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MINUTES OF GLAISDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at The Robinson Institute, Glaisdale, on Thursday 21st February 2019.

PRESENT: Cllrs : CF, RN, NH, SWT (Chair)

APOLOGIES : Cllrs : CH, MF, CP

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : NONE

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING : Presented, agreed and signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2.1 Police reports – January 2019.

- **Noted.**

2.2 Glaisdale 'Land of Iron' interpretation board – update.

- **Members advised of latest information received from NYMNPA regarding the proposal to erect an information board in Glaisdale in support of the 'Land of Iron' initiative as currently planned. Received with the planning application advice and other supporting documents were two blank agreements purporting to require signature by GPC to enable the board to be sited and installed.**
- **Members had not been informed prior to this stage that it was necessary to enter into any legally binding agreements to allow this project to proceed to completion. After discussions with Mr Tom Mutton of NYMNPA it transpires that, having re-sited the board to a more apt location (ie not on the highway verge) it would only be necessary to agree to licensing of the board with Dawnay Estates, the new location being sited on Common Land. Members were happy to approve this application agreement.**
- **In addition to the agreement with Dawnay Estates, a second agreement was provided for signature with NYCC Highways who are still insisting that the new site is on highways verge and so will require their approval before the board can be installed. This NYCC agreement includes onerous requirements regarding the actual installation and subsequent liability indemnities, both of which will entail substantial expense to enact.**
- **Members insisted that this NYCC assertion should be challenged and that the new location is not on land that can be classed as highways verge and so the NYCC agreement is not necessary.**
- **Clerk to discuss this further with Mr Mutton before any action is taken.**

3. PLANNING

3.1 Applications :

None Received

Signed as a true record : .....(Chairman)

DATE : .....

3.2 Referrals

None Received

3.3 Results :

None Received

4. FINANCE

4.1** Invoice received from GeoXphere ltd (Parish Online) for annual subscription to GPC online mapping facility.

- **Invoice received for annual subscription to Parish Online mapping facility. Invoice approved for payment Cllr CF, seconded Cllr NH. All members approved. Cheque 100097 issued in payment.**

4.2 Request received for financial support from Northumberland Theatre Company.

- **Request for financial support received from Northumberland Theatre Company to further their programme of performances into the coming year. Members are of the opinion that such ventures that charge users on the door should be self-supporting through their ticket revenues and not rely upon further support from local ratepayers. No support to be offered.**

4.3** Glaisdale defibrillator supplies replenishment – approval for purchase of replacement adult defibrillation pads.

- **Members advised that the defibrillator unit at Glaisdale has required service recently and that the reserve set of defib. pads have been fitted to the unit to restore its readiness for use. It is now necessary to obtain a new set of spare pads to hold in reserve. Members agreed to order the spares when required.**
- **Cllr Hopwood informed members that the defibrillator unit at Houlsyke is showing a service message indicating that a new battery unit will shortly be required. GPC is in possession of a spare battery - held in reserve for the unit at Glaisdale - and Cllr Hopwood has checked the Houlsyke and Lealholm units to confirm that they are the same as the Glaisdale unit. This enables common usage of the same spare pads and battery when necessary and members agreed that the spare battery held at Glaisdale should be utilised at Houlsyke when necessary.**
- **As the batteries are guaranteed a lifespan of four years it was agreed that only one battery need be held in reserve. Pads, however, require to be changed after every use or after a two year lifespan otherwise.**
- **Proposal to order two sets of pads and one battery made by Cllr NH, seconded Cllr CF. All members in agreement. Cheque 100098 issued in payment. Clerk to hold spares when received.**

4.4 May Election costs! – Information received from SBC re potential election costs to be recharged to Parish Council in May/June 2019.

- **Members advised of change of procedure regarding charging costs of holding elections. Previously the district council absorbed all election costs but from 2019 onwards these costs are to be passed on to the relevant Parish/Town council. As there are full council elections being held in May of this year for both district and parish councils then this new charging regime will apply.**
- **It is not possible to predict exactly what each parish will be charged as the number of variables affecting this outcome are many and complex. An approximation of expected costs for Glaisdale Parish has been provided by SBC and they are :**
    - **For an uncontested election (where number of seats to be filled is equal to or greater than the number of nominations received) the costs will be £75.00.**
    - **For a contested election (where number of seats to be filled is less than the number of nominations received) the costs will be £458.50 for Glaisdale Ward and £445.00 for Lealholm Ward.**

- **Members have taken note and will approve the expected invoice in the normal fashion after receipt.**

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5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Action / Reply

5.1.1 Comments received from pupils of Glaisdale Primary School regarding dog fouling within the village and school approaches.

- **Members advised of letters received from pupils of Glaisdale Parish Council complaining of the increasing amount of dog faeces appearing around the village and in particular on the approaches to Glaisdale Primary School. The pupils have each supplied their own handwritten messages of complaint suggesting some remedies and requesting help from the council to put a stop to this fouling.**
- **Members agreed that this is a long standing problem which is proving difficult to solve. We are aware that Cllr Pearson is looking into the provision of bins/bags to be sited at the bottom of the school path and drive. In addition we will request the SBC dog warden to increase the monitoring of these areas in the hope of catching offenders to bring to prosecution. SBC have said that while resources are limited they will act upon any evidence supplied to them which may lead to the identity of an offender.**

5.1.2 NYMNPA Parish Member appointments following council elections in May. Process and timetable for information.

- **Noted.**

5.2 Minutes & Reports

None Received

5.3 For Information

5.3.1 Borough/Parish Council elections in May 2019 – Nomination pack availability for those considering standing for election/re-election for the 2019-2023 Council sessions.

- **Noted - Nomination Packs distributed to those members present with some guidance on the important elements of the process.**

Newsletters received :

None

Publications received : **None**

Other items of communication were received.

6. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

None attended.

7. MATTERS OF INTEREST RAISED BY MEMBERS

Signed as a true record : .....(Chairman)

DATE : .....

7.1 Highways Issues.

- **Dangerously sunken grate on Lealholm side of Houlsyke.**
- **Culvert rails on Oakley Walls road damaged.**
- **Road subsidence at Rock Head Cottage, Glaisdale.**
- **Boundary fence on land to rear of public call box at Glaisdale is dilapidated and creating hazard and danger for public of falling through onto much lower land beyond.**

7.2 NYMNPA footpath issues.

- **Tree overhanging footpath from land to side of Christmas Cottage, Glaisdale is severely obstructing passage.**

7.3 Others.

- **There is to be an Open Gardens event this year on 22nd/23rd June.**
- **There is to be an open meeting regarding the future of the Church Rooms on 11th March at 19.00hrs at the Church Rooms, Glaisdale.**

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Will be on Thursday 21st March 2019, commencing immediately after the Annual Assembly, which starts at 7.00pm and will be held at The Robinson Institute, Glaisdale.