

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held digitally at 7.00 pm on Monday 2 August 2021.

Present:

Parish Councillors Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron, Jerry Dronsfield, John Lang, Jon Radgick and Mrs Susan Rogers.

John Guiry was co-opted onto the Council – see item 1.1 below

Stephen Rickitt – Clerk

1: Introduction

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

- a) Apologies had been received from Parish Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron and PC Will Munro.
- b) The Council confirmed the co-option of John Guiry who was welcomed back onto the Parish Council.
- c) Cllr Mrs Susan Rogers declared that she was the Chairman of the Glanton Heritage Group – see item 2.4.a below

1.2 Parishioners Questions

No parishioners' questions had been received.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 1 June 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 the previous meeting held on 1 June 2021

Cllr Jerry Dronsfield was authorised to purchase daffodil bulbs for planting in September/October in the verges on the Powburn Road, he will be seeking volunteers to assist in due course. **Action Cllr Dronsfield**

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 The Coronavirus National Emergency

Councillors were not aware of any issues specifically relating to the parish or of any parishioners who might have difficulties.

2.2 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

PC Munro had sent an introductory report which is set out in the appendix.

2.3 Planning

There were no current planning applications for the Council to consider.

2.4 Highway Issues

- a) The Council was advised that the fingerpost sign at the West Turnpike junction is to be relocated by the Glanton Heritage Group following a site visit involving the Group, The Highways Dept., Cllr Radgick, and parishioners whose view had been obstructed by the current location. A new location will be the subject of consultation with parishioners in the vicinity and the Parish Council and then agreed with the County Council. **Action Glanton Heritage Group**
- b) The clerk has chased up the County Council about the extension of the West Turnpike speed limit and had been assured this was in hand. Councillors were pleased to note the resurfacing of the footway along West Turnpike beyond the Memorial Hall.
- c) The Council considered its bids for inclusion in the LTPP 2022/2023. After discussion the following three items were agreed
 - The extension of the speed limit on West Turnpike – to continue to seek this until it had been completed.
 - The provision of Village Gateways at the entrances to Glanton as a method of slowing through traffic.
 - The major reconstruction of the pavements within the village as these currently present a significant safety hazard, especially those on Front Street between Playwell Road and The Lane and between Holly Lane and Town Farm

2.5 A List of Absent Owners

Cllr Mrs Rogers is continuing to research the identities. **Action Cllr Mrs Rogers**

2.6 Environmental Issues

The Council agreed to accept the quotation of £220.00 for the maintenance for the seats and noticeboards within the village. The clerk was authorised to make a payment once the Chairman confirmed the works had been carried out. **Actions Cllr Radgick & SER**

2.7 The Newsletter

No progress has been made in identifying a new editor.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

There were no activities to report given both the pandemic and the closure of the Memorial Hall for refurbishment.

The Council noted that in previous years a Village Clean-Up had been held in the week before the Glanton Show. Councillors agreed that the village was looking tidy and there was no need for a Village Clean Up in 2021.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

None were reported.

3.3 Correspondence received

Items of interest are emailed to Councillors when received by the clerk.

4: Administration

4.1 The current accounts for 2021/2022 and to authorise any payments

The Council noted the accounts, a copy is attached to the signed minutes. Prospective payments are noted in items 1.4 and 2.6 above.

4.2 The accounts for 2020/2021

The clerk reported that he had not been advised of any issues being raised with the external auditors on or before the end of the six-week period for inspection of the draft accounts for 2020/2021. The Council therefore resolved to confirm those accounts as final.

4.3 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings

Concern was expressed about the allocation policy used by the Home Group for the social housing at South Farm. The clerk will contact Home Group and see if they have a local allocations policy to give priority to those with a significant connection with Glanton.

4.4 Date of Next Meetings

These were agreed as below, all to commence at 7.00 pm.

- Monday 27 September 2021
- Monday 29 November 2021
- Monday 31 January 2022

Confirmed as a true record
 and signed by the Chairman Date

Appendix – Police Report

Just to introduce myself I am Will Munro and I am one of the officers with responsibility for the Glanton area in my role as a community police officer. I have over 20 years experience and have recently switched to wider Rothbury area from just up at Wooler. My family and I live in North Northumberland and so have first hand experience of the joys and problems of living in this beautiful part of the world.

Russell Stalker has moved on as he is now training to be a police constable so for any non urgent enquiries please pass on my e-mail address for the attention of your contacts.

For any urgent issues I always stress that people should dial 999 and we will get there as fast as we can.

I have been assessing the reports received since your last meeting and as far as I can see there appears to be no major issues from a policing point of view.

If there are any issues or concerns please correct me and get in touch.

I regret I can not attend the next meeting so please accept my apologies.

Kind regards,

Will

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