

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the digital meeting held on Monday 29 March 2021

Present

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

SE Rickitt – Clerk

1: Introduction

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

Parish Cllr John Guiry and PCSO Russell Stalker had given their apologies.

1.2 Public Questions

No public questions had been emailed to the clerk nor had any parishioner sought the log-in details for the meeting.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 January 2021 were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 25 January 2021

The Chairman gave an update on the Broadband Gigabyte Voucher Scheme reporting that his attempts to gain further information had been in vain.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 The Coronavirus National Emergency

Although Glanton Assist remains ready to assist parishioners, it appears that parishioners have made their individual arrangements during this third national lockdown. Parish Councillors were not aware of any current requests for assistance.

2.2 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

There was no report from the County Councillor. PCSO Stalker had provided the report attached as an Appendix.

2.3 Planning

There were no new planning applications to consider. The Council had commented on *application 21/00320/FUL - Proposed erection of 3no Roundhouse holiday units along with associated timber store building – Hemmel House* in the following terms:

Glanton Parish Council supports the principle of this application. We do feel though that the eastern boundary which is referred to on the plans as an existing mature hedge is not a very effective screen,

it has many gaps and needs bulking up with suitable planting and should be allowed to grow taller so that the development would be less obvious when viewed from the Powburn Road.

2.4 Highways

2.4.1 Councillors were pleased with the resurfacing of the village end of Playwell Road and the initiative shown by the road workers in using up the materials to extend the resurfacing further than planned. One parishioner had expressed concerns about the disappearance of effective kerbing as a result of the resurfacing within Glanton. The Chairman had reported her concerns to the County Councillor and to the Highways Manager.

2.4.2 Cllr Mrs Rogers was concerned that highways advisory signs remained in the village following the works and she will take this up with the County Council. **Action SueR**

2.5 List of Absent Owners

The Chairman will compile a provisional list from information available to him and the clerk will contact the Business Rates Team for a list of the properties which pay business rates and are therefore likely to be holiday lets. **Actions JR, SueR and SER**

2.6 Environmental Issues

2.6.1 The Chairman drew attention to the bank at the West Turnpike junction to see if further work was needed. Cllr Dronsfield advised that some pruning and general tidying up could be carried out. It was agreed to plant some daffodil bulbs in August. Cllr Dronsfield agreed to handle the buying for the Council to make sure the most appropriate types were obtained. **Action JR**

2.6.2 Cllr Mrs Collingwood-Cameron kindly offered some snow drops from her property which could be transplanted into the verges on the Powburn Road. The Council very gratefully accepted this kind offer with their thanks. The Chairman will arrange for a small group to carry out the transplanting in the near future. **Action JR**

2.6.1 The Council agreed to seek a quote for the re-staining of the seats and noticeboards and for the work to be carried out subject to costs details being circulated to Councillors. **Action JR & SER**

2.7 A Newsletter Editor

No further progress has been made in getting a volunteer to step forward.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

3.2 The Council was not aware of any forthcoming activities, given the current national lockdown.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

Nothing of significance was reported. The clerk mentioned the on-going national discussions about the continuation of digital meetings.

3.3 Correspondence received

The Clerk had circulated any items of interest.

3.4 Parish Council Elections

The clerk updated the Council as the election is to proceed on 6 May 2021. Nominations close at 4.00 pm Thursday 8 April 2021.

4: Administration

4.1 To note the current accounts and to authorise any payments

The Council gave initial approval to the draft final accounts for 2021/2021 (noting the new budget head for Defibrillator expenditure) and authorised the clerk to submit them to Ms S Natrass, the Council's Internal Auditor for consideration. A copy of the draft accounts is attached to the signed minutes.

4.2 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings

None

4.3 Date of Next Meeting

The Council noted the current following schedule as

- *Thursday 6 May 2021 – Contested Parish Council Elections*
- *Monday 24 May 2021 – the Annual Meetings*

Confirmed as a true record at the Parish Council held on

Signed

Date.....

(Chairman)

Appendix – Police Report – Item 2.2

Police Update GLANTON Parish Council 28/03/21.

The below information reflects the GLANTON area from 1st February 2021.

Crimes reported – 0

Anti- Social Behaviour – 1

06/02/21 - Report of breach of COVID19 at an address – Police attended, and three persons reported for the offence.

Other Business

10/03/2021 – Report of suspicious vehicle in area – vehicle registration obtained, and intelligence of vehicle updated. National request made to stop vehicle and enquire with occupants why there were in area.

25/03/2021 – Report of suspicious female in area of local farm. – Enquiries made; CCTV obtained of vehicle registration mark. Enquiry made with keeper of vehicle who was in area carrying out checks for the office of national statistics for the CENSUS group. All in order.

NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS – As you will be aware there are current restrictions in place to reduce the spread of coronavirus. Any reports received of breaches of guidelines are followed up and dealt with accordingly. Please report any breaches.

OPERATION ACORN – This operation involved patrols of the national park areas. This has been ongoing since lockdown came into force as concerns have been raised by local residents regarding an increase in visitor numbers to the area. Concerns are that large groups and youths are attending car parks in high numbers breaching lockdown restrictions. This work is in partnership with national parks/forestry commission. Obviously, this is not limited to the parks.

OP NIGHTWING - Patrols conducted around vulnerable premises such as building sites/post offices and public houses who are most likely to be targeted by travelling criminals.

FARMWATCH – Please spread the word to any farmers/workers that we are here to support them and provide crime prevention advice. I have already visited a few farms in the area and issued new FARMWATCH signs and signed them up to the scheme – Basically this allows us to notify them of suspicious vehicles or incidents in the area.

My email address is 4965@northumbria.pnn.police.uk – if something is not urgent and you would like some advice please get in touch.

Thank you – Russell Stalker cso4965 Alnwick and Rural