

GLAPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Glapwell Parish Council

Held on

Thursday 23 January 2014

At the Glapwell Centre

Present:

Joan Evans

Clive Fleetwood

Rachel Hibbert

Jackie Hole

John Jepson

Sue Pilgrim

Tony Trafford (chair)

Also in attendance

Sue O'Donnell, Councillor Ann Syrett, Councillor Clive Moesby

1 Members of the Public

01/14 **Apologies for Absence** – Glyn Evans.

02/14 **Declarations of Interest**

Sue Pilgrim declared an interest in item 06/14 – Football Ground

03/14 **Public Forum**

Mr Bonson asked for an update on the issues he had raised at the previous meeting. He was informed that assurances had been given about the erection of the bus shelter that followed the guidelines for health and safety issues. Further issues relating to the bus shelter were raised including lighting, maintenance of surrounding area. **It was agreed to request a site meeting with the officers and County Councillor.**

Mr Bonson also expressed concerns about:

1) Slippiness of the newly resurfaced footpaths and asked for this to be raised by the Parish Council with Derbyshire County Council. Members confirmed that this was a problem throughout the village.

2) Problems with 3 gullies outside 120, The Hill. It was noted that Mr Bonson had received a letter from DCC dated 21 January indicating that an inspection was planned.

3) Overgrown hedge outside 126 The Hill.

It was agreed that these issues be raised with Derbyshire County Council.

Joan Evans asked if the District Councillor could investigate an ongoing problem with tree roots raising the path outside 20 Lime Tree Avenue.

04/14 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 28th November 2013**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

05/14 Matters Arising

101/13 Speed limits on The Hill - Councillor Syrett reported that this had been raised with all employees and asked if there were any further incidences that the registration number be noted and sent to her.

101/13 Parking on Footpaths – As part of a full response from PC Statham concerning the issues raised at the previous meeting, a suggestion had been made for the use of a restriction known as “dragon’s teeth”. This involved the use of short wooden stakes. **It was agreed to discuss this with DCC.**

101/13 Bowls Club – all of the issues raised had been addressed.

106/13 Insurance Claim – The matter had been referred to the insurers.

05/14 Reports

Police – A report had been provided on 2 crimes in December 2013.

Joan Evans reported that there was still a problem with an accumulation of post at 18 Hawthorne Avenue. It was agreed that the police be contacted for their help.

Derbyshire County Council – Councillor Moseby reported on the following items:

Sexual Health Policy – There was a consultation on promotion of the service on www.derbyshire.gov.uk/sexualhealth or on 01629533836.

Headlines from the discussion on the budget 2014/15

- 3000 employees on the lowest wages would be paid the living wage
- The increase in precept was anticipated to be 1.9% dependent on the final settlement from the Government. Priorities have been informed by the public consultation – “Have Your Say”.
- The budget also provides for £137m savings over the next 4 years. The Council were launching a consultation to obtain the public’s view on the areas being proposed. Members were urged to view the information online.

Spending Cuts - Councillor Moesby explained that the cuts in service were inevitable given the reduction in funding identified for Derbyshire from the Government. This funding represented 75% of the spending by the Council. The cuts were mainly focussed on the areas not covered by statutory responsibility including funding for transport to school for disabled children, changes to library service, and tighter eligibility criteria for adult care services. The proposed changes were the subject of public consultation involving public meetings and online surveys between 31 January and 31st March. The relevant website was www.derbyshire.gov.uk/challenge.

Waste Strategy – There was a further consultation on the strategy.

Rachel Hibbert reported that there was a problem caused by parking on the verge outside a house at the bottom of The Hill. It was agreed to include this problem in the email to DCC.

Bolsover District Council – Councillor Syrett reported on the following items:

Budget – The budget had not been finalised but due to actions taken to reduce costs by management reorganisations it was anticipated that there would not cuts in

services or jobs. There were also plans to introduce the living wage for those earning the lowest hourly rate.

HS2 Exhibitions – The consultation continues until January 31st. The Council were concerned about the impact of the project on development areas in the district. Joan Evans asked for better signposting to the temporary payment office for council tax. This was noted.

Arising out of the discussion, John Jepson referred to problems for local residents during the installation of new traffic controls on the M1. These had caused long queues even at quiet periods and were made worse when traffic was diverted from the motorway. He was informed that this was the responsibility of the Highways agency. **It was agreed that a letter be sent from the Parish Council to the Highways Agency to alert them to the problems caused to local residents.**

Further items for DCC were continuing problems with 1) a rattling manhole cover outside The Young Vanish 2) unfinished pavement adjacent to Bolsover Road and opposite Park Avenue. **It was agreed to include these items in the email to Councillor Moesby.**

The Glapwell Centre

John Jepson raised the following issues from the meeting of the Management Committee held on 16 January:

Lettings – The Management Committee had been informed that there had been a number of new bookings for the next two months. The Parish Council were asked to confirm a reduction in the lettings charge for Parochial Parish Council for their coffee mornings to be held in March. This was agreed.

Cleaning – It had been agreed with the manager that a deep clean be carried out to ensure that the centre was as attractive as possible for the latest bookings.

Bar – Following a discussion by Finance Committee on profitability, it had been agreed to review the information on bar takings/expenditure on stock in advance of the annual audit.

Cricket Club - following a meeting with a representative of the club it had been proposed that they could hold events at the Centre and bring their own drinks. **This was agreed.**

06/14 Football Ground

Tony Trafford reported that a date of March 17th had been set for the courts to take enforcement action on the Tomlin Order agreed with Glapwell Football Club FC in November 2012 to avoid court action. The Council had been advised that the finalisation of the lease with Glapwell Sporting Association would be suspended until after this date.

Glapwell Gladiators – Tony reported that a letter had been received from the club asking the Parish Council to support their request to use the football ground on a number of occasions in March and also to protest about the number of times their games had been cancelled. Sue Pilgrim also referred to plans to dig up the pitch at the end of the season. Tony confirmed that Phil Davies, as grounds man, had been given the responsibility to determine the use of the ground in bad

weather. The Council would need evidence that this was not being operated fairly to all teams before taking action. He confirmed that any changes to the pitch would need the permission of the Council before this went ahead.

Rachel Hibbert asked if the Football Ground would be available for community events being organised by Glapwell Community Development Group. Tony advised that the Council could not confirm the use of the Football ground for events until legal issues were resolved.

She also referred to discussions with the Cricket Club who had indicated that they would not agree to use of the ground for the planned carnival on Saturday. They had offered the ground for the Sunday. It was agreed that the terms of the lease with the cricket club be checked before any further action was taken.

Correspondence from Glapwell FC – Tony reported that he had received a letter from Glapwell FC containing complaints issues arising from the unresolved dispute about the license. In view of the legal process now in motion, he proposed that the letter be noted.

Suspension of Standing Orders at 21.30

Tony Trafford proposed that standing orders be suspended to allow time for discussion of the finance report.

07/14 Finance Report

Monthly Finance Summary for November/December 2013 – The summaries were agreed and payments authorised by Finance Committee were confirmed. It was agreed that the following payments be made in January:

Payments – December

208.34	ASI Security		
94.08	Payne and Pike	DIRECT DEBITS	
62.23	Viking	791.78	Utility Warehouse
140.29	Overton Electrical	2817.84	Salaries
36.00	TillPoint	341.84	PAYE
162.00	UK Safety Management		
196.02	DCC Pensions		

Payments – 9/01/14

23/01/14

28.22	BT Payments	46.06	BT Payments
539.68	JMA Wholesale	320.50	BDC CAN
289.00	NEDDC	DIRECT DEBITS	
196.02	DCC Pensions	622.57	Utilities Warehouse
156.00	Glapwell Village Hall Fund	2776.44	Salaries
36.00	Till Point	287.64	PAYE

Budget 2014/15

Members of the Finance Committee had discussed a budget for 2014/15 at a meeting held on 9th January. The discussion was based on a number of background papers including 1) actual and projected income for 2013/14 2) analysis of expenditure for Parish Council in 2013/14 3) analysis of expenditure for Glapwell Centre 2012/13 and 4) the estimated figures at 31/03/13 compared with the budget set in January 2013. They had noted information from the Finance Director at Bolsover District Council about possible changes at a national level

that the council needed to take into account. On the basis of this information each item of expenditure and income were reviewed and a budget target for 2014/15 produced.

This draft budget was outlined to all members for their views. It was noted that the reserves held by the Council had been replenished to the target figure of £20000. This had been achieved by careful regulation of spending. However there was a risk that the outstanding repayment of business rates from Glapwell FC Ltd would not be received before the end of the financial year. It was noted the Council, as landlord, continued to be liable for the business rates until the new lease with Glapwell Sporting Association was finalised.

The proposed budget for 2014/15 was agreed.

Precept for 2014/15

On the basis of the draft budget for 2014/15 and the need to restore part of the reserves it was estimated that an increase of 3.0% in the precept was required to balance planned income and expenditure and restore reserves, a cash amount equivalent to £1949.

The proposed increase was put to the vote and there were 6 votes for the increase and 1 vote against. It was agreed that this increase be requested from Bolsover District Council.

The following items were deferred until the next meeting -

08/14 Planning
09/14 Correspondence
10/14 Members Reports

11/14 Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 27th February 2014 at 7.30pm

The meeting finished at x=21.50.

Sue O'Donnell – 29/10/14