

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held digitally at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 1 February 2022.

Present:

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

Stephen Rickitt – Clerk – actions by the clerk are noted as SER

1: Introduction

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

None

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

No questions had been received by the clerk.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 December 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 27 September

The Chairman reported that the Home Group do not have a local allocation policy (giving priority to local residents) as part of their lettings policy.

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 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

2.2 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

No reports had been received prior to the meeting.

2.3 Planning

2.3.1 The Council adopted and endorsed the strong objection sent in relation to application 22/00087/VARYCO - Land south of The Juries – Application to vary a condition relating to trees. A copy of the response is attached to the signed minutes

2.3.2 Although the Council had no objections to a further variation on that site (22/00124/NONMAT), the Council was concerned to hear a report that work had in fact commenced on these proposed variations. The Chairman will investigate and if correct will alert the County Council's Planning Dept. and Cllr Bridgett. **Action Cllr Radgick**

2.3.3 The Council raised no objections on application 22/00263/FUL - 13 The Lane - Proposed replacement of conservatory with a single storey insulated flat roof extension.

2.4 Highway Issues

2.4.1 The clerk reported that NALC had been assured that LTPP projects not completed in 2021/2022 would be carried forward into 2022/2023. This would apply to the extension of the West Turnpike speed limit.

2.4.2 The sign at the end of The Causeway has blown down, the clerk will report this to the County Council. **Action SER**

2.5 A List of Absent Owners

The Council agreed that this need no longer be an agenda item until reviewed in November 2022.

2.6 Environmental Issues

The Chairman will contact the appropriate landowner regarding the hedging by the Oak Avenue as one side requires trimming back. **Action Cllr Radgick**

2.7 HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

If the renovations to the Hall are complete in time, the Council suggested that the opening event could be combined with a Jubilee celebration. After discussion it was agreed to put a notice on Next-Door and the noticeboard to see if any parishioners were willing to volunteer to organise events. **Action Cllr Radgick**

2.8 Storm Arwen / Emergency Communication Plan

2.8.1 Cllr Radgick had circulated a draft plan, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes. He explained that with new residents, there may be some who have not yet established friendships within the village. The aim of the plan was to provide a contact for the vulnerable parishioners. The plan was agreed and adopted. A letter will be prepared for each household as some of the more potentially vulnerable may not have access to Next-Door and similar. **Action Cllr Radgick**

2.8.2 Councillors then considered whether any further issues had come to light following the discussion at the previous meeting. The Memorial Hall has registered as a Community Hub, but the real problem is the Hall's reliance on electric power for heating, lighting and cooking. It was agreed to include the need for funding for alternative provision in the Council's response to the County Council's Storm Arwen Inquiry. **Action SER**

2.9 Meet the Village

2.9.1 Following on from the above, Cllr Radgick reported that the Show Committee were organising a drop-in morning on Saturday 12 March 2022 from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm to provide a venue for newer residents to get to know fellow residents because of the severe reduction in social contact and events during the pandemic.

2.9.2 Given the uncertainty about the completion of the work on the Memorial Hall, the event will be in the Church Hall. The Church will be present as will the Show Committee and the Memorial Hall Committee and a similar invitation was extended to the Parish Council. This was gratefully accepted by the Council. Cllrs Angus Collingwood-Cameron and Dronsfield will take the lead in manning the Council's stall. **All Cllrs**

2.10 The Newsletter

No progress has been made in identifying a new editor.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

See item 2.9 above.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

The Chairman had attended a NALC Briefing on Planning Enforcement which had been worthwhile, but he felt it had been clear that stop notices to halt unauthorised development were likely to be rare.

3.3 Correspondence received

Councillors had been circulated with a letter from the Friends of Whittingham Parish Burial Ground stating the charity was being wound up and maintenance responsibility would revert to the parochial church council. This was noted with regret.

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. The following payments were approved

- HMRC – PAYE Q4 - £30.00 (to be paid before 31 March)
- Thropton Parish Council – Cluster Fee – £11.13
- SE Rickitt – Clerks admin expenses for calendar year 2021 - £92.40. The Council agreed that these could be paid by BACS instead of a cheque.

In response to a question, the clerk stated that whilst any Councillor had the legal right to request a printed copy of the agenda, a Councillor could waive that requirement. It was agreed that the clerk would email all Parish Councillors to see whether they wished to receive a printed copy. **Action SER**

4.3 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings

None were raised.

4.4 Date of Next Meetings

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

- Monday 28 March 2022
- Monday 30 May 2022 – these will be the Annual Meetings

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman Date

