

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

PRESENT

Councillor P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

Councillors A H Booker, M Durrant, J Hartshorne, L Hartshorne, V Lievesley and J Wood.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Valerie Lievesley and Teresa Shirley, the new Assistant Parish Clerk to their first meeting of the Parish Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters in public participation to report.

POLICE/PARISH LIAISON

Concern was expressed about vehicles parking illegally outside the School. It was agreed that the School be asked to send messages to parents regarding the problem and the Clerk agreed to ask the Police to give it some attention. County Councillor Cupit reported that the County Council were currently looking at appropriate enforcement measures for controlling parking near schools. They had also introduced the School Streets Road Shift Stars although she did not know whether this included Grassmoor Primary School.

It was also noted that drivers were also ignoring the new double yellow lines on New Street. The Clerk agreed to also report this to the Police.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillors Cupit reported that the roads on the Harron development were now on the maintenance list prior to full adoption by the County Council. There had been a request for two grits bins on the estate. Councillor Cupit would cover the purchase costs of the bins if the Parish Council covered the on-going maintenance and re-filling costs. This would be considered further at the next meeting.

The Parish Council expressed concern over the increase in the costs of school meals which had been agreed by the County Council. It was felt that this would place a heavy burden on many families already struggling financially owing to the cost-of-living crisis. Councillor Cupit reported that the increase had been necessary owing to the inflationary pressures on the service. She also pointed out that the cost of the meals had not increased for several years.

Councillor Cupit also reported that all outstanding grant requests had now been processed and paid.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Hartshorne reported that the Council's Cabinet were looking at implementing the manifesto pledges of Greener, Cleaner and Safer and the revised draft Council Plan would be presented to the July Council meeting. Two of the key elements of the Plan was to invest in council housing and support the local community to live well, which included addressing mental health issues.

58/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor V Poole and County Councillor J Woolley.

59/23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors P J Hemsley, L Hartshorne and J Wood declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Management Committee (Minute no. 63/23 refers). Councillor V Lievesley declared a personal interest in the same item as an employee of the Community Centre.

Councillors A H Booker and J Hartshorne declared pecuniary interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Pavilion as members of the Pavilion Operational Management Group (Minute no. 64/23 refers).

Councillor L Hartshorne declared a personal interest in the item relating Planning Matters as Chair of the District Council Planning Committee (Minute no. 78/23 refers).

60/23 MINUTES RESOLVED that the non-exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 June 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

61/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 30 June 2023 which showed an overall balance of £152,526.45. 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
06.06.23	E-on - Pavilion	33DD	£23.57	£1.12
01.06.23	Cathedral Leasing - Pavilion	34BACS	£42.12	£7.02
19.06.23	Burleys - Hanging Baskets	35BACS	£5,161.20	£860.20
22.06.23	J S Marriott - Pavilion Supplies	36BACS	£24.99	£4.17
30.06.23	Staff Salaries - June	37BACS	£2,174.47	£0.00
30.06.23	HMRC - PAYE June	37BACS	£532.99	£0.00
30.06.23	Unity Trust - Charges	DD	£25.95	£0.00
19.06.23	L Hartshorne - Pavilion repair	BACS	£142.78	£0.00

03.07.23	Lee's Garden Services - Park Maintenance	38BACS	£2,258.47	£0.00
04.07.23	GCC - Grant & Room Hire	39BACS	£3,100.00	£0.00
04.07.23	GCC - Coronation Expenses	40BACS	£531.92	£0.00
10.07.23	R Ackrill – Zoom Fee	41BACS	£15.59	£2.60
10.07.23	Eon - Pavilion	42DD	£52.38	£2.49
10.07.23	Npower – Park Lighting	43BACS	£79.04	£3.76
10.07.23	Cathedral Leasing - Pavilion	44BACS	£42.12	£7.02
10.07.23	BT Pavilion	45DD	£98.28	£16.38
10.07.23	NEDDC – Park and Dog Bins	46BACS	£5,475.29	£912.55

The Responsible Financial Officer also presented the latest budget monitoring statement to 30 June 2023.

- RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;
(b) agree the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 30 June 2023;
(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above; and
(d) note the budget monitoring statement to 30 June 2023.

62/23 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council had been contacted by Remedi UK who ran a restorative programme. They had requested an opportunity to meet with the Parish Council to discuss ways in which they could work with the Council. It was agreed that they be invited to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

63/23 GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that Phil Gladders was undertaking electrical safety work at the Centre which was currently overdue. As this work related to the fabric of the building, it was for the Parish Council to pay. The estimated cost was £1,200.00 which would be met from Parish Council funds.

- RESOLVED** to (a) note the report; and
(b) approve the electrical safety work being undertaken at an estimated cost of £1,200.00.

64/23 GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY PAVILION

The Clerk reported that the boiler in the Pavilion was currently working as a result of a temporary fix. A permanent solution was being explored, although sourcing the parts required was proving problematic.

The Cricket Club had also caused a problem with one of the shutters which would cost an estimated £350 to repair.

- RESOLVED** to note the report.

65/23 PARISH COUNCIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Clerk reported that Teresa had recently taken up her position as Assistant Parish Clerk. Her priorities in the role would be to review and update the Parish Council's website and Facebook page and those of the Community Centre and the Pavilion. The promotion of the Pavilion and the Community Centre was also a key priority.

RESOLVED to note the report.

66/23 BARNES PARK AND WINSICK PARK

It was reported that the owner of 28 Durham Avenue had complained about overhanging branches from a tree in the Park. The Responsible Financial Officer had asked Philip Heath to look at the problem.

The Clerk reported that there been a serious accident on the skatepark on 16 July. Lee's Garden Services had looked at the issue and believed there was nothing untoward and that there was nothing that could be done to make it safer.

The Clerk referred to a previous accident also involving the skatepark which had been referred to the Council's insurers. The insurers had reported that there had been no recent contact from the complainant's solicitor and that they had therefore closed the file on the case.

It was reported that an access panel on one of the lighting columns on the skatepark had been removed exposing electrical cables. The Responsible Financial Officer had asked Phil Gladders to secure the panel and make it safe. The Clerk agreed to purchase some electrical warning signs for the lamp columns.

The Clerk had arranged for a key to the main gates to be cut for the Football Club so that they could open them on match days in the event of an emergency.

The Clerk had asked the had the occupiers of 12 Durham Avenue to cut back the hedging which was blocking the entrance to the Park.

It was noted that the base of the broken spring play equipment had not been removed. The Clerk agreed to ask Lee's Garden Services to remove the base.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) ask Lee's Garden Services to remove the play equipment base.

67/23 COST OF LIVING CRISIS

There were no matters to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

68/23 CCTV

The Clerk reported that NW Systems had notified the Parish Council that it would no longer support and manage the Parish Council's cctv system. The Clerk would look for a new company to manage the cameras.

RESOLVED to look for a new company to manage the Parish Council's cctv system.

69/23 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.

It was noted that there had been issues with a fire on the allotments to which the Fire Brigade had been called. The Secretary had investigated, and the fire was not set deliberately by a member of the allotments but appeared to have started accidentally in the dry weather.

The Secretary to the allotments had not been able to contact Tom Oldknow regarding the knotweed issue. It was understood that the work to clear the problem would cost around £600.

RESOLVED to (a) note the report; and
(b) agree to request Tom Oldknow to clear the knotweed at an estimated cost of £600.

70/23 GILL LANE ALLOTMENTS

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

RESOLVED to note the report.

71/23 GRASSMOOR LAGOONS, AVENUE WASHLANDS AND COUNTRY PARK

Councillor L Hartshorne reported that the Friends of Grassmoor Country Park were looking at funding options to complete the link path joining the Lagoons section to the main Country Park.

The Coal Authority were drilling bore holes to investigate the underground water levels.

The top entrance to the Park on Birkin Lane had flooded recently and the problem was being investigated.

RESOLVED to note the report.

72/23 BIG LOCAL

There were no matters relating to Big Local to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

73/23 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

There were no matters relating to Environmental Matters to report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

74/23 ADDITIONAL LIGHTING - DOCTORS PATH

The Clerk reported that Fletch Electrical had agreed to provide an updated formal quote and once this was received, an order for the work would be placed.

RESOLVED to note the report.

75/23 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The Clerk reported that no further volunteers had come forward to join scheme. It was agreed that the idea be further publicised on the Parish Council's website and on Facebook.

RESOLVED to note the report.

76/23 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that there remained three vacancies on the Parish Council which ideally should be filled by co-option as soon as possible. It was agreed that further notices be publicised on the Parish Council's Website and Facebook page.

RESOLVED to further publicise the three vacancies on the Parish Council on the Website and Facebook page with a view to filling the vacancies by co-option.

77/23 PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk reported on the following planning applications:

Application No.	Description	Comments/objections/material considerations
23/01229/FL Herne House, Mansfield Road Mr D Hargreaves	Section 73 application to remove conditions.	This application had been conditionally approved by the District Council.

23/00387/FLH 286 North Wingfield Road Ms C Ratcliffe	Rear first floor extension.	This application had been conditionally approved by the District Council.
23/00189/FL Former Highways Storage Depot, Chesterfield Road DC Homes Ltd	Residential development to erect 5 detached two storey dwellings and creation of new access.	The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds: - The entrance to the site is on a bend on a busy main road and the lack of visibility could lead to accidents. - The road is prone to flooding and the new properties could make this flooding worse.

RESOLVED to note the report.

78/23 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 12 June 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.