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MINUTES OF GLAISDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at The Robinson Institute, Glaisdale, on Thursday 19th July 2012.

PRESENT: Cllrs : S W Thompson (Chair), C Pearson, R Norris, M Foord, Mrs K MacDonald, P Thurlow, N Hopwood, C/Cllr WH Tindall.

APOLOGIES : D/Cllr T Lawn.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : Members are reminded of the need to consider whether they have a personal or prejudicial interest to declare in relation to any item on this agenda. Any interest must be declared at the start of the meeting and, if the interest is deemed prejudicial, the member must withdraw from the meeting whilst the item is under discussion and must not take part in any decision making process in relation to that matter.

Declarations of interest made : Cllr Mrs K MacDonald re item 4.3 these minutes.

1. **MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING** were presented, agreed & signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2.1 Police attendance and report.

Incidents of note within the Parish:

- 2nd July - Local farm had battery and fence energiser stolen - no suspects.
- 4th July - Glaisdale Post Office had all milk & cream stolen from shop entrance.
- 18th July - Local farm site of industrial accident, air ambulance in attendance, male sustained injuries.
- 19th July - Bam Nuttal reported that over 200 tools stolen (estimated value over £10k) over the duration of the works at Glaisdale and Danby. Thefts only reported now.

Incidents of note from neighbouring parishes :

- 22nd June - Burglary at the Manor, Egton Bridge, male seen running away. Enquiries ongoing.
- 25th June - Attempted burglary at house in Egton, under investigation.
- 25th June - 700ltrs of heating oil, a scrap welder and some solar batteries stolen from insecure outbuilding at farm in Fryup. No further lines of enquiry.
- 25th June - garage broken into in Fryup, variety of power and hand tools stolen. Under investigation.
- 25th June - Strimmer stolen from insecure outbuilding at farm in Danby. No further lines of enquiry.
- 29th June - 3 ewes and 11 lambs stolen from field between Egton and Glaisdale. No further lines of enquiry.
- 1st July - Gate stolen from field entrance. No further lines of enquiry.

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- 2nd July - Theft of generator key overnight at Egton abbatoir. No further lines of enquiry.
 - 4th July - Attempted burglary at the Presbytery, Egton Bridge, intruder disturbed attempting to enter dwelling with keys. Under investigation.
 - 11th July - Generator stolen overnight at Old School House. No further lines of enquiry.
- 2.2 SBC refuse collection crew complaints - action so far.
- This item deferred to next meeting. Mr Reynolds of SBC on annual leave so not able to give update.
- 2.3 Rural Broadband update.
- Advice received from Liz Dowson indicates that BT have won the contract to deliver faster broadband to the NY area but this will not be realised until 2015 and is unlikely to include the remoter areas of the dales and moors. The alternative wireless broadband initiative being pursued in parallel to the mainstream efforts, which will target specifically those remoter areas, is proceeding and currently trying to identify sites for the location of booster transmitters in the remoter areas. Some of NYCC's buildings (schools for eg.) are to be connected with fibre optic cabling and it is hoped to be able to use these to connect base transponders to service the remoter areas within their range.

3. PLANNING

3.1 Applications :

None.

3.2 Referrals

None.

3.3 Results :

None.

4. FINANCE

4.1 ** Request for funding support from Butterwick House Childrens Hospice.

- Members received this request for funding support, and as before were happy to continue supporting this worthwhile charity which includes some local children as users of their facilities. Proposal to make donation of £100.00 made by Cllr MF, seconded Cllr RN. All members in agreement. Cheque 100771 issued in payment. (s137 expenditure)

4.2 ** Receipt of invoice for grasscutting works – April to June. JJ Harrison.

- Invoice for grass-cutting services during April, May and June received by members and proposal to authorise payment made by Cllr RN, seconded Cllr MF. All members in agreement. Cheque 100772 issued in payment.

4.3 Glaisdale Tennis Club - information received re prior funding request.

- Members advised that some of the information requested of the Tennis Club has been forthcoming, but that not all of the information, and insufficient detail, has been presented to enable members to make any further progress. Some concern was raised when the information presented revealed that all of the current office holders in the Tennis Club have resigned their positions and so it was not clear how the club could function on an administrative level and manage its financial affairs until such time as a new committee was created and empowered. Members agreed that until this situation is clarified and new club/committee officers voted into office it would not be possible to consider the original request for funding. Clerk to write to Mr Macdonald to explain the councils position and to urge the formation of a new, fully empowered committee to enable progress to be made.

4.4 Amendments to GPC Community account mandate signatures.

- Members appraised of a situation which has arisen with Council bankers (HSBC) where they will not discuss any aspect of the accounts with the RFO (the clerk), at the local branch. This is an untenable position and totally illogical as all aspects of the accounts are currently open to the RFO from HSBC via surface mail and on-line. HSBC inform us that the only way that the RFO can enter into any discussion with the bank is for the RFO to be a signatory to the accounts.

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While the RFO being a signatory to the accounts is not illegal, it is deemed to be undesirable by the NALC/SLCC and makes accusations of impropriety against the Clerk/RFO more difficult to refute. There would need to be changes in the Financial Standing Orders to allow the RFO to become a signatory, and while this is acceptable to Members the Clerk has requested a further amendment to standing orders to restrict the clerks powers in this respect to that of adopting the role of signatory for 'administration purposes only' and not for the purposes of signing cheques for payment from the accounts. Members agreed to this and Clerk will arrange for necessary mandate to be returned to HSBC. Existing FSO's to be modified as described and presented to Members for approval at the next meeting.

4.5 Letter of thanks received from GNCT.

- **Noted.**

4.6 Letter of thanks received from South Cleveland Heart Fund.

- **Noted.**

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Action / Reply

5.1.1 Members Code of Conduct – revised for adoption.

- **New Code of Conduct for members of Glaisdale Parish Council presented for approval and adoption. Members agreed that the model code as produced by the NALC was better suited to the council than the much more complex and specified version which is to be adopted by SBC. Proposal to adopt the Model version of the Code made by Cllr MF, seconded Cllr RN. All members in agreement. Document signed by Chairman.**

5.1.2 Complaint received re verge cutting at Underhill, Glaisdale.

- **Members informed of a complaint received from a member of the public (via NYCC Highways) regarding the mess left by verge cutting operations in the Underhill area of Glaisdale. The 'mess' consisted of debris and grass cuttings which had been strewn over the footpath by the flail unit during cutting. This area is not normally cut due to the extremely narrow confines of the road which is sunk below the normal footway level and which prevents the flail boom from being operated normally. On this occasion the operator decided to cut at the footpath level to reduce the level of growth where it mattered most. Clerk has taken the matter up with the contractor involved who agreed to visit the site and rectify the situation where necessary. It is not the normal practise to sweep verge cuttings from the roadway.**

5.1.3 Sandbag stocks – condition survey + replenishment requirements.

- **Members advised of communication received from Andy Crossley, the SBC Flood and Coastal engineer, requesting that we check our stocks of sandbags and their condition. Cllr MF informed members that efforts are currently being made to repair the shelter at the location where the sandbags are currently stored and that as soon as the repairs are complete an appraisal of the sandbags will be undertaken and replenishments made where necessary.**

5.1.4 Litter Bin opposite Village Store, Glaisdale. Adoption/replacement.

- **Communication received from Glaisdale resident requesting that the litter bin, sited opposite the village shop at Glaisdale and adjacent to some parish seats, be replaced as the current bin is in a dilapidated and unsightly condition. This bin is of the type supplied and maintained by the NYMNPA and which were removed from use some 5yrs ago as a result of a change of policy by NYMNPA, the thinking being that if no bins were provided people would be pressured into taking their litter home. Where local residents objected NYMNPA agreed to leave those bins in situ but relinquished all responsibility for their maintenance or emptying. This was the case for the bin in question. The only option in this case is to make a request to SBC for the installation of one of their standard type litter bin and for them to continue to empty the bin as part of their regular programme. As this process can take some time, and removal of the existing bin would create a littering problem at this location, the option to continue using the present bin until it can be removed at the end of the visitor season was considered and which will give some time for a replacement from SBC to be agreed and installed. Clerk to contact SBC to open discussions for the siting of a new bin.**

5.1.5 Community Asset Transfer Plan – Consultation.

- **This consultation regarding desirability of transferring SBC assets to local organisations or Parish Councils was presented to council. Members were aware of only two such assets within the parish, the public conveniences at Lealholm and at Glaisdale station. The council has previously been offered these conveniences in a drive by SBC some years ago to pass these into local ownership. Both then and now Members did not consider this to be an advantageous acquisition and declined to show interest. No action to be taken.**

5.2 Minutes & Reports

5.2.1 YLCA – Joint Annual Meeting 2012. – Agenda & Minutes.

- **Noted.**

5.2.2 YLCA Annual Report 2011/12

- **Noted.**

5.3 For Information

5.3.1 NYMNPA – Hedgerow Regulations - consultation result.

- **Noted - Removal allowed.**

Newsletters received :

Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2012.

Publications received :

None received

Other items of communication were received.

6. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

6.1 Rural Broadband meeting.

- **Cllrs NH and CP reported on discussions at meeting. Detail as per item 2.3 - these minutes**

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7. MATTERS OF INTEREST RAISED BY MEMBERS

7.1 Trods – Lowwood Lane

- **The trods at the top of Lowwood Lane (Lealholm end) have been damaged / displaced by some heavy vehicle passing over them. NYMNPA to be requested to arrange for repairs asap.**

7.2 Highways Issues

- **Potholes on 38R adjacent to Rockhead Cottage, Glaisdale require attention asap.**
- **Drain or Gulley is discharging directly onto the 33R (Bainley Bank between the top cattle grid and the junction with 32R) will require repairs before winter period to prevent hazardous ice build up on this steep hill.**

7.3 Water supply pipe issue at Thornhill View development / Harlands depot – Thorneywaite Lane.

- **Members advised that the re installation of the water supply pipe which feeds Harlands Depot on Thorneywaite Lane and which was temporarily re routed during the building works at Thornhill View, has not been implemented correctly - the pipe being barely under the surface at some places and actually above ground in places. Sanctuary Housing to be requested to ensure that this pipe is correctly buried and installed throughout its full length before winter temperatures arrive.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Will be on Thursday 20th September 2012, commencing at 7.30pm, and will be held at The Robinson Institute, Glaisdale.

Signed as a true record :(Chairman)

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