

**MINUTES of the meeting of the GRASSMOOR, HASLAND AND WINSICK PARISH COUNCIL held on 13 March 2024 at the Grassmoor Community Centre.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor P J Hemsley (in the Chair)

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public was in attendance. *Public participation minutes taken by assistant parish clerk:*

*John Hadley (JH) from Vernon Rise came to complain about the new council tenants. There is a turning area for vehicles which the new tenants' kids are using to play football. John Hadley has tried to speak to the parents explaining that it is a turning area for vehicles and not a play area and pointed out that there is a park that can be used up the street. He advised he received abuse from the parents when he tried to speak to them about it.*

*JH asked if there could be a sign erected to prohibit playing football in that area.*

*JH commented on how dangerous it is for the children if they play in that area as a vehicle would not be able to see the children playing and warned that a child is going to get hurt possibly seriously hurt if it continues. Councillor LH has / will take it up with the Community Service Team.*

*JH also noted that the kids are playing in the area on a Saturday and Sunday between 8 and 9pm.*

*He would like some action in putting a stop to this situation.  
(The Clerk took over the minute-taking)*

**POLICE/PARISH LIAISON**

The Clerk reported the monthly police newsletter had been distributed.

**COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

No County Councillors were present at the meeting.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor M Durrant reported that the green bin collection will be starting again. He noted that if residents have 2 green bins, there will be a charge of £40 pa for collection of the second green bin. This charge is due to the lack of funding from the National government. Cllr L Hartshorne agreed to follow up the concerns with potholes, notably bad on the road past the Old Council Yard towards North Wingfield. Cllr Durrant noted problems with damp and mold for some residents and had recently received a presentation re how to help tenants of private property. It was noted it is important for tenants to have an adequate paper trail that they have contacted and requested help so that it can be proved it has been formerly reported.

Cllr L Hartshorne confirmed at Furnice Hilbeck Way, farmers have been dumping slurry which is leaking onto the Highway. Highways have been notified who will contact the farmer to clear this up.

Cllr L Harsthorpe noted the sewer overflow pipe near the roundabout at the bottom of Grassmoor has burst. It was noted Yorkshire Water are attending daily to monitor this. It was discussed that Woodland at the side of the golf course on Chapman Lane, sold by the City Council is in a mess, the owner wants to build a wildlife area. Cllr L Hartshorne has sent photos to planning enforcement in relation to the existing covenants on the land.

Cllr M Durrant noted there was a lot of dog fouling in the area which is not being cleaned up. This has been reported to the Council with a request for regular Council patrols which Karen Bradbury (NECC) has agreed to organise. The assistant parish clerk will include this on social media with a reminder that fines can be issued for non-compliance.

#### **040/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors V Lievesley, A Woolven, V Poole and County Councillor J Woolley.

#### **041/24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillors L Hartshorne, P J Hemsley and J Wood declared personal interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Management Committee.

Councillor J Hartshorne declared pecuniary interests in the item relating to Grassmoor Community Pavilion as a member of the Pavilion Operational Management Group. Councillor A Woolven declared a personal interest in the items relating Grassmoor Community Pavilion and Barnes Park as a member of Grassmoor Cricket Club.

Councillor L Hartshorne declared a personal interest in the item relating Planning Matters as Chair of the District Council Planning Committee.

**042/24 MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 February 2024 be confirmed.

#### **043/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Responsible Financial Officer presented for information, details of receipts and payments to 29 February 2024. The bank reconciliation had been circulated to every member by email.

It was agreed that payments be authorised as detailed below:

| Date      | Details                              |         | TOTAL      | VAT Inputs |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| 04.03.24  | Cathedral - Pavilion hygiene         | 141BACS | £42.12     | £7.02      |
| 06.03.24  | E-on Next -Pavilion elec             | 142DD   | £87.17     | £4.15      |
| 03.03.24  | BT - Pavilion                        | 143DD   | £189.74    | £31.62     |
| 13.03.24  | Analn Supplies - Pav cleaning        | 144BACS | £5.83      | £0.97      |
| 13.03.24  | NEDDC Chair's Appeal                 | 145BACS | £100.00    | £0.00      |
| 13.03.24  | J S Marriott - Expenses              | 146BACS | £50.00     | £8.33      |
| 18.03.24  | Harris Plumbing Co Ltd - Centre rep  | 147BACS | £102.00    | £17.00     |
| 31.03.24  | Staff Salaries - March               | 148BACS | £2,926.90  | £0.00      |
| 31.03.24  | HMRC - PAYE March                    | 148BACS | £1,289.14  | £0.00      |
| 31.03.24  | Unity Trust - Charges                | DD      | £27.75     | £0.00      |
| 01.04.24  | NEDDC - Cemetery Charges             | 1BACS   | £15,844.92 | £2,640.82  |
| 01.04.24  | Water Plus - Pavilion                | 2DD     | £7.32      | £0.00      |
| 01.04.24  | Cubit Ultrasonic Lamp Column Tests   | 3BACS   | £580.50    | £0.00      |
| 01.04.24  | J P Fire Safety - Comm Centre        | 4BACS   | £138.00    | £23.00     |
| 01.04.24  | J P Fire Safety - Pavilion           | 5BACS   | £454.20    | £75.70     |
| 01.04.24  | NEDDC - Election fee 04/05/2023      | 6BACS   | £136.00    | £0.00      |
| 01.04.24  | GCC - Room Hire & Grant              | 7BACS   | £3,032.50  | £0.00      |
| 08.04.24. | E-on Next                            | 9DD     | £91.61     | £4.36      |
| 10.04.24  | SMS Handyman – locks replacement     | 10BACS  | £189.54    | £0.00      |
| 10.04.24  | Cathedral Leasing – Pavilion hygiene | 11BACS  | £42.12     | £7.02      |
| 10.04.24  | Npower – Park lighting               | 12BACS  | £132.16    | £6.29      |
| 10.04.24  | NEDDC – Trade waste                  | 13BACS  | £733.20    | £0.00      |
| 01.04.24  | Lee's Garden Services - Park Maint   | 8BACS   | £1,330.00  | £0.00      |

- RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;  
(b) agree the bank reconciliation and the summary of receipts and payments to 29 February 2024;  
(c) approve the payment of accounts as detailed above.

#### **044/24 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair discussed and it was resolved to award new hours to some staff. Cllr P J Hemsley and Cllr L Hartshorne noted a meeting with Big Local. It was agreed not to hold the annual Fun Day and to have a wider consultation to determine what the community wants. Councillors P J Hemsley and L Hartshorne confirmed as signatories on the bank mandate.

#### **045/24 GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

It was noted that the assistant clerk is creating a new Community Centre website to be presented at the April meeting.

It was confirmed the annual fire alarm service has been arranged. Various sundry repair work has been completed in the month including repairs to the front steps. It was noted the community centre last accounts showed a trading loss and that the utility bills will be increasing. It was resolved that as a community building this was a

good facility, providing local groups with a venue. It was agreed the PC should help support the community centre financially and once the annual accounts to 31 March 2024 are finalized this will be discussed in a future meeting.

**RESOLVED** to (a) note the above:

**046/24 GRASSMOOR COMMUNITY PAVILION**

It was agreed to c/f discussions on the Pavilion Gardens.

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

**047/24 BARNES PARK AND WINSICK PARK**

Thanks were given to Cllr L Hartshorne for the arranging the Coronation Plaques.

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

**048/24 CCTV**

It was discussed and noted that we have received an estimate for renewal of the CCTV system. It was agreed to invite the company to visit us to complete a survey and provide a detailed quote. It was agreed to request Winsick be included in the request.

**RESOLVED** to note the above.

**049/24 CCTV**

The existing CCTV was discussed and it was agreed a complete review of the system is required. It was agreed to liaise with the police and CCTV suppliers to move this forward.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**050/24 MILL LANE ALLOTMENTS**

It was noted rent there is not a signed lease in place. It was agreed to investigate costs to prepare a lease agreement. It was resolved to get an inventory for the Fun day and Big Local equipment stored at Mill Lane.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**051/25 GILL LAND ALLOTMENTS**

No matters relating to Gill Lane Allotments to report.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**052/24 GRASSMOOR LAGOONS, AVENUE WASHLANDS AND COUNTRY PARK**

Cllr L Hartshorne noted the Friends of meeting has been reduced to quarterly meetings and a butterfly study is being done in the Country Park.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**053/24 BIG LOCAL**

It was noted the last open forum is this month and “Lets Connect” has been established which is a funding stream. The Clerk to send a thank you from the Parish Council to Big Local for all their support.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**054/24 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

There were no further matters to report.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**055/24 ADDITIONAL LIGHTING – DOCTORS PATHWAY**

There were no further matters to report, still awaiting the legal department of North East to reply.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**056/24 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr L Hartshorne confirmed a resident was in attendance and after discussion was invited to join the PC.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**057/24 GRASSMOOR MINING MEMORIAL**

Cllr Hartshorne confirmed he is waiting for a response from landowners.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**058/24 WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

The assistant Parish Clerk confirmed the PC website is in progress and will be finalised for next meeting.

**059/24 PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON FORUM 16 APRIL**

It was noted this is uploaded on facebook and the PC website.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**060/24 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk reported on the following planning applications:

| <b>Application No.</b> | <b>Description</b> | <b>Comments/objections/material considerations</b> |
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**RESOLVED** to (a) note the report;

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**Chair**

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.