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MINUTES OF GLAISDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at The Robinson Institute, Glaisdale, on Thursday 19th September 2013.

PRESENT: Cllr S W Thompson (Chair), Cllrs : N Hopwood, C Featherstone, R Norris, C Pearson, P Thurlow, M Foord. C/Cllr H Swiers.

APOLOGIES : None required.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST MADE : Cllr P Thurlow re item 3.1.2 these minutes.
Cllr SW Thompson re item 3.1.1 these minutes.
Cllr C Featherstone re items 4.1 ; 4.2 ; 5.1.1 these Minutes.

1. MINUTES OF JULY MEETING was presented, agreed and signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2.1 Police attendance and report.

Incidents of Note in Glaisdale parish.

- Between 2330hrs 22nd July and 0830hrs 23rd July a Garage burglary occurred at Slate Hill Fryup, tools and a petrol strimmer were stolen. -All lines of enquiry exhausted.
- 31st July Report from Bentley's at Windhill of an overnight shed burglary. Nothing stolen possibly due to nearby resident dogs barking disturbing the offenders – All lines of enquiry exhausted.
- Between 1800hrs 30th July and 0830hrs 31st July Tractor parts were stolen from a tractor located on an allotment area to the rear of Ghyll Brow Glaisdale. Possibly linked to incident reported above – All lines of enquiry exhausted.
- 12th August Report from Bentleys at Windhill of an attempt burglary overnight. Attempt made to prize open a window to gain access unsuccessful. -No lines of enquiry.
- 12th August and possibly linked to above incident- Report of an overnight outbuildings burglary at Lane Ends Farm, Shaw End. A number of Agricultural tools and a rotovator stolen – All lines of enquiry exhausted.

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- **15th August approx 1410hrs A White Ford Transit (No VRM) with "Gill Deliveries" on the side was seen acting suspiciously around Windhill Glaisdale. Vehicle believed linked to North eastern persons searching for scrap metal. The same location was also recently targeted by unknown persons in attempt break in - Nothing stolen**
- **5th September Report to local PCSO by residents of Lealholm that 3 suspicious males had been paying a lot of attention to the rear of The Board Inn and Stepping Stones bakery over the previous week. Enquiries made on 2 different vehicles one of the the males was seen in- One was a Black VW Golf LF57WRT - No offences at this time.**
- **6th September at approx 0045hrs visitors staying at Shaw End cottage, Lealholm noticed a vehicle pull up near to the cottage and flash headlights a few times followed by 3 or 4 males get out and walk away. Moments later they reappeared carrying rabbits or hares- No descriptions, make or model of vehicle acquired.**
- **9th September 2240hrs An on duty PCSO carrying out operation Hawk patrol in the area witnessed a White Astra van VRM DY55DZN pull out of Bentley BU gravel area at Windhill. The vehicle disappeared quickly towards Lealholm and an attempt to relocate the vehicle was negative. The Gravel area was inspected and it was discovered that additional fly tipping had occurred. – SBC Environmental services given full details and enqs continue.**

Incidents of Note in neighbouring parishes.

- **Between 2100hrs 30th July and 0930hrs 31st July an Outhouse to the rear of a property on Arncliffe View Egton was burgled. A large Toolbox was stolen- Enqs continue.**
- **31/7/13, theft of tools from outbuildings in Egton. enquiries ongoing**
- **2/8/13. High value cycles stolen from a garage at Moorlands Park Castleton. I male arrested, enquiries ongoing.**
- **Between 0800hrs 3rd August and 0830hrs 4th August a Bobcat Skid Steer Mechanical shovel was stolen from an insecure compound on land near to Heystones Manor on Egton Lane, Aislaby. Offenders had dragged the equipment from the compound as the battery had been removed by the owner- No lines of enquiry**
- **Between 2000hrs 13th August and 0900hrs 14th August 2 x Shed burglaries occurred at Cragg Farm Eskdaleside. Entry gained by padlocks being broken off. 4 x pedal cycles, 2 x trials/Motocross Motorbikes and some copper cabling stolen. Forensic evidence left at the scene and enqs continue.**
- **Approx 1900hrs 16th August A Blue Ford Fiesta VRM KT03NHN was seen hanging around Cragg Farm Eskdaleside. The vehicle was described as "Black with a Green front wing" but recorded as Blue on records. It is possible the vehicle was in company with a Renault Trafic in silver with Black stripes running down it. There is no evidence to suggest the occupants of the vehicles were involved in the previous reported burglary at the Farm but should any sightings be made by members of the community we request they be reported immediately to North Yorkshire Police.**
- **Between 2000hrs 29th August and 0845hrs 30th August a garage burglary occurred belonging to a residence in Esk Valley. A Husqvama Chainsaw and 2 x cameras stolen. Enqs continue.**

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- **30/8/13. The Coombs, Danby, Cycles and tools stolen from outbuildings. Enquiries ongoing**
- **Approx 1900hrs 1st September report from a resident of Egton Bridge that 2 young males on the roof of St Heddas School. Made off along the Toll road. Extensive search made by Officers - no sightings. Nothing stolen but possible that the unknown males were looking to steal lead.**

2.2 Responses to letters of concern re MPIG payments to local doctors' surgeries.

- **Members advised of replies received from Robert Goodwill MP and from Jeremy Hunt MP in response to the letter of concern sent by this council regarding the withdrawal of the MPIG payment to local GP surgeries. Robert Goodwill, our local MP has promised to continue to fight for a fair and adequate system of funding for our local GP practices which does not disadvantage them for geographic or scarcity of population reasons. The reply from the Dept. of Health is not encouraging and it seems that the MPIG is seen by them as no longer 'fit for purpose' and must be replaced by an as yet undecided system of funding.**

3. PLANNING

3.1 Applications :

3.1.1 NYM/2013/0506/FL - Application in respect of change of use of land to domestic, construction of 1 no. agricultural workers dwelling and 2 no. agricultural buildings together with creation of access road and landscaping works on land at Rake Lane, Lealholm.

- **No Objections raised.**

3.1.2 NYM/2013/0522/NM – Application for non material amendment to planning approval NYM/2012/0539/FL to allow repositioning and enlargement to window, at Truly Scrumptious, Street, Fryupdale.

- **Not considered - application decided by NYMNPA prior to this meeting.**

3.1.3 NYM/2013/0462/LB – Application in respect of listed building consent for construction of Boiler/Generator house and internal alterations at York Lodge, Glaisdale.

- **No Objections raised.**

3.1.4 NYM/2013/0230/FL - Application for construction of replacement garage/studio building at Arncliffe Lodge, Glaisdale.

- **No Objections raised.**

3.1.5 NYM/2013/0512/CU – Application in respect of change of use from Common Land to school teaching area for Forest Schools at land adjacent to Glaisdale Primary School, Glaisdale.

- **Application supported.**

3.2 Referrals

None received.

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3.3 Results

None received.

4. FINANCE

4.1 ** Invoice received from Mr C Featherstone re completed maintenance work to parish seating.

- **Invoice received from C Featherstone regarding maintenance work completed on parish seats during 2013. Proposal to accept invoice and approve payment made by Cllr RN, seconded Cllr PT. All members in agreement. Cheque 100798 issued in payment.**

4.2 ** Glaisdale childrens playground improvements – request for assistance.

- **Members advised of request for support received from the Glaisdale Childrens Playground group who are currently negotiating a formal lease of the playground from the Church Commissioners to enable improvements to be made. Since this original request the committee which is hoping to make the improvements has been seriously depleted and efforts are being made to re constitute a working committee to carry the plans forward. The original request was for financial support from the PC but while this would still be desirable, at this stage and until a more defined strategy is put in place by a new committee, a declaration of support and approval of the overall aims of the project would be most welcome. Members agreed that this project should be encouraged and supported and that a declaration of support be offered with a promise to consider further support, possibly financial, in the future when a new committee has decided on its plan for improvement.**

4.3 Letter of thanks from Butterwick Childrens Hospice re donation from GPC.

- **Noted**

4.4 ** Request for financial assistance from Scarborough & District CAB.

- **Request for funding support received from Scarborough branch of CAB. Members agreed that this organisation still offers a valued service to members of this community. Proposal to make nominal donation of £50 made by Cllr NH, seconded Cllr CF. All members in agreement. Cheque 100799 issued in payment.**

4.5 ** Conclusion of 2012/13 Audit and receipt of invoice from PFK-Littlejohn re audit fees.

- **Invoice received from PFK Littlejohn regarding fees for annual audit carried out re 2012/13 accounts. Auditor has raised no issues with the accounts and members informed of satisfactory conclusion to last years' audit process. Proposal to approve payment made by Cllr NH, seconded Cllr RN. All members in agreement. Cheque 100800 issued in payment.**

4.6 ** 2013/14 Salary awards re NALC contracted employees (Clerk) + payscale changes for 2013/14 financial year. Bank mandate changes for authorisation.

- **Clerk has informed members that the new payscale for local authority clerks has now been issued and will necessitate an adjustment to the clerks' salary payments. In addition, the clerk has requested that a step/scale adjustment be made in accordance with his contract terms. Members agreed to implement these changes. Proposal to implement new payments made by Cllr NH, seconded Cllr CF. All members in agreement. Bank mandate changes to be initiated by means of letter of authorisation to GPC bank and retrospective payments be made via cheque 100801.**

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5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Action / Reply

5.1.1 Prosecution of claim for damages from member of public sustained during use of parish seat during July 2013 at Lealholm.

- **Members advised of claim for damages received in July from member of public regarding use of parish seat at Lealholm. After complaint received, and after some initial enquiries with the contractor concerned, the matter was formally received as a claim against the council and the matter placed into the hands of the council insurers - Allianz - who requested that all information, correspondence and evidence be sent to them and that all future contact with the claimant be referred directly to Allianz. Claim reference MK/3/138868V**
- **Allianz have subsequently advised that the matter has been passed onto the contractors insurers for action/settlement. The contractor has advised that full settlement with the claimant has been made and that the matter is now closed.**

5.1.2 Request for support for restoration of 'The Powder House' at Glaisdale.

- **Members advised of letter received from Mr John Harwood of Glaisdale re the potential for refurbishment of the building known as the 'Powder House' in Glaisdale. In the letter Mr Harwood intimates that the owners of this building may now be willing to allow the restoration to proceed and that he believes that the parish council should become involved in persuading the owners and the N Park to show support for this apparent opportunity.**
- **Prior to the meeting opinion was sought from the owners of the structure as to their intentions and expectations in this matter. These did not match the impression given by Mr Harwood in that, although the owners are sympathetic to some form of improvement being made to the building, they are not willing at this time to commit to any timetable for this work to commence or to be pressured into agreeing to any specific work being done. Furthermore, any work that may be done in the future will be that which the owners deem necessary for any use that the owners may wish to make of the building and not specific to any use beneficial to the community as a whole.**
- **As this building is privately owned, is on private land with no public access, is neither a listed structure nor a scheduled monument, then any action relating to this building can only proceed with the express consent and willingness of the owners. The parish council has no power to intervene in this matter and members agreed that no action should be taken until such time as the owners decide to proceed and invite the councils' involvement.**

5.2 Minutes & Reports

5.2.1 RAY - Annual General Meeting and Appointments to Trustees Board + Annual Report and Accounts 2012/13

- **Noted**

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5.2.1 **For Information**

5.2.2 NYCC – Yew Grange Bridge works, Glaisdale – Opportunity for comment.

- **These works have now started and are expected to be complete within the next few weeks.**

5.2.3 Ryedale Plan – Inspectors Report and recommendations and Adoption Statement.

- **Noted.**

5.2.4 Heating Oil Club – opportunities to join syndicate for supply of discounted heating oil.

- **Noted.**

Newsletters received :

Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2013 edition.
White Rose Update – August 2013

Publications received :

None received

Other items of communication were received.

6. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Refurbishment of Ley Hall, Lealholm

- **Cllr Foord reported that the Ley Hall has been successful in obtaining £300k of Lottery funding for the refurbishment of the hall. It is hoped that the work planned can now commence in the spring of 2014.**

7. MATTERS OF INTEREST RAISED BY MEMBERS

7.1 Highways Issues.

- **Drainage ditches and gulleys at Fryup Head have still not been cleared despite several requests this year.**
- **Cattle grids at Lealholm bank, Glaisdale dale at old school house, Oakley Walls, and Stonegate. All require various repairs to gates, fencing and bed cleaning.**
- **Some edging setts have become displaced at High Street, Glaisdale outside Dalegarth.**
- **Bridge parapet (fencing) at Oakley Walls has been demolished and requires replacement.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Will be on Thursday 17th October 2013, commencing at 7.30pm, and will be held at The Robinson Institute, Glaisdale.