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MINUTES OF GLAISDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at The Robinson Institute, Glaisdale, on Thursday 18th January 2024.

PRESENT: Cllrs : NH(Chair), RN, CP, CY, TC, MH.

APOLOGIES : Cllr KA

PCSO Pete Lewis (+ 2 additional PCSO's)

Mr R Marr - NYC Highways area manager

Representatives from : The Trail Riders Fellowship, The Green Lane Association

The Yorkshire Post

Many members of the local community and residents local to the site of the incident.

Declaration of Interests : None

1. MINUTES OF MEETINGS Presented, agreed and signed as a true record. (Proposed Cllrs RN/TC)

1a Consideration of incident at Rake Lane ford, Glaisdale, on 28th December 2023.

The chairman opened this discussion by informing those present that all were free to contribute to the discussion at the direction of the chair but that there would not be any actions proposed or agreed to at this stage and until the Coroners verdict on the deaths has been pronounced.

As the representative for NY Police, PCSO Pete Lewis was asked to outline the incident to all present and to relate, as far as possible, what actions are ongoing. He outlined what thoughts have so far been put forward by numerous interest groups and local residents as potential solutions and whether any of those solutions were likely to be taken forward. They are :

- Permanently closing the road to vehicles - **an extremely unlikely outcome.**
- Installing lockable gates at both ends of the road – **impractical and a very unlikely outcome**
- Installing a metal barrier downstream of the ford (similar to that at Duck Bridge, Danby) to prevent vehicles being swept downstream. - **This may be put forward as a potential solution but would be very expensive and difficult from an engineering viewpoint and would bring its own issues.**
- Installing automatic barriers at each side of the approaches to the ford which operate when flood level sensors are activated and temporarily closing the road. (In similar vein to how snow gates operate on the high moors during heavy winter snowfall) – **Again this is a very expensive option and very unlikely to be taken forward.**

Contributions were then heard from the public present and concern was raised over the number of 4x4 drivers who disregard the existing signage even when conditions are adverse. Many drivers who attempt this crossing are not local and are unaware of the river conditions on either side of the ford. Some of the

Signed as a true record :(Chairman)

DATE :

local residents have been subjected to abuse from drivers who often refuse to accept advice and proceed unwisely.

The most positive outcome from this discussion has been the almost universal acknowledgement that much better signage is necessary at this location and perhaps that information should be given on the signs as to how dangerous this ford is during flooding and that several lives have been lost when attempts are made to cross in flood conditions. This necessity was accepted by Richard Marr, the highways representative at the meeting and so gives the most hope that something of this nature can be done. Any action however must wait until all investigations are complete and the Coroner has issued a verdict on the deaths.

Comments were made that many of the issues inherent with Rake Lane ford are also present at many other fords in this area and that just because those fords are not as popular to 4x4 drivers, for whatever reasons, then any actions taken forward at Rake Lane ford may well be justified elsewhere.

The chairman then closed the item with an expression of condolence to the family and friends of the deceased and thanked the emergency services and local residents for their efforts during the incident.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2.1 January 2024 Police Report

- **Noted - several incidents occurred in the Glaisdale/Lealholm area in December, theft and burglary and individuals seen acting suspiciously as well as the incident at Rake Lane ford (see above)**

2.2 Consideration of proposals to change existing AED storage cabinets to free access cabinets throughout the parish

- **Chair informed members of recommendations of the British Heart Foundation (BHF) regarding the storage of AED units in locked cabinets and that their advice is to only use unlocked cabinets. As all of the cabinets in this parish, and in almost all surrounding parishes, use the locked cabinet type, members were asked to consider the benefits and drawbacks of introducing this concept in Glaisdale Parish.**
- **The main argument offered by the BHF is that in an incident the person tasked with getting the AED will be under some stress and it can happen that they forget the code provided to gain access to the AED, or have difficulty in entering the code to open the cabinet. This additional process of accessing the AED adds significant time to getting the AED to the casualty and can be avoided by using an unlocked cabinet.**
- **The main drawback to this concept is that of theft of an unsecured AED valued at £800 to £1000 and that the GPC insurers will not provide cover for loss or theft in these circumstances. The BHF states that theft of such devices countrywide is very rare but does happen, mostly in more populated areas. Another consideration is that the cost of replacing all four cabinets in Glaisdale Parish would amount to in excess of £2000 plus fitting costs. There would also be the risk of an AED being taken out without informing the ambulance service and that when an incident happened then the ambulance service would be unaware of that missing AED adding further delay to getting an AED to a casualty.**
- **Members were unsure of the benefits to this proposal and any decision on this is deferred pending wider consultation on public opinion.**

3. PLANNING

[Details of applications listed here can be viewed via the Glaisdale PC website. - Go to the 'Council Business /Planning' page and click on the relevant application no. – you will be taken to the details on the NYMNPA planning web page.]

3.1 Applications

3.1.1 NYM/2023/0794 - Application for demolition of lean-to, conversion of and extension to barn to create one local occupancy dwelling, two holiday letting cottages, and one holiday let/annexe with associated parking at Ajalon House, Fryup.

- **No objections raised.**

3.1.2 NYM/2023/0828 - Application for demolition of porch and construction of two storey extension at 4 Park View, Glaisdale.

- **No objections raised.**

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3.2 Referrals - None Received

4. FINANCE

4.1 Notification of remittance from NY Council for 2023 Agency agreement (Verge Cutting)

- **Noted - received into GPC business account.**

4.2 Final Budget proposals for 2024/25 prepared for approval, as agreed at Nov. 2023 meeting.

- **2024-2025 Budget figures for Glaisdale Parish Council, as agreed at the November meeting, presented for approval and signature. Proposal to ratify the budget made by Cllr RN, seconded by Cllr CP. All members in agreement. Final Budget figures signed off by Chairman present.**

4.3 Invoice for grass-cutting works at Glaisdale during 2023 for approval and payment.

- **Invoice received from C Ford for grass-cutting services in Glaisdale parish during 2023 season. Charges fall within the stipulated limits for this service and proposal to make payment made by Cllr RN, seconded Cllr CP. All members in agreement. Payment to be issued via bank transfer.**

4.4 Invoice received from Robinson Institute re hire of hall by the Parish Council for meetings throughout 2024. (ten meetings in total)

- **Payment proposed Cllr RN, seconded Cllr CY. All members in agreement. Payment to be issued via bank transfer.**

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Action / Reply

5.1.1 Letter from Glaisdale W I proposing improvements to the Xmas tree lights installed on this years Xmas tree on the Green at Glaisdale.

- **This letter proposed replacing the existing battery powered lights with lights powered from mains supply to enable better and more visible lighting making a more festive display.**
- **Members agreed that such an improvement should be made and suggested that it may be possible to take a supply from the street lamp situated on the Green nearby. Members agreed that advice should be given to the WI to facilitate this and that further help may be possible if needed. Clerk to advise W I accordingly.**

- **Minutes & Reports**
None Received.

- **For Information**
None Received.

Newsletters received : Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2024 issue.

Publications received : None

6. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
None

7. MATTERS OF INTEREST RAISED BY MEMBERS

7.1 Highways and footpaths

- **Information - The streetlamp situated outside the Ley Hall is now fixed and has been incorporated into NYC streetlamp maintenance schedule.**
 - **The stepping stones at WestBanks lane ford have been displaced (2 off) again.**
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- **DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Thursday 15th February 2024 at the Robinson Institute. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm.**