

Glassonby Parish Council Minutes 14th March 2018

Present – Mr R Henry, Mr G Morton, Mr M Wilson, Mr A Marsden, Mr P Clark, Mr A Relph, Miss C Driver, Mr D Banks and Mrs P Chappelhow

Apologies – Mr R Hodgson

Approved minutes from the last meeting – Minutes approved by Mr P Clark and Seconded by Mr M Wilson
Mr T Kemp had emailed to give notice of his resignation from the Parish Council due to family commitments. The Chairman has spoken to him and written to thank him on behalf of the Parish Council for his time on the Council and wish him all the best for the future. The Parish Councillor Vacancy signs have been put up around the Parish.

Matters arising - Mr P Clark has obtained copies of the village green maps for Glassonby from the County Archives

Declaration of interest – None

Planning Matters – 18/0004 Sweet Wells, Robertlands, New dwelling – Plans approved by EDC
18/0092 Sandwath Farm , Conversion of barn to holiday let – Awaiting a decision by EDC
18/0032 St Johns Church – Lime pointing detail – Plans approved by EDC

Highway Matters – Mr A Relph reported that many gullies were in urgent need of cleaning, and there are a large number of potholes in the Glassonby area, a very bad one outside Hall Farm. The road markings outside Maughanby were still in need of re-painting. The clerk reported that Highways had been reminded of these points and they is on their list. Mr A Marsden reported that the large pothole on Hazelrigg corner had still not been filled, as above, reported to Highways again. Mr R Henry had seen a team of contractors just outside Unthank filling potholes today.

Street lighting – The broken light outside the Nook in Gamblesby has been removed and the Parish Council are still awaiting a decision from EDC on its replacement. NALC and CALC has advised all Parish Councils against agreeing to adopt the street lighting until a satisfactory draft contract has been checked and approved. The Parish Council are very reluctant to take over the responsibility and cost of the streetlights though it seems the responsibility will be transferred anyway. The number, location and condition of the lights and current system has not been agreed between the Parish Council and EDC. This will remain the case until we have a fully working and up to date system. This would include a Street Light in Unthank where the children wait for the school bus, all LED lights and all on poles that can be lowered for maintenance. The additional cost of running the lights plus maintenance and inspection will fall to the Parish and an increase in the Precept will be needed to cover this.

LonsdaleNet – An update from Craig Brass was read out. Although there had been more delays due to weather and damaged ducts the main cable had been pulled through and the contractors would be on site again this week. The splicing of individual supplies to the main cable and the cabinet work would take place in the next couple of weeks. LonsdaleNET have had authorisation from the landowner to cross the field behind the council houses, again this work be done next week.

Defibrillator update – Forms had been filled in and sent to the community heartbeat trust.

New legislation on Data protection (GDPR) – Mr R Henry explained that the new legislation is complex but the main issues for the Parish Council are the information held about any employees along with how we store personal details from any correspondence. Mr P Clark offered to research GDPR and what we need to put in place

Play Area Gamblesby – The parents group are still waiting for proposals to come in from some of the Play Equipment Companies invited to look at the village.

Letter received regarding the condition of parts of the Village Green – A Letter from a resident was read out regarding the state of the village green / verges on Mill lane, Gamblesby. The many vehicles now parking on the Green along with the profound wet weather had caused serious damage to the grass and lots of mud. The Parish Council to encourage a small working party to help deal with this in the short term with a good tidy up with new seeds of tough grass. This would help although we have to look at a longer-term plan as the number of vehicles grows. This to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Recent Weather, update – The Clerk reported that EDC had been in contact a lot over the period of bad snow and Helm wind, making sure there were no residents at high risk and wanting to keep updated with the road situation. The Parish Council to now draw up an Emergency Plan and points of contact for residents. This will help enable contact with the emergency services. It became apparent that the Clerk was the first port of call for EDC to contact and a network delivering information to the Clerk would help. Miss C Driver reported that she had been mainly working within the Alston area and their Emergency Plan system had worked quite well. She offered assistance to the Parishes in her ward with their planning.

Comments from members of the public – Hartside Cafe – it was suggested that the clerk write a letter of support to Mrs C Renwick following the fire at the café.

The litter pick that was due to take place in early March had been postponed due to the bad weather and has been rearranged for early April .

Meeting Closed

Next meeting along with AGM 2nd May 2018