

MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 June 2023 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillor P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors A H Booker, J Hartshorne, L Hartshorne, V Poole and J Wood.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jacob Field from Derbyshire Ducks amateur non-contact American Football club attended the meeting to discuss the use of Barnes Park for training sessions. It was agreed that they be allowed to use the Park.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

It was reported that the serious anti-social behaviour issues on Kestrel Drive and Skipper Road had calmed down in recent weeks.

Concern was expressed about laughing gas cannisters being found near the Sportsman and the drug dealing that was taking place generally on Chapman Lane and Pennine Way. The Clerk agreed to report these matters to the Police.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillors Cupit and Woolley were unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Woolley had been working with the Grassmoor Past and Present Group to try and obtain the old pit wheel for the project to re-site it in the village. Unfortunately, Utopia Tableware had confirmed that the land on which the wheel was situated at present was not owned by them. Councillor Woolley would continue to investigate the ownership of the land.

Councillor Woolley also reported that he had received correspondence from residents regarding parking on the junction of New Street and North Wingfield Road. This had already been agreed and included in a TRO and Councillor Woolley would check when this was due to be implemented (See also Minute no.52/23).

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor L Hartshorne reported following discussions with the District Council, that the Parish Council should look at adopting a Parish Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that this was a considerable undertaking that would require additional resources to complete. The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer agreed to look at possible funding sources to help fund the production of a Plan.

Councillor Hartshorne also reported that the Council's Cabinet were looking at implementing its manifesto pledges of Greener, Cleaner and Safer, and it was hoped to have a full plan in place in time for the July Council meeting.

33/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor M Durrant, and County Councillors C Cupit and J Woolley.

34/23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors P J Hemsley, L Hartshorne, V Poole and J Wood declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 38/23 refers). Councillors A H Booker and J Hartshorne declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Pavilion as members of the Pavilion Operational Management Group (Minute no. 39/23 refers). Councillor L Hartshorne declared a personal interest in the item relating Planning Matters as Chair of the District Council Planning Committee (Minute no. 53/23 refers).

35/23 MINUTES RESOLVED that the non-exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 May 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

36/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 31 May 2023 which showed an overall balance of £165,239.37. 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
09.05.23	Eon-Next - Pavilion Elect April	24DD	£41.98	£2.00
03.05.23	Cathedral Leasing - Pavilion	25BACS	£42.12	£7.02
03.05.23	Community Centre - Grant & Room	26BACS	£3,032.50	£0.00
24.05.23	Staff Salaries - May	27BACS	£2,191.11	£0.00
24.05.23	HMRC PAYE - May	27BACS	£537.19	£0.00
01.06.23	TV Licence - Pavilion	DD	£41.00	£0.00
01.06.23	Lee's Garden Services - Park Maintenance	28BACS	£2,651.86	£0.00
01.06.23	R Ackrill - Zoom Fee	29BACS	£15.59	£2.60
01.06.23	Skyline Supplies Ltd	30BACS	£47.93	£7.99
03.06.23	BT - Pavilion	31BACS	£98.28	£16.38
05.06.23	GCC -Grant & Room Hire	32BACS	£3,032.50	£0.00
14.06.23	Eon - Pavilion	33BACS	£23.57	£1.12
14.06.23	Cathedral Leasing - Pavilion	34BACS	£42.12	£7.02
14.06.23	R Ackrill - Postage	35BACS	£2.25	£0.00

RESOLVED to (a) note the report;

- (b) agree the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 31 May 2023; and
- (c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

37/23 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chair's announcements.

38/23 GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the position regarding the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which followed from a meeting with Helena Stubbs from Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD). With regards to the objects of the new CIO, it was noted that these could include the parks as recreational spaces should it be so wished, even if at this stage did not want to transfer them over. This was on the basis that was easier to include it now than to try to add it on later. The Acre Foundation Model trust deed would be used as the appropriate model.

RAD had also provided details of due diligence checks the Management Committee would need to undertake prior to the creation of a new CIO. This included a full inventory of all items over the value of £50.00.

At its next meeting, the Clerk would ask the Community Centre Management Committee to formally agree to the transfer and at an appropriate time, RAD suggested that a public meeting be held to "approve" the change.

The Clerk reported that he was not happy with the solicitors that had been provisionally engaged to undertake the legal work on behalf of both the Parish Council and the Management Committee. RAD had provided a list of solicitors in Derbyshire who specialise in working with charities.

The Clerk reported that North East Derbyshire Citizen's Advice Bureau had indicated that they wished to provide their services from the Pavilion. They did not, however, have any funds available to pay for room hire. Whilst this was a decision for the Management Committee, the Parish Council felt that as the service they provided was like that of the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre, they would recommend that the request be turned down.

RESOLVED to note the report.

39/23 GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY PAVILION

The Clerk reported that the problem with the boiler in the Pavilion had still not been resolved. The contractor who had quoted for the work no longer appeared to be interested in undertaking the work. Alternative plumbers were being sought to do the job as soon as possible.

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that a water bill had still not been received so the potential impact of the water leak was still not known.

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that following a recent tax court case, the provision of sporting facilities was now considered as being exempt from VAT. The Parish Council considered that the use of the community space in the Pavilion should be included in this definition and the Responsible Financial Officer agreed to seek a VAT refund which if agreed would be passed on to the Cricket and Football Clubs.

RESOLVED to note the report.

40/23 PARISH COUNCIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Clerk reported that he, Councillor Hemsley and the Responsible Financial Officer had interviewed three candidates for the post and a fourth candidate would be interviewed next week.

RESOLVED to note the report.

41/23 BARNES PARK AND WINSICK PARK

It was agreed that Derbyshire Ducks amateur non-contact American Football club, be allowed free use of Barnes Park for training purposes. It was also agreed that the boot camp sessions should be allowed free use of the Park for the sessions commencing on 24 June.

The Clerk reported that he had asked the Sunshine and Shade Bereavement Group to develop some ideas as to how the plan for a memorial garden in the Park would work in practice for the Parish Council to consider.

Lee's Garden Services had agreed to look at removing the graffiti on the Skatepark.

The Clerk reported that a charity football match had been arranged in the Park for 23 July. It was agreed that they be allowed free use of the Pavilion. The Clerk also reported that because of the match, he had requested that the District Council do not remove the goal posts during this close season.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) agree that the Boot Camp and the Derbyshire Ducks can both use Barnes Park free of charge for their respective activities.

42/23 COST OF LIVING CRISIS

There were no matters to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

43/23 CCTV

It was suggested that the camera on Hairdayz was relatively old and could be replaced. The ownership of the premises, however, was not known.

RESOLVED to note the report.

44/23 MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that there were on-going issues on the Allotments which needed to be resolved. However, the matters were of such a nature that they could not be considered in public. They would therefore be dealt with as an exempt matter in closed session.

The Allotment Association had reported that there was a problem with Japanese Knotweed along the eastern boundary of the site. The Parish Council agreed to look in to getting problem treated.

The Clerk also reported that complaints had been received regarding the overgrown hedging on North Wingfield Road. The Clerk agreed to ask the Allotment Association to get the hedging cut back.

It was noted that potential environmental issues had been raised with the Allotments holding their Saturday coffee mornings. The Parish Council did not consider that it raised any issues, but the Clerk agreed to seek advice from the District Council if need be.

RESOLVED to note the report.

45/23 GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

46/23 GRASSMOOR LAGOONS, AVENUE WASHLANDS AND COUNTRY PARK

Councillor L Hartshorne reported that the Friends of Grassmoor Country Park were struggling to attract new volunteers to undertake their activities in the Country Park and that a meeting was being held next month to decide on its future.

RESOLVED to note the report.

47/23 BIG LOCAL

There were no matters relating to Big Local to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

48/23 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

It was agreed that Councillors L Hartshorne, P J Hemsley, V Poole and J Wood be appointed to serve on the Environmental Working Group. Councillor L Hartshorne suggested that it would be appropriate for the Working Group to liaise with the District Council as they had adopted "Greener" as one of their key election pledges.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and

(b) appoint Councillors L Hartshorne, P J Hemsley, V Poole and J Wood to serve on the Environmental Working Group.

49/23 ADDITIONAL LIGHTING - DOCTORS PATH

The Clerk reported that the District Council had provided the contact details for Fletch Electrical so he would contact them to discuss the additional lighting proposal in more detail.

RESOLVED to note the report.

50/23 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The Clerk reported that he had advertised the Parish Council's wish to set up a community speed watch scheme on the Council's website and on Facebook. To date, two potential volunteers had come forward.

RESOLVED to note the report.

51/23 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that an application to be co-opted on to the Parish Council had been received from Val Lievesley. It was agreed that she be co-opted on to the Parish Council. No other applications had been received.

RESOLVED to agree to co-opt Val Lievesley on to the Parish Council until the next ordinary elections in 2027.

52/23 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES – NEW STREET

The Clerk reported that representations had been received to extend the double yellow lines on New Street further down than was proposed in the Traffic Regulation Order recently approved by the County Council. The idea was to avoid cars simply moving further down the road to park. Having considered the matter, the Parish Council agreed not to support the idea of extending the double yellow lines.

RESOLVED to not support the proposal to extend the double yellow lines further down New Street.

53/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk reported on the following planning applications:

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
23/00496/FL Woodleigh Motor Sales Ltd, North Wingfield Road Mr J Elliott	Change of use of building to office, warehouse and workshop.	The Parish Council had no objections to this application.
21/01470/FL Land on Broom Drive Ms V Vernon	Provision of 22 parking spaces	This application had been conditionally approved by the District Council.

RESOLVED to note the report.

54/23 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 Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 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

1. Confirmation of the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 May 2023.
2. Big Local (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).
3. Mill Lane Allotments (information relating to any individual and information likely to reveal the identity of an individual).

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Chair

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.