

## **GLAPWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 p.m.  
In The Glapwell Centre

### **Members Present:**

Councillors T Trafford (Chair), C Fleetwood (Vice-Chair), I Grainger-Grimes, A Langtry-Palmer, R Hibbert

### **In attendance**

E R Price (Acting Clerk)  
J Marriott (Responsible Finance Officer)

### **Public Participation**

21 members of the public present

It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that E R Price be appointed clerk for the meeting

The Chair welcomed their new councillor, Councillor A Langtry-Palmer, to the meeting

### **Public Participation**

21 Members of the public were in attendance. A question was raised about publication of the dates and times of the meetings as the website had not been updated. The Chair explained that there had been issues between the old and new website and that several recent changes in staffing had also caused issues. Agendas and minutes were always posted on the noticeboard at the centre.

The public were particularly concerned about the rate of increase in the parish council precept for 2024-2025 and were looking for information as to where the money went. The Chair had provided copies of the three budgets discussed at their budget making meeting and made these available to all members of the public present, to demonstrate the issues taken into consideration when setting the level of precept for 2024-2025.

An urgent decision to raise the precept had had to be taken as a leak had been identified in the Centre's roof. This needed to be fixed as a matter of urgency as the only alternative would have been to close the centre. In addition the commercial boiler required replacement. In order to meet the cost of the repair and replacement the only avenue open to the council was to borrow the money from Bolsover District Council. The decision had been taken, in order to keep the interest repayable to a minimum, to repay the loan over a period of 2 years. In order to meet the cost of the repayments, together with all other costs associated with delivering the remainder of the parish council's services, it had been necessary to raise the precept. This was the only source of income available to the council which could meet the required expenditure. The parish council had invited 3 quotes from the approved list of contractors at Bolsover District Council who had already gone through their procurement process. It was necessary to use this method because of the urgent time element needed to address the leaking roof.

The parish council were continuing to look at grant sources to undertake a major refurbishment or replacement of the building, but this was a long term project which was likely to take in excess of 2 years.

Members of the public accepted the urgency of the matter but considered that there could have been much better communication with the community rather than waiting to find out from the rates bill. In order to make better use of the Centre they also considered that there should be more consultation undertaken about activities available at the Centre.

Members gave an assurance that consultation with the community would be a priority when considering future development plans for the centre and other public assets. They also assured the public that they would take steps to improve communication.

A question was asked about the ownership of the football ground and it was confirmed that a charity had been set up to manage the facility and the sole trustee was the parish council.

A question was also asked about the flower beds in the parish. It was explained that these were sponsored. It was suggested that these should be wildflower sites. A member explained that an approach had been made to BDC in the past on 7 sites but they would not approve 5 sites and suggested that DCC would object to the remaining 2. Members of the public suggested that they may be able to help on some projects if it would help to save the council money.

2 members of the public offered their services to repair/replace noticeboards.

The issue of fly tipping was raised including a question as to whether dummy cameras could be installed at hot spots.

A question concerning rents of garage sites was raised and the member of the public was advised to contact the district councillor

#### **01/03/24 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Harvey and Councillor J Ritchie (BDC)

#### **02/03/24 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Trafford and Fleetwood declared an interest as Trustees of the Glapwell Guardians and all councillors present declared an interest in the Glapwell Community Sports Association.

#### **03/03/24 Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **04/03/24 Exclusion of Public**

No items from the agenda were identified for the exclusion of the public

### **05/03/24 To consider the recruitment of Parish Clerk**

The Chair explained that, since the last meeting, the Responsible Finance Officer had submitted his resignation. It was Resolved that the two roles of Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer be combined and the post be re-advertised at 21 hours per week and the salary be assessed accordingly. It was further agreed that the three applicants who had submitted applications for the Parish Clerk role be asked whether they wished to reapply for the combined role.

### **06/03/24 Reports**

Parish Clerk's Report - A written report submitted by the ex parish clerk was received. This included an update on the works to the kitchen in the centre and that an expression of interest was to be submitted to the Community Ownership Fund. A meeting of the GCSA was arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> April concerning the lease. It was agreed that the parish council would not meet the costs incurred by the cricket club for the preparation of the lease.

A specific meeting was to be arranged concerning issues at Hall Corner

The District Councillor and the County Councillor were not present and no reports were submitted

There was no report from the police and members were not aware of any incidents. A member of the public raised a question about temporary signage on lampposts within 30 mile per hour areas and Councillor Fleetwood agreed to raise with PCSO Hancock

The Chair to circulate the Centre Manager's report to all members.

### **07/03/24 Planning**

24/00023/FUL – 99 The Hill Glapwell – 2 storey rear extension and re modelling to bungalow with new access and driveway

No objections were raised

### **08/03/24 Items for consideration**

#### **Renovation of Community Centre**

This was on hold at present

#### **Notice Boards**

The RFO had received a quote of £500 for a replacement noticeboard. Two members of the public present offered to undertake the work.

#### **Lease of the Cricket Ground**

This matter needed to be progressed

#### **Extra signatory on Glapwell Guardians account**

This would need to be held over until the appointment of a new Parish Clerk & RFO

## 09/03/24 Items for Information

No items were raised

## 10/03/24 Finance

The following payments were received and authorised for payment

Date	Details			TOTAL	NET	VAT
29.02.24	Staff Salaries	Feb	132	£4,439.38	£4,439.38	£0.00
29.02.24	HMRC	PAYE Feb	132	£667.36	£667.36	£0.00
29.02.24	NEST	Pensions Feb	132	£102.49	£102.49	£0.00
29.02.24	Guardian Gas	Plumbing repai	133	£592.80	£494.00	£98.80
29.02.24	Shelter Maint	Cleaning mater	134	£18.10	£15.08	£3.02
29.02.24	Opus Energy	Last elec invoic	DD	£93.21	£88.77	£4.44
01.03.24	Brit Gas	Centre elec	135CR	-£257.64	-£245.37	-£12.27
01.03.24	Brit Gas	Centre elec	136	£449.08	£427.70	£21.38
01.03.24	London Hearts	s137 Donation	137	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00
01.03.24	Easy Websites	Website	DD	£30.36	£25.30	£5.06
06.03.24	E-on Next	FG Elec	138	£50.04	£47.66	£2.38
07.03.24	Waste Manag	Centre Waste	139	£86.40	£72.00	£14.40
01.03.24	Opus Energy	Centre Gas	140	£410.60	£342.08	£68.52
08.03.24	Waste Manag	Centre waste	141	£1.20	£1.00	£0.20
13.03.24	Hollinsend Fire	Fire alarm servi	142	£180.00	£150.00	£30.00
14.03.24	Blue Lines	Re-roofing Cen	143	£45,156.00	£37,630.00	£7,526.00
18.03.24	BDC	Centre rates	144	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£0.00
18.03.24	I E Genner	Window Cleane	145	£20.00	£20.00	£0.00
18.03.24	Water Plus	Hall Corner sup	146	£26.53	£22.11	£4.42
18.03.24	BDC	Play area inspe	147	£90.00	£75.00	£15.00
<b>Additional</b>	<b>after Agenda</b>	<b>issued</b>				
25.03.24	Staff Salaries	March	148	£4,982.25	£4,982.25	£0.00
25.03.24	HMRC	PAYE March	148	£1,066.15	£1,066.15	£0.00
25.03.24	NEST	Staff Pension	148	£145.25	£145.25	£0.00
31.03.24	Unity Trust	Charges	DD	£32.85	£32.85	£0.00
31.03.24	Business Str	Centre waste w	149	£78.67	£78.67	£0.00
31.03.24	P Wilson	Lettings refund	150	£22.50	£18.75	£3.75
31.03.24	BDC	Dog bin	151	£62.87	£52.39	£10.48
31.03.24	E-on Next	FG gas	152	£47.65	£45.38	£2.27
31.03.24	Replay Maint	MUGA mainten	153	£420.00	£350.00	£70.00
31.03.24	Brit Gas	Centre el 25.3	154	£194.48	£185.22	£9.26
31.03.24	Ault Huck PCC	Donation	155	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00

## Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliation Report

Members received and accepted the Summary of Income and Expenditure for February 2024 , together with the bank reconciliation as submitted by the RFO

**11/03/24      Items to be Included on the next Agenda**

Firework Display

Flower Beds

Co-option of Members

Refurbishment of noticeboards at junction of Sycamore and Hawthorn and Park Avenue

Defibs – emergency bleed kits

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.