue of the difficulty in getting appointments. The Clerk was asked to contact them again to express the Parish Council's disappointment at the response. It was also agreed that an FOI request for additional information be submitted. The Clerk agreed to look at getting Parish Council representation on the Patient Participation Group.

It was reported that the inspection of the lamp columns had been carried out by Cubit Ultrasonic and all had passed. The Clerk would arrange for the appropriate licence for the hanging baskets to be obtained from the County Council and he would also place an order for the baskets with Plantscape.

The Chair wished to thank those responsible for the post-box toppers in Grassmoor. It was also noted that the gates of Barnes Park were to be decorated with poppies for Remembrance Day.

### **3995. GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Clerk reported that the fire risk assessment report had been received and there were a few matters which required attention which the Community Facilities Manager was addressing. The Community Facilities Manager was looking at producing a longer-term plan for decorating the Centre. The roof problem with the pigeons still needed sorting.

The Community Facilities Manager and the Responsible Financial Officer were looking at the financial implications of the statutory wage increases which had to be implemented.

The Toy Library was starting week commencing 17 April 2023. Some of the funding from the former Youth Club had been utilised as start-up funding for the project. The Gymnastics Group was well attended, and they had also started using the café area. The Compassionate Voices group had booked additional sessions and the lady who rang the Group had agreed to put on a free event at the Centre, for Mental Health Awareness Week.

The Community Facilities Manager was looking at options for summer activities for both children and adults. The local theatre group were putting on a performance of the Three Musketeers this evening.

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council regarding a potential issue over the ownership of the Centre had arisen. It was clear that the Parish Council owned the "old" part of the building. However, the "new" part of the Centre built with funds raised by the Management Committee, appeared as an asset of the Charity in its accounts. The Clerk had spoken to the Solicitor, and she had verbally confirmed that the ownership of the physical building lay with the Parish Council as they owned the land. This would be confirmed in writing.

Councillor L Hartshorne reported that the Easter Reaching Out event had attracted sixty people plus twelve who were housebound. He wished to thank the staff at the Community Centre for supporting the event.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **3996. BARNES PARK COMMUNITY PAVILION**

The Clerk reported that there was currently a problem with the boiler in the Pavilion which the Community Facilities Manager was looking to sort out. She was in communication with Wernick to see if it was covered under warrantee.

There had been a significant water leak with the Pavilion supply. The Clerk had arranged for Metro Rod to stop the leak, and this had been done at a cost of £2,760.00. The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer were looking into the circumstances as to why the leak had occurred. It appeared that an old connection had not been properly capped off either by Wernick or Severn Trent. The Responsible Financial Officer was meeting with Severn Trent on 14 April to discuss the matter further.

The Clerk reported that he was in the process of preparing a report for the OMG on the Big Local output targets which had been set as part of the funding agreement. All targets for year 2 had been met.

The Sunshine and Shades Bereavement Group were continuing to meet at the Pavilion with the sessions being well attended. The Warm Spaces Chat Group were meeting regularly with up to 19 attendees. The Community Facilities Manager had organised family Easter activities which involved nine new families who had not previously used the Pavilion.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **3997. PARISH COUNCIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

The Clerk reported that he had advertised the post locally and on Indeed with a closing date of 30 April 2023.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **3998. BARNES PARK AND WINSICK PARK**

The Clerk reported that he received like for like quotes for the grounds maintenance works for Barnes Park and Winsick Park from North East Derbyshire District Council and from Lee's Garden Services. The price from Lee's Garden Services was £3,445.00 lower than that of the District Council. It was agreed therefore that the agreement with the District Council be terminated, and that Lee's Garden Services be engaged to undertake the Parish Council's grounds maintenance works. (Councillor L Hartshorne abstained).

The Clerk was asked to ask if Lee's Garden Services could maintain the flower beds proposed for the base of the village name sign.

A request had been received to hold Saturday morning “Boot Camp” sessions in Barnes Park. The Clerk had asked the organisers for more information about how much space would be required as it was not considered practical to use the football pitch or the cricket outfield.

Lee’s Garden Services had agreed to install the Jubilee seat and it was hoped this would be done in the coming days.

The Clerk reported that owing to the large number of funding bids, the Parish Council had only received £10k funding from the NEDUKSPF for new play equipment in Barnes Park. The bid had been for approximately £130k. It was agreed that the funding be accepted, and it was noted that the Clerk and Big Local were looking at alternative funding options for the equipment.

The Clerk reported that someone had set fire to the viper rope swing which had recently been replaced. Whilst it was damaged it was still usable and safe.

**RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;  
(b) engage Lee’s Garden Services to undertake the Parish Council’s ground maintenance work; and  
(c) accept the £10k NEDUKSPF grant and to look at alternative sources of funding for new play equipment in Barnes Park.

#### **3999. COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

The Clerk reported that he had posted details of current advice from the County Council on the Parish Council’s website and Facebook page.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

#### **4000. CCTV**

The Clerk reported that Derbyshire Support and Facilities Services (DSFS) had agreed to pay for a new replacement camera and for the £400.00 call out fee. As suggested at the last meeting, DSFS had misunderstood that the cctv was a standalone system and how the footage was stored. They had agreed therefore to reconsider whether a camera could be located at the Surgery. If they would not allow it, an alternative location for the camera would need to be considered.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

#### **4001. MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk reported that he, Councillor Durrant and Councillor Hemsley had attended a meeting on the allotments on 12 March 2023. The members present had elected a new Committee and appointed a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The new Chair had subsequently resigned, and Terry Fulwood had now taken on the role.

Councillor Durrant and the Clerk would work with the Committee to develop better and more robust allotment rules.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**4002. GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

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

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**4003. GRASSMOOR LAGOONS, AVENUE WASHLANDS AND COUNTRY PARK**

Councillor L Hartshorne reported that details of the Washlands volunteer sessions would be posted on Facebook for anyone interested.

It was also noted that the tow new seats had now been installed on the Country Park.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**4004. BIG LOCAL**

There were no matters relating to Big Local to report.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**4005. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY**

There were no matters relating to the climate change emergency to report.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**4006. ADDITIONAL LIGHTING - DOCTORS PATH**

The Clerk reported that he had sought permission from the District Council for permission to add the additional light column. He had also asked the District Council to confirm whether planning permission was required.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**4007. KING'S CORONATION**

The Clerk reported that the Past and Present Group were organising activities to celebrate the Coronation based in the Pavilion. The Group had applied for funding from Councillors Cupit and Woolley for the event. The Parish Council agreed to provide additional funding if need be, to help support the event.

The Community Facilities Manager was also arranging activities based in the Community Centre including arts and crafts activities and a regal afternoon tea. The estimated cost was £715.82, and the Parish Council agreed to cover these costs.

**RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;

(b) provide additional funding if necessary to support the activities put on by the Past and Present Group; and

(c) provide funding to support the activities based at the Community Centre in the estimated sum of £715.82.

#### **4008. PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk reported on the following planning applications:

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments/objections/material considerations</b>
23/01230/DISCON  Herne House, Mansfield Road  Mr D Hargreaves	Discharge of conditions	Conditions discharged.
23/00225/FLH  59 Shakespeare Street  Mr and Mrs M Poxton	Two storey side extension.	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
20/01289/RM  The Coal Yard, North Wingfield Road  Mr D Atkinson	Reserved matters relating to 17/00646/OL.	This application had been conditionally approved by the District Council.
23/00111/FLH  Mile Hill House, Mansfield Road  Mr C Naylor	Two storey rear and single storey side extension.	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
23/00189/FL  Former DCC Highways Depot, North Wingfield Road  DC Homes Ltd	Five detached two storey dwellings and new access.	The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The highways access to the site</li><li>- The potential for flooding given that this was already a problem in the immediate area.</li></ul>

**RESOLVED** to (a) note the report; and  
(b) submit objections to application 23/00189/FL as detailed above.

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**Chair**

Meeting finished at 8.00pm.