

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 25 November 2019 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

Parish Councillors Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron, Jerry Dronsfield, John Guiry, John Lang and Jon Radgick (Chairman in the Chair)

One Parishioner who left after item 1.2

SE Rickitt – Clerk

1: Introduction

1.1 Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of any dispensations and possible co-option

No apologies for absence had been received by the commencement of the meeting.

1.2 Public Questions

1.2.1 The parishioner raised concerns about the erection of the smart-meter mast at the entrance to the village. The Chairman read the planning officer's report which stated it was in an unacceptable location but that the County Council had failed to object within the statutory 56-day period and therefore deemed permission had been given under the terms of the legislation. [A brief summary]

1.2.2 Councillors expressed their grave concerns and what steps could be taken to seek rectification. Councillors reluctantly noted the advice that the operating company could not be required to relocate the mast but considered that the County Council should be asked to meet any relocation costs to see if that may persuade the operator to agree to a re-siting. The Chairman will write to the County Council's Director of Planning in those terms. **Action JR**

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30 September 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 30 September 2019

1.4.1 The advance Give Way warning sign was still down. **Action SER**

1.4.2 The top end of Playwell Road still requires resurfacing. **Action SER**

1.4.3 The Chairman reported that MR Swanson had contacted The Flagman and the cost for a smaller village flag with a storm edgewould be £240 (+VAT). When the costs of artwork were considered, the Council agreed this was the appropriate quotation to accept. The Chairman will inform Mr Swanson and the clerk was authorised to pay the account electronically when it was received.

Actions JR & SER

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

No reports from the County Councillor or the Police had been received by the time of the meeting.

2.2 Planning

2.2.1 There were no current applications for the Council to consider and see item 1.2 above for the discussion on the smart-meter mast.

2.2.2 The continuing examination of the draft Northumberland Local Plan was noted.

2.3 Highway Issues

2.3.1 Councillors reported that the speed survey strips had recently been in position and it was agreed that the clerk should ask the County Council for the results. **Action SER**

2.3.2 The state of the footways within the village remains of concern. It was agreed to seek a meeting in the New Year with Cllr Sanderson, the County Council's Cabinet Member responsible for Highways for a walkaround the village once the current utility works are complete. **Action SER**

2.4 Projects for the Future

The Chairman has written an article for the next issue of the Newsletter and aims to report back to the Council at its next meeting. **Action JR**

2.5A Newsletter Editor

Councillors noted that Graham Hall had indicated a wish to relinquish his role as editor and thanked him for his service. It was agreed that all would sound out contacts within the village for a replacement. **Action All Cllrs**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

The Council understood that the Bingo Night had been cancelled due to a clash of events with one in Whittingham.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

There were none of particular relevance to Glanton to report.

3.3 Correspondence received

The Clerk provided other material for Councillors.

4: Administration

4.1 To note the current accounts for 2019/2020 and to authorise any payments

The accounts were noted [A copy is attached to the signed minutes] and the following payments were authorised

- The Friends of Whittingham Parish Burial Ground – Grant - £200.00 (retrospective)
- Glanton Memorial Hall – Grant - £200.00
- HMRC – PAYE Q3 - £30.00

4.2 Budget and Precept for 2020/2021

The Council noted a report on the budget and precept for 2020/2021. [A copy is attached to the signed minutes]. The Council agreed the following budget

General Fund Expenditure Item and Number	Budget for 2020/2021
Clerks Costs including travel [1]	720.00
Misc. Admin (Postage, etc.) [2]	100.00
Insurance [3]	200.00
Legal /Audit /Subscriptions [4]	135.00
Maintenance and Planting [5]	400.00
Hall Hire [6]	120.00
Support Payments [7]	400.00
Communications [8]	120.00
Total	2195.00
Income from Precept	2195.00
Balance from Reserves (negative is payment into reserves)	0.00

The Council agreed to set the precept for 2020/2021 at £2195.00 [Two thousand one hundred and ninety-five pounds]

4.3 Details of items Councillors wished to raise at the next meeting

None

4.4 Date of Next Meetings

The Council noted the schedule of forthcoming meetings as

- Monday 27 January 2020
- Monday 30 March 2020
- Monday 18 May 2020 – This has been brought forward by one week as Monday 25 May is a Bank Holiday. The other option would be to hold it on Monday 1 June 2020. In any event this would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting
- Monday 27 July 2020

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

Date