

# Glaisdale Parish Council

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## **Minutes of Annual Assembly - March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024, held in the Robinson Institute, Glaisdale**

**Cllrs Present : N Hopwood (Chair); C Pearson ; R Norris ; M Harrison ; K Allanson**

**Apologies : Cllrs C Yoxall , Tony Corner**

**Electors present : None**

**Minutes of previous meeting were presented, agreed and signed as a true record.**

**Matters arising from the minutes :**

**1            No issues arising from previous minutes.**

**Chairmans' Report :-**

***Welcome to the Annual Assembly of your Parish Council.***

The Council members have remained the same as in the previous year.

Throughout the year the Council has examined, discussed and reported it's views on various planning applications as well as visiting sites when necessary. It has also organised the cutting of grass and the maintenance of verges as the need arose.

The Council was asked if it could provide some form of rail from which the wreaths could be hung at the Glaisdale War Memorial. This was discussed at length and the question was raised as to whether the Council should carry the full cost. County Councillor Clive Pearson said that his Locality Budget would support 80% of the cost and the Council agreed to fund the remaining 20%. The rail has now been installed and is in use.

Due to the ongoing occurrence of rural crime discussions were started with regard to the feasibility of providing CCTV or cameras in the area. It was agreed, after a great deal of research by our Clerk, Dave Palmer, that it would not be legal for the council to use such cameras. After much discussion and liaison with the Police it was agreed that it would be possible to help to provide cameras to be used by local Rural Watch Team, under Police supervision and agreement. A system was put in place for cameras to be made available for the purpose of crime prevention, these cameras to be held by the Police in Whitby. Funding was provided by County Councillor Pearson from his Locality Fund.

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

**DATE : .....**

A request for funds was received from the newly formed Lealholm Community Sports Association to help towards the planning, rebuilding and refurbishment of the cricket pavilion which is no longer fit for purpose having regard to modern requirements and the Council agreed to provide £250.00 towards this. A request was also received for financial support from Scarborough District Citizens Advice Bureau and it was agreed that a donation of £150.00 be made to them.

The budget for the 2024/2025 year was discussed. The precept has been held without increase for the last three years and it is becoming impossible to maintain the required level of funding with the recent increase in costs associated with Parish maintenance and Statutory Fees. An increase was agreed which amounts to £5.37 per annum (at 10p per week) on a band D property.

As everyone will be aware, an incident occurred on 28th December at Rake Lane ford where three people lost their lives in the flooded river. A discussion was held at the Council's January meeting to establish if anything could be done to improve safety at the ford. Representatives were present from the Police, Highways, Parks and Press and a number of other interested parties. Various proposals were put forward and passed to the relevant authorities although it was considered unlikely anything could be put in place until after the inquest.

Discussions also took place regarding the feasibility of leaving the council operated defibrillators unlocked to reduce the time necessary to gain access to the equipment. Although it was considered that it was a good idea it was agreed that there were a number of problems associated with such action and investigations are ongoing.

I would like to thank our Parish Clerk, Mr David Palmer, for his continued, professional, support without which it would be difficult for the Council to operate, especially for his work after the tragedy at Rake Lane.

I would also like to thank our Council members for the time and effort they have given throughout the year.

## **County Councillors' Reports.**

Cllr Clive Pearson offered a short review of NYC council activity - being a councillor for this electoral area.

This year has been a year of consolidation since the recent changes in local government due to the transition to a single unitary authority.

It is reported that Adult and Childrens' care will amount to approximately half of the councils budget for 2024, this and the effects of inflation and rising costs will ensure a difficult year ahead. Despite this the council is pressing ahead with a program of road repairs and will continue to support school transport schemes. All this while still holding a council tax increase to a below inflation level

There will be an 'Assistance Fund' worth about £1 million for families experiencing severe difficulties and for local councils and other organisations the Councillors 'Locality Budgets' are left untouched and remain available.

## **NYMNPA Member Reports**

Cllr Pearson also gave a brief report on the state of the N Park finances indicating that the main funding sources amount to £13.32 million and earned income from the Parks various activities amounts to an additional £1.75 million. All of this income goes to supporting the various projects ongoing at the moment.

## **Matters raised by electors.**

No Electors present.

The chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the Assembly at 19.20hrs.

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## **Financial Statement : (Financial Year 2023/24 correct at 16/03/2024)**

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| <b>Balance B/F</b>            | <b>: £ 23858.69</b> |
| <b>Income</b>                 | <b>: £ 17149.03</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>            | <b>: £ 22816.21</b> |
| <b>Balance</b>                | <b>: £ 17466.54</b> |
| <b>Balance (All accounts)</b> | <b>: £ 17149.03</b> |

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

DATE : .....