

# GLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Tuesday  
16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

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**Present:** Councillors; D Batty, J Bell, Mrs Bysse, J Holdich, OBE (Chairman), R W Johnson, G Kirt, D. Lane, R Randall, P Skinner, C Wilde and Mr JV Haste (Clerk). Eight members of the public were also present.

## MINUTES OF MEETING

439 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Spendelow with technical difficulties in accessing this meeting

440 **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr. Johnson in respect of the planning item for his neighbour at Brook Farm and Cllr. Bell as his residence is adjacent to the site proposed for development by Larkfleet

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### 441 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. **Mrs Sue Lowe-Lauri and Oldrich Hoppe** represented views of the North Peterborough Village Association and urged a robust rejection of the Larkfleet application and urged the parish council to consider legal representation if a refused application were to go to appeal.
- b. **Gordon Wright** echoed the objections to the Larkfleet plans and urged planning officers to be more robust.
- c. **David Cowcill** also in opposition to the Larkfleet plans would like to see an increase in the pace of the approved building programme to meet the targets of the city and avoid giving developers ammunition for speculative applications.
- d. **Jeff Bell**, as a resident, commented that he had submitted a written objection to the plans and had majored on the drainage issues in the village.

### 442 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

We unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January, 2021 and these were to be duly signed by the Chairman when we next meet.

Proposed Cllr. Holdich seconded Cllr. Bell

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443 **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**– Cllr. Johnson referred to the continued absence of the 7.5 ton sign for North Fen Road

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### 444 PLANNING

- a. **The current status of planning applications** –the clerk referred to the status report with only one change since the previous meeting namely the refusal of the application of Buffingham Kennels
- b. **21/00079/CTR – Brook Farm House 3 North fen Road**- We have no objections to the planned tree works
- c. **20/01734/FUL – 9a High Street** – Change of use from existing Office space to residential with existing flats and six additional flats. We had previously objected to a similar application which had subsequently been withdrawn by the applicant. This application failed to address the issues previously raised by the parish council and we maintained our unanimous objection to the proposal and asked the clerk to repeat our earlier objections.
- d. **20/00499/FUL – Land West of St Benedicts Close** – Revised Red line Location plan for 34v Entry Level Dwellings. Cllr. Randall drew our attention to the applicant's reliance on paragraph 71 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019, which introduced the concept of Entry Level Homes. Councillors observed that paragraph 71 appeared to conflict with paragraphs 77, 78 and 79 under the heading of Rural

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Housing. In addition our Neighbourhood plan is at a very advanced stage and the proposed development would be in conflict with the policies set out in that document. We UNANIMOUSLY agreed to re-affirm the objects previously submitted to the planning authority and to submit additional observations in support of the view that any development on this site would cause damage to the rural nature of the southern entrance to the village and that any “principle of development” should be refuted for this parcel of land.

- e. **21/00187/CTR Various tree works within the Glington and Castor ward** – Peterborough Ltd application included some crown lift to trees on the village Green over pedestrian footpaths and tree work on the Peakirk road. We have no objections to make and supported the good management of the trees in question

#### **445 COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- a. **Community Centre Working Group** (CCWG - formerly New Village Hall WG) - Councillor Bell provided a full report of meetings of the working group and drew attention to some work by Cllr .Kirt in investigating the experience of other parishes in carrying out like projects. This work emphasised the need to build on the community support that we have already obtained through the village survey. We noted that the working group intended to seek input from a wider group of residents in taking the project forward.
- b. **Church Tower Clock** – We had before us a report commissioned by the St Benedicts Church PCC on the repairs required to the clock at a cost of £2597 plus VAT and noted that the church stated that they had not got the funds to instigate the repairs. The Clerk advised us that we are precluded from funding the repairs of church buildings but do have powers to provide or assist in the maintenance of Public Clocks. We are minded to try to assist in the repair of the clock and instructed the clerk to advise the church, that if the funds were to be raised by say public subscription, we would be prepared to pay up to £1000 shortfall for the repairs to be undertaken.
- c. **Beech Road Parking and vehicles crossing the open space** – We noted the progress of the chairman in investigating what remedies might be available to us and were reminded of the quotes received to fence off this open space. Before spending nearly £5000 on that we asked the clerk to seek the assistance of Highways in writing an open letter to all residents of the Jelson estate

**446 REPORTS from Councillors – STANDING ITEM** – Cllr. Mrs Bysshe reported on a remote meeting on Zoom conducted by the Langdyke Trust involving a number of parishes in the North and West of Peterborough to take forward a co-ordinated approach to a number of projects put forward as part of a Wildlife Recovery project. We were told that funds were available for the Glington element of that project on the triangle of Highways land by the A15 Roundabout. We were assured that Langdyke trust were in discussion with the city council and requested sight of the proposals for our parish

#### **447 GOVERNANCE MATTERS –**

- a. **Dedicated Mobile Phone for the parish council** – The clerk advised us that following the approval given at the previous meeting he had obtained a phone and conclude a business SIM only contract and that the parish council now had a permanent telephone number (07591-834163) which would be published on the website, all emails and on correspondence.
- b. **Training courses** – Cllr. Bell requested approval to attend two remote training courses on Bid writing and grant funding applications at a cost of £95 each. Given the nature of the courses and the need to canvass widely on funding of the community centre project we were minded to pay for two attendees at each course at an approved cost of £380 plus VAT. Cllr. Kirt expressed his willingness to also attend those two courses with the clerk standing in if the attendance on the course dates proved problematic for either councillor

**Proposed Cllr. Johnson Seconded Cllr Mrs Bysshe**

- c. **Progress on the new website and email addresses** - The clerk reported that populating the website template provided by Netwise was progressing and that he was confident that the website could go live in the next two weeks or so, The domain name for the website had been released by Peterborough City Council (as the previous owners) to the ownership of the parish council and it was in the process of being approved by JISC to be hosted on Netwise servers. The email addresses would not be usable until the parish council website goes live as it uses the same domain name.

**448 Official Notices and Correspondence** – None not covered elsewhere on the agenda

**449 HIGHWAYS**

- a. **Kissing Gate Entrance North Fen Road** – The resident of the neighbouring property had been keeping this in good shape and levelled up and had requested that this be taken on by the parish council. The Clerk informed us that the City Council rights of Way Officer had, “on this occasion”, undertaken some remedial work in recognition of the past support given by the neighbouring resident.

b. **Parish Councillors Observations**

Cllr Kirt raised a number of outstanding matters from the previous minutes.

- i. **Litter Bins** at the Pump and on the West side of the Lincoln Road by the Willows footpath – The clerk reported that the city council were prepared to provide these and adjust the collection contract for a 50% contribution by the parish Council. Accordingly we RESOLVED to authorise a contribution of £630 towards their provision.
- Proposed Cllr. Wilde    Seconded Cllr Holdich
- ii. **Stakes and Mesh round Saplings**, given that the City Council disapproved of the use of wire mesh on safety grounds Cllr Kirt could source an alternative mesh. The young trees had been provided at parish council expense and planted by councillors. Un-staked they are at risk of damage through strimming and potential vandalism or children play. We will again ask the city council to re-instate the stakes and we will provide the Mesh.
- iii. **Weight limit sign** at the junction with North Fen Road. We asked the clerk to again seek a replacement sign through highways.
- iv. **No Parking Sign at the Cemetery Car park**. The chairman reported that the sign was in his possession awaiting erection by the cemetery maintenance contractor

Cllr Randall raised an issue at the Junction of Scotts Road and Walker Road. The Junction is too tight and with other vehicles parked in the vicinity vehicles mounted the kerb and the verge behind that is now churned up and a quagmire in wet weather. He asked if the junction splay could be widened or the verge replaced with a hard surface. Cllr Holdich undertook to take this up on our behalf.

Cllr. Johnson raised the issue of the bushes from a property in St Benedicts Close overgrowing the footpath link with Ashburn Close. We asked the clerk to write to the resident requesting the bushes be trimmed back to the property boundary.

Cllr. Johnson also asked that the owners of the NISA shop be requested to reinstate the partial fencing to the car park believed to be a condition of the planning consent as a deterrent to the growth of pavement parking outside the shop.

**450 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – We noted that the next scheduled meeting would be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

*SUBJECT TO APPROVAL*

- 451 Matters to be held over to future meetings** – these remain unchanged as follows
- a. Dedication of the new commemorative benches.
  - b. Dedication of replaced war grave memorial stone & protection against strimmer damage.
  - c. Meeting with Chief Executive of Kisimul – deferred until able to meet face to face
  - d. Site meeting with Rebecca Presland re school run congestion – to be arranged post Covid-19 Lockdown.

Meeting closed 8.31pm



Clerk/Proper Officer,  
17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Chairman  
Dated: