

## GLAPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.00pm  
In the Glapwell Centre.

Councillor John Ritchie was appointed temporary Clerk to take the Minutes.

### Members Present:

Councillors T. Trafford (Chair), C. Fleetwood (Vice-Chair), I Grainger-Grimes, R. Hibbert, D. Harvey, A. Langtry-Palmer & J. Ritchie.

### Public Participation:

5 Members of the public were present.

Derek Chappell attended in his capacity as Chair of Glapwell Colliery Cricket Club to ask about the Lease for the cricket club as they embarked on seeking grants for the renovation of the clubhouse which had already gained planning permission last April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Derek noted that at the cricket club meetings the standing item for the extension and renovation had stalled, and it appeared it was the Parish Council who had promised a Lease still hadn't come forward with a Lease.

The Chair apologised for the delay and said certainly the cricket club would be getting a Lease and the delay was due to changes in personnel and the matter would be resolved once the new Clerk was appointed next week.

Derek said thank you for the response and said we needed a pavilion/clubhouse fit for the growing village to encourage more participation in the game and other sports.

Colton Lee was in attendance and said he was observing, having written in previously seeking co-option to the Council. The Chair said he was most welcome to observe and asked that the Council's thanks are conveyed to his father who had repaired a noticeboard on Sycamore Avenue and was to do others in the village. It was very much appreciated.

Kevin Slaney and Caron Rickers attended and asked about wildflower sowing, following the previous meeting, where the planting opposite the Vanish was discussed. The Chair explained that the Bolsover DC and the Derbyshire CC were not overly enthusiastic about wildflower sowing due to visibility splays and cutting regimes, but it was something we would look at.

Kevin said wild flowering was good for pollinators and cheaper than formal beds of plants. Councillor Ritchie said in his position as the District Councillor he would make enquiries about Bio-Diversity Net Gain and how wild flowering fitted in or could fit in.

Kevin left his details for the Clerk to contact him once the Council had discussed the matter further.

## BUSINESS

01/04/24 Apologies for absence.  
Apologies received from John Marriott RFO.

02/04/24 To receive Declarations of interest.  
All Members declared their interest in the Glapwell Sports Association, and the GSA was explained to Aileen as a new Member. The Chair, V/Chair and Cllr. Hibbert declared their interest in the Glapwell Guardians, and Cllr Ritchie declared his interest in the Glapwell Colliery Cricket Club.

03/04/24 Minutes  
To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on the Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Chair went through the Minutes for accuracy, and these were approved as a true record.

#### Matters Arising:

The wildflower situation had been mentioned at the last meeting, hence the two members of the public attending tonight. Cllr. Ritchie said he would mention it at the next Glapwell Cricket Club meeting with regards to wild flowering the three corners of the ground outside the playing area.

Councillor Fleetwood mentioned the Tenders for the 6 beds opposite the Vanish ad said to date he had only received one firm quote from Paul Pilgrass which was for £4,328 up from £4169 last year.

It was discussed further with reference to the wild flowering, and it was decided that Cllr. Ritchie would contact Kevin Slaney who had been in attendance with his partner earlier, to see how many volunteers they had, and if they could undertake to sow two of the six beds if the Council planted the other four beds. Cllr. Fleetwood asked for permission to act on the quote given the season was nearly upon us and to report back to the next meeting for retrospective approval on the final cost. This was agreed by Members.

Cllr. Ritchie was also to ask at Bolsover DC for other suitable areas for wildflowers within our Ward.

#### 04/04/24 Exclusion of the Public

There were no items on the Agenda which would necessitate the removal of the public, although the public had all left at this point anyway.

#### 05/04/24 Recruitment of the new Clerk & RFO (combined role)

The Chair explained the role of the two officers had been merged into a Clerk & RFO role and there had been over 30 applications of which only 2 were suitable for interview. They were to be held next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April with the Chair and the Vice Chair and John Marriott was also going to be asked, or to forward some questions appertaining to the finance side of matters.

The Chair was very hopeful that we could select a very good clerk & RFO.

#### 06/04/24 Reports

##### a. Chairs Report.

The Chair said his time had been taken up with the search for a new Clerk & RFO and preparing for tonight's meeting.

b. District Councillors Report.

Cllr. Ritchie had submitted a written report and just expanded on the Government funding which was subject to a further meeting this afternoon with the CEO at Bolsover DC and The DLUHC Minister and local MP Mark Fletcher.

The Chair asked if there could be some funding for the Glapwell area, probably a sculpture on the Green opposite the Vanish. Cllr. Ritchie to see what was available from the Council or Arts Council or anywhere else.

Cllr. Ritchie was asked to see if there was any money for the park outside the village hall which was in a sorry state.

c. County Councillors Report.

There was no report from the County Councillor.

d. Police Report.

There was no police officer present nor any report. Councillor Fleetwood said he had spoken with Dave Hancock regarding lamp post signs which said reduce your speed as he had seen them up on lamp posts in Lincolnshire and thought they would be useful on the A617.

Cllr. Fleetwood also said he could occasionally still here cars racing around the "doe Lea" circuit but not as often as previously. Cllr. Ritchie said he had some leaflets from Cllr. Clive Moesby regarding Nuisance Vehicles and the Doe Lea circuit. They were in the foyer here at Glapwell and at Doe Lea Centre.

e. Glapwell Centre Managers Report.

In the absence of a Clerk there is not a report from the Centre Manager this month.

#### 07/04/24 Planning

There was no new planning applications, but there had been an amendment to an existing planning application from Crich Developments on Glapwell Hill.

#### 08/04/24 Items for consideration and Decision.

- **Renovation of the Community Centre (standing item).**  
The work still to be done to the community centre included the electrics required for the new kitchen which was likely to need a full rewire and new consumer unit. This would have to be aid for from the parish council or Guardian funds. An electrician was visiting next week to say what was required to meet latest regulations.
- **The Football Ground and MUGA (standing item)**  
The collapsed bar was discussed as it was thought that if it could be cleared it would lift Hall Corner. It was thought that the price would be prohibitive, but Cllr Langtry-Palmer said she would ask the footballers and volunteers if they could help if the means to get the waste away could be sorted. Cllr. Langtry-Palmer to report back.
- **Applications for co-opton from Craig Lee and Colton Lee.** Both gentlemen, father, and son, had written in expressing an interest in being on the Parish Council following last months meeting. The meeting discussed the applications and mentioned the work already done by the father on the noticeboards. The members agreed to co-opting the applicants, Colton and Craig Lee.

09/04/24 Items for information only.

a. Correspondence

No correspondence except for that involved with the Clerks vacancy.

b. Items for information.

Cllr. Fleetwood mentioned the Defibrillator and said it was in the building at Hall Corner and would be able to be accessed 24/7 by the fitting of a key safe adjacent to the gate which would give access to the ground and said defibrillator. The electrical connection for the trickle charger to be invoiced.

Cllr. Hibbert mentioned the fireworks and whether we should have it this year and whether it should be free or chargeable. It was suggested a date is established as soon as possible, and the fireworks booked, and that it should be a free event because of the Council Tax rise recently levied. The stallholders should be charged, and the Council would look for sponsorship for the event.

This would be an agenda item next month for the financial considerations. Cllr. Hibbert also asked about quarterly events and was to bring further information forward. This might include a Carnival again if the volunteer numbers stacked up.

10/04/24 Finance

1. Payments for authorisation

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) had circulated a list of payments which required authorising for payment. These were approved by the Members.

2. Income & Expenditure, bank reconciliation

The RFO had circulated the income & expenditure figures with the bank reconciliation and the balance sheet and members approved and accepted the documents.

11/04/24 Items to be considered on the next agenda.

- New Clerk
- Firework Display update
- Cricket Club Lease update
- Flower beds update including wildflower beds.
- New Members of Parish Council
- Emergency Bleed Kits.

The meeting also decided to write to John Marriott with our thanks for his service and for helping with the handover to the new Clerk/RFO who would have to submit the year end accounts.

It was also noted by Members that thanks should be sent to Ruth Price for standing in as temporary Clerk.

12/04/24 Date of Next Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup>. May 2024 7.00pm