

GLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Tuesday 15th March 2016
at the Village Hall, High St.

Present: Councillors; JFW Holdich (Chairman), D Batty, Liz Bond, Mrs C Bysse, RW Johnson, G Kirt, D Lane, RW Randall, P Skinner, ETE Spendelow, D Wragg, Mr JV Haste (Clerk). Also present 2 members of the public (both from National Grid) were recorded as in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Action

Philip Smith from National Grid (NG) gave a summary presentation of the planning application that had been submitted by them to Peterborough City Council. The planning application covered 3 large volumes in lever arch files. NG, as previously promised, provided printed copies of a summary document. The document included visualisations of the developed site. The document also contained an open letter to the Parish Council and residents undertaking to continue working with the Parish Council and “neighbours on the detailed design and throughout the project lifetime.”

Members were told that the submitted plans incorporated much of the original application but updated assessments on matters such as archaeology as a result of ongoing work and those assessments affected by the revised design work.

At the conclusion of the presentation NG departed so as not to inhibit the discussion to be had by the parish council, but before departure they were thanked for the efforts made to consult with the parish council and neighbours and for clearly having listened to their concerns.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** — None , all members present

2 **MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** –Cllr. Bond’s interest, as a neighbour, in the NG planning application to be considered at item 6c.

3 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – In addition to the presentation by NG.

Cllr Kirt had been approached by Judy Jacobs, farming Whitton’s Farm, with a request that the agenda for the next meeting include an item regarding the future use of the barns on the farm site.

Clerk

Cllr Bysse had been approached by a resident with a request that Parish Council consider action to deal with dog fouling in The Willows. – To be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

Clerk

Cllr. Bond reported that the residents in the vicinity of the Gas compressor station were now happier with the revised proposals by NG and hoped that NG will see that the assurances given, would be adhered to, in respect of landscaping, noise and advance warning over noisy work.

Clerk to enquire

4 Cllr. Kirt asked if there was any update on work to the Willows play area
TO SIGN AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 16th February 2016.

RESOLVED that they be signed as an accurate record
Proposed Cllr Kirt Seconded Cllr. Lane.

5 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Information only**

Clerk

- a) Pot hole in North Fen Road raised at the previous meeting was now dangerous
- b) Lorry Parking issue - Cllr Holdich reported that this matter was now resolved.

6 **PLANNING**

a. Cllr. Johnson updated the meeting on current applications as reported in the planning applications log.

Clerk to notify
Planning
Department.

b. 16/00339/CTR 20 High Street- Fell Apple tree & reduce branches of Willow tree – by Mrs. V Smith. Parish Council has no objections

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

- c. 16/00398/FUL 1650 Lincoln Road – 3 new gas compressors and enclosures, a new vent stack, site office, administration & welfare buildings and associated infrastructure – by National Grid

Cllr Bond took no part in the discussion or the resolution

Cllr Kirt stated that overall he had been pleased with the level of consultation and the degree to which NG had modified plans and sought to address the issues raised by the parish council and residents. This sentiment was echoed by other Councillors.

Parish Council agreed that there were now no objections to the planning application, but asked that planning department include the following conditions in their decision

- a. The stated noise levels would be restated as a planning condition and the subject of monitoring and enforcement by National Grid
- b. Control over working hours during the development work to the effect that, **UNLESS UNAVOIDABLE**, there would be no working on Sundays or Bank Holidays. Furthermore if those working hours were unavoidable residents would be advised in advance with explanation.
- c. In reaching a decision the planning authority should acknowledge the written commitment given by NG in their application summary, to ongoing consultation with residents, and bear that commitment in mind when deciding any remaining matters of detail.

Clerk to notify
Planning
Department.

On the basis of the expressed views and requested conditions the parish council would not seek to refer the application to the Planning and Environment Committee.

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CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Members had before them a report by the clerk providing detail and recommendations on the following matters concerned with cemetery regulations

- a. Councillors noted the request of the Sansby family and considered that an amendment to the regulations was appropriate – Members noted that under the existing regulations the recently deceased mother of the family was eligible to be interred in the lawn cemetery. Council acknowledged that the request for their father to be interred in an adjacent plot was reasonable and considered the recommendation of the clerk. The suggested wording was accepted subject limiting the revision to a Husband, wife or Civil Partner.
- b. In revising the terms of the eligibility criteria members considered the reference to children attending schools in the parish to no longer be appropriate and agreed that the reference be deleted.

RESOLVED that the revised eligibility criteria is as follows:

Right of Interment

Parishioners whose names appear or are eligible to appear in the Register of Electors for Glington or those who were resident or born in the parish, may be interred in the Cemetery on payment of the appropriate fee as set out in the scale of charges.

*Eligible persons or their families may purchase an exclusive right of burial of a **single** additional adjacent plot, for the sole purpose of the interment of the remains of a Husband, Wife or Civil Partner (even though that Husband, Wife or Civil Partner may not meet the residential criteria) provided that the exclusive right of burial is purchased at the same time, **and prior to** the interment of the remains of the eligible person.*

Proposed Cllr. Johnson Seconded Cllr. Spendelow

c. Enforcement

Members noted the attempts by the clerk to address the issue of non-compliance with regulations relating to permitted tributes on graves. Members were also mindful that cemetery maintenance would be carried out by a new contractor from the beginning of April, and unanimously,

Clerk to arrange

RESOLVED to approve the posting of a notice in the entrance to the cemetery to the effect that, with the exception of Floral tributes in non-breakable containers and placed on the memorial (or where the memorial would otherwise be), all other memorabilia and breakable containers were to be removed. The maintenance contractor would be authorised to remove and dispose of Items not removed by a specified date.

Proposed Cllr Kirt Seconded Cllr. Skinner

d. Allocation of specific plots on request

Members noted that the clerk had referred to the parish council, the request by the clerk's family, to be permitted to purchase exclusive rights of burial in specific plots in Bay 5 extension. Those plots are adjacent to the hedge and footpath and closest to parents and grandparents already interred in Bay 5 adjacent to the footpath. Members noted that in similar circumstances the clerk, in administering the lawn cemetery, would seek to accommodate specific requests of eligible families

RESOLVED to accede to the request to purchase exclusive rights of burial for specific plots.

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HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II 90TH BIRTHDAY _ To note the details of a commemorative medal for schools and councils and consider appropriate action. Members were mindful that they had made financial provision of £450 in 2016/17 budget to commemorate the Queen's birthday and noted that these medallions were priced at £1.99 plus VAT and a delivery charge.

Clerk to order

RESOLVED to purchase a commemorative medallion for every child attending the village primary school or Pre-school group based at the primary school.

Proposed Cllr Spendelow Seconded Cllr Bysse

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FINANCE – FUTURE EXTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS To consider a report by the clerk & RFO. Members were advised that new arrangements existed for the appointment of external auditors for the financial accounts of 2016/17. A new body would assume responsibility for the selection and appointments, but parish councils were free to opt out and make their own appointments subject to compliance with the correct processes of appointment. To opt out, parish councils had to inform the new body by 31st March this year.

Unanimously **RESOLVED** to decline the opportunity to Opt Out, and therefore to have our external auditor appointed by the appropriate body

Proposed Cllr. Kirt Seconded Cllr. Bond

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SPEEDWATCH

- a. To note any response from Northborough Parish Council on sharing the cost of equipment.

The clerk reported that the only response received was to the effect that Northborough Councillors were still evaluating the purchase.

- b. To consider if the Parish Council should purchase, or contribute to, the purchase of equipment and if so on what basis. Cllr. Randall advised that he had attended a meeting of Peakirk Parish Council and that they too had received no reply from Northborough and may be keen to share the equipment with Ginton.

Clerk to action subject to confirmation of cost and delivery

RESOLVED that we purchase the equipment given the understating that Peakirk will be willing to share the cost. (8 votes in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention)

Proposed Cllr Skinner Seconded Cllr Spendelow

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

- 11 **GAS COMPRESSORS** – To consider requesting one or more unit be listed given that they were given a RIBA award in 1973 - item requested by Cllr. Kirt
RESOLVED to approach English Heritage seeking their agreement to listing one or more unit. (9 votes in favour , 2 against) Cllr. Kirt to Draft letter.
Proposed Cllr. Kirt Seconded Cllr. Johnson
- 12 **STANDING ITEM – REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS AS COUNCILLORS** - None circulated
- 13 **RURAL CRIME REPORT** – report for February had been circulated with the agenda papers and was noted.
- 14 **HIGHWAYS –**
In addition to the dangerous pothole in North Fen Road
I) Cllr. Bond reported the potholes in Waterworks lane
II) Cllr. Johnson requested that the grips in North Fen Road be dug out following recent flooding in the vicinity
III) Cllr. Kirt reported the dangerous drain cover in the footpath on south side of Peakirk road eastwards of Clarendon Way.
Members noted that work was in progress near the bus stop on north side of High Street near the village hall
Clerk to report to the highways authority

Meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th April 2016



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