

Glapwell Parish Council
Zoom Council Meeting
July 2nd 2020

Present: Tony Trafford, Clive Fleetwood, David Clough, Tricia Clough, Keith Woollen, Chris Mellard-Sibley, Nicki Senior (Clerk). John Marriott (RFO)

Agenda Item
27/20 Apologies for absence Cllr Clive Moesby
28/20 Declarations of interest None
<p>29/20 Public Forum No public present</p> <p>Cllr Fleetwood and Cllr. T Clough raised the issue of traffic on Back lane. Residents feel that they have been abandoned in their efforts to curtail the use of this road as a rat run, with cars not observing signage and often passing at speed. Their fears have been heightened due to the recent permission given for the development on Park Avenue and the impact this will have on the road being used for access. Residents have proposed two solutions; sleeping policemen between the farm and the far bungalow or a roundabout on the Pinfold junction and were raising a petition to gain support. It was felt that funding from County for this scheme was questionable. It was proposed that Glapwell Parish Council support the proposal and the petition. Cllr T Clough will write a letter to Nick Knowles, copying in Joanie Dixon. Clerk will pen a letter of support for the residents.</p>
30/20 Minutes of previous meeting (None pending)
<p>31/20 Reports:</p> <p>31/20/01 Police report – New contact has been assigned PC Tracy Bell whose details will be circulated after meeting</p> <p>Cllr. Fleetwood asked that PC Bell be asked about the accuracy of published crime stats as a known burglary in March on Rowthorne Lane was not showing on any of the statistics. Clerk to make this enquiry.</p> <p>Cllr Clough asked that Clerk make enquiries if PC Bell of what training is available for residents to undertake a speed gun exercise in the village.</p> <p>31/20/02 County Councillor - Cllr. Dixon is happy to stand in for Cllr. Moesby as he recovers and good wishes for this were extended.</p> <p>Cllr. T Clough reported she had already reported a loose manhole cover in the alley way connecting thr Green and Hawthorne avenue.</p> <p>31/20/03 District Councillor</p> <p>31/20/03/01 Cars parking on green on The Hill opposite Young Vanish</p> <p>Letter regarding this had already been circulated and the problem was already being investigated by District and letters have already gone out. Further actions at Parish Level were unclear and it was probably best to leave it with District at this point for the normal process to occur and hope that fines will be issued. It was agreed that the £1000 estimate for an access road is ludicrous and these figures are not plausible.</p> <p>31/20/03/01 Parking in the village</p> <p>No change in the issue of parking around the village. Cllr. T Clough will send another letter.</p> <p>31/20/03/01 Ransom Strip update</p> <p>Congratulations were given to Cllr. T Clough on the call in. The decision is now back with Grant Galloway who is already collating information. Cllr. Tom Kirkam and Cllr T Clough have sent in reports but it is</p>

unlikely a decision is made until a decision on making the Ransom strip an asset of community value is received.

Residents of Park Avenue have also applied for it to become a village green. Congratulations were due to the residents for their determination and coming up with good ideas. Glapwell Parish Council will continue to support them where they can.

Cllr. Fleetwood confirmed that he attended a meeting held by the residents and it was well attended, and they seem positive about what they can achieve. Cllr Fleetwood suggested that with hindsight the request to make a village green should have been made during phase 1 of the application as it was known phase 2 was coming. Cllr Trafford reflected that it was impossible to have foreseen that BDC would decide so contrary to the local plan. The Secretary of State turned down intervention, but residents have appealed.

A discussion was had regarding possible meetings that had taken place between planner and BDC prior to the application. A freedom of information request had turned up no evidence of these meetings therefore, as these were un-minuted there was no evidence that could be useful in the appeal. It was agreed that even if the development could not be stopped it could at least be put under scrutiny at every stage.

Cllr. T Clough reported that residents thought they had found a rare bat in the trees and if this was confirmed would make this a site of scientific interest. Cllr T Clough also confirmed that the Chair of BDC was looking at re-routing and came across well in meeting and sincere in their commitment to do so. At this point the decision is now back with Grant Galloway.

A discussion was had regarding using the Nursery site as an alternative entrance but Cllr. Fleetwood confirmed that length of carriage way would mean that the road layout would have to change to avoid making an effective dead-end. It was confirmed that reports had been received that Mr Hill had approached people on Mansfield road about buying properties. At this time, it is the residents aim to at least preserve the Ransom Strip and anything else would be a bonus.

31/20/03/01 Lime Tree Avenue

The wall is now finished.

32/20 Matters arising (excluding those covered elsewhere on the agenda)

32/20/01 Meeting dates

Urgent items only for July 23rd, 2020 meeting. Other dates accepted.

32/20/02 Action Grants Derbyshire

An application for £10000 was made and a decision has not yet been received. Clerk to chase this with funders.

32/20/03 ROSPA report

Medium risk repairs were agreed upon. Clerk to obtain quotes. It was queried as to the cleaning requirements for the playgrounds when they reopen. Clerk will ask BDC for advice.

32/20/04 Grant Funding opportunities (GRADE)

Cllr. T Clough was concerned that many grants had been missed due to the inactivity of a management committee. Cllr. Trafford suggested that more people were invited in to participate and would cover this later in the agenda item on the Glapwell Centre.

33/20 Finance Report

33/20/01 Income and expenditure for April and May

Figures up to June 2020 were circulated with over £45,000 in reserves though this included the first instalment of the precept and payments from the job retention scheme.

RFO was waiting on information from REAL education regarding what was owed. Somehow March 2020 invoice got missed.

RFO currently pursuing two centre users with invoices outstanding. One claims they did not use the centre on dates billed for. Other has not yet responded.

PAYG invoice from EON for the football ground. The bill seemed very high so RFO asked Cllr Fleetwood to make enquiries. There has now been a reduction in the cost so whatever has happened has had the desired effect. Cllr. Fleetwood said capping had been displaced and there had been leaking of electricity into the earth. This has now been rectified. Next month's invoice should give a more accurate picture.

33/20/02 Payments for April May and June

Payment were unanimously accepted

33/20/03 AGAR Governance statement - This was read out and unanimously agreed to be a true record of actions. To be signed electronically by the Chair and Clerk.

33/20/04 AGAR Accounting statement – this was unanimously agreed to be a true and accurate record of the accounts of Glapwell Parish council. To be signed off electronically by the Chair.

33/20/05 BDC Business Rates – update

This will be covered in the agenda item regarding the Glapwell Centre

34/20 The Glapwell Centre

34/20/01 REAL education current position

Real are due to leave the premises at the end of this academic term. Cllr. Fleetwood had been contacted by Mark Spencer from REAL suggesting that decorating start on 27th July 2020 and requested a site meeting to discuss a colour scheme. Cllr. Trafford confirmed he would attend with Cllr Fleetwood. Cllr. Fleetwood to organise meeting date and time. Clerk will confirm as soon as possible if Action grant was successful to guide the discussions regarding work to be completed by REAL.

34/20/02 Charity formation for management committee

Cllr Trafford explained that after applying for a £10,000 business grant GPC were subsequently deemed to not be eligible for either the grant or for rate relief as they have two properties. If the council only had the community centre, they could get discount on rates but because they also have the football ground this is classed as a second property, even though both are under the eligible level independently. After a productive conversation with the rating officer it was decided that the best thing to do would be to transfer the football ground into a charity. Once a charity number was obtained then it would be eligible for an 80% reduction plus a further 20% as it is sports related therefore giving 100% relief. The community centre then becomes a small business so full rate relief for that can then be obtained.

Now in the process of registering the football ground as Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and as a standalone charity. The trustee of this can be one organisation and can be the parish council as we own it. We will be sole trustee and can then have a management committee with discretion to run the football ground. Then we can obtain 100% business rate on the community centre. We don't yet have to register the community centre as a CIO but is urgent to do so for the football ground. No decision yet from the charity commission on our application. We may be charged pro-rata from beginning of year.

Cllr D Clough asked what the charge for rates were presently. RFO confirmed about £6000. Cllr Trafford advised that CIO status for the centre was sought when possible and linked this with Cllr T Cloughs vision for Glapwell Recovery and Development Enterprise group (GRADE). The Council could be the sole trustee and everyday running be turned over to a committee. That way the Council retains control. Registering the properties as charities also gives the benefit of being able to apply for more grants than possible as a Council.

Cllr Fleetwood asked if we could get access to other grants, we may have missed out on first time round? RFO advised to get the charities set up and then we could apply. Access to any other business rates grants we missed out on first time round. Cllr. T Clough flagged up Co-op society grants as a possibility. Cllr Trafford advised that the new set up for the community centre be formed around the premise of community recovery and coming together, this forming the basis of grant applications Once the Football Ground application comes through we can start the process for the community centre including setting up the management committee. Cllr D clough asked if the Glapwell Development Group were no longer interested in taking over the centre? Cllr Clough confirmed their attention was currently on the Park Avenue situation and that whilst they were happy to be part of the centre development, they did not want to run it. Cllr Trafford said that there would still be the onus on the Council to support it financially, promoting through Becky Buckley and taking on the administration.

Cllr T Clough shared news of a "End of pandemic" fund from BDC with the stipulation of buying local. It was suggested that Cllr. Hibbert may like to take on this project in lieu of the cancelled VE day celebrations she was planning. It was suggested this may have been a good Glapwell in Bloom project but Cllr. Fleetwood confirmed site visits were still not forthcoming and it was better served for next year.

Cllr. T Clough said that Citizens advice may want use of the centre.

34/20/03 The Management Committee -next steps

See 34/20/04

34/20/04 Re-opening the centre

See 34/20/01

RFO confirmed that the Furlough scheme had now become more flexible. However, the RFO also cautioned that there were issues with bringing Rose back as her hourly wage has changed since being on Furlough. We need to be very careful on who we bring back and when. Job retention will be reducing at the end of August. Cllr Trafford asked that the work review which had been ongoing at time of furlough be resumed as staff return would be the natural point to address changes to work patterns and hours. As yet we do not know how many users, we will have.

Cllr D Clough asked if Malcolm could assist in the cleaning of the centre? Cllr. Fleetwood suggested it may be more cost effective to bring in external contractors to do a deep clean. He also said that the REAL staff undertaking the refurbishment should be cleaning up after themselves as they go. Cllr Trafford raised the question of supervising the work. The Clerk suggested a rota be drawn up of Council members willing to go in and supervise the works.

35/20 Clerks business

Nothing to report

36/20 Football Ground and MUGA

36/20/01 Ground update

Cllr. Mellard-Sibley: Quite a bit of work was undertaken with G3A but running an academy as they wanted to require an artificial surface. A lengthy FA conversation lead them to telling G3A they have no chance of funding it as they had bigger plans elsewhere (Clowne). Got in touch with Field Management Solutions who came out and had a look with Cllr. Fleetwood CF attending. They came back to G3A and said they weren't able to help, not possibly enough uptake for the business model to

work. Impossible for G3A to do all they want to as on a grass pitch will have worn away to mud. So they are out of it.

What we need to do is review the best way forward. As a charity not paying rates it will be easier to break even or even turn a profit. Glapwell FC (formerly Chesterfield Town Football Club) have registered with Derbyshire FC as hall corner being their home ground. Also, in the background CWFC may also want some pitch rental. They have spoken to Clive and are keen to come back. It is possible we can break even or make a small profit. Two Saturday and Sunday games would see us clear and possibly make profit. In terms of funding it wouldn't need to always be GPC to apply, Glapwell Football Club (GFC) could apply. Might need to look at the state of the pitch. Liam Rooney was contacted and suggested what we can apply for (see attached document). Need to get playing surface right to sustain football games on it. Need to get representatives out and an Assessment report done by the Regional Pitch Advisor. This incurs a £150 fee. The funding is a complex system, unless they come back and say we'd like to support you through the process. Would be worth seriously considering FA funding with GPC or GFC putting in. For example, there is up to 25k funding for clubhouses. First step is getting the RPA out for the assessment report. Us getting guy out to make a start on it.

Cllr. Fleetwood asked if the timescale was feasible for a September season opener. Cllr Mellard Sibley said lots of pitch works have been pushed back and was not sure if RPA allowed to come out now. The assessment would be valid for ten years if it was obtained.

The RFO was asked for an opinion. RFO impressed that if we were setting up a charity to run the ground then once formed it needed to be run by the charity and really the pitch assessment fee should be paid by the charity. Cllr. Fleetwood said that by the time we get a response the charity should be in place. Cllr Mellard Sibley suggested the report needed doing as soon as possible as there would be a growing list to get this done.

As we had no teams to play on pitch that we know can pay the lease fees we need to get money in through the ground. We need to make it more attractive. The reality of the team that has taken on the name is the bigger they get, say a chartered standard club the better for the ground as pots that are available become bigger. As a charity or parish council we should support that club as well as we can. Change of tact business wise in the short term.

Cllr. D Clough asked if the gladiators were approached?

Cllr. Mellard-Sibley shared that his understanding was they are not keen to come back and their conduct was questionable.

Cllr D Clough asked who is responsible for bookings if Glapwell FC are our team. Cllr. Trafford confirmed that for the time being we would do the bookings as a council. This gives a solution at arm's length now that we had lost the rating liability. Council agreed they would be happy for chesterfield ladies to have additional bookings. This was felt to be an opportunity to get costs off the councils back and GFC will pay more than previous tenants as they are keen to use.

Chair asked for a vote on proceeding with a ground assessment with a view to hourly rental to GFC and any other interested parties.

Unanimously agreed.

36/20/02 Request to rent ground

Clerk asked if a one of booking over the summer would be considered? Cllr. Fleetwood confirmed the grass in good condition and the pitch wouldn't be a problem. Cllr Trafford confirmed the volunteer who maintains the pitch would probably be happy to continue to do so. Clerk raised the problem of slippery paths. Cllr. Fleetwood said these had now dried out. However, in view of the need to make arrangements to make the buildings and amenities covid secure a one-off booking was not thought to be cost effective at this time.

37/20 Planning matters

Application No: 20/00245/FUL

Decision Level: Delegated

Proposal: Replace steel gate at the side with 7ft (2.1m) x 6ft(width) gates to keep rear garden private

Location: Devonshire Cottage Green Lane Stony Houghton Mansfield

Applicant: Mr Nathan Ratcliffe

This application was deemed outside of Glapwell Parish Boundary

Cllr. T Clough reported an approved application to build a double story extension which was now underway had generated a large amount of mud on the surrounding roads and this had been passed to the County council

38/20 Correspondence

RE: Defibs – Cllr Trafford asked the clerk to contact Ruth Price to find the name of a fundraiser who is buying de-fibs and enquire if he could equip the Parish with one.

RE: GP request to use the centre car park for vaccinations. Cllr. D Clough suggested they could site the tent on the green between the trees, opposite the hall. The sports hall has been offered and it was agreed that this will be rented gratis as it was felt to be of community benefit.

39/20 Date of next meeting 23rd July urgent items only