

Draft: Subject to ratification by the Parish Council

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00pm on Monday 23rd January 2023.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron; Jon Radgick (Chairman in the chair); John Lang; John Guiry; Mrs Susan Rogers; Angus Collingwood-Cameron; and Andrew McKendrick.

Acting Parish Clerk: Wendy Gains

1: Introduction

1.1: Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of any dispensations

All were welcomed to the meeting. No apologies were received.

No declarations of interest were received.

It was agreed to address item 2.1 ahead of the rest of the meeting so that the parishioners interested in that item only could leave following the item if they wished.

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

Parishioners participated in the discussion on item 2.1. No other parishioners questions were raised and no questions had been received by the acting clerk.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th November 2022 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th November 2022

There were no updates.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Boundary Commission review of electoral wards in Northumberland

The boundary commission are reviewing the wards to ensure more even numbers of electors in each ward. They are considering moving Glanton Parish from Rothbury Ward to Wooler Ward. They have not consulted with Parish Councils but will consider any views submitted. Information on the proposed changes had been distributed by the Parish Council to houses within the parish. 3 or 4 people had sent their views to Jon Radgick. All wished to remain in Rothbury Ward.

Councillors and members of the public discussed the merits of:

1. Remaining in Rothbury Ward;
2. Moving to Wooler Ward;
3. Moving to Longhoughton Ward.

It was agreed that:

- all three current County Councillors are very capable and the Rothbury Co Cllr is good at communicating.
- Glanton has easier transport links with Wooler and many residents use services there, including primary medical care and shops.
- Due to links with Whittingham village (church & first school in Whittingham, post office & shop in Glanton) it would be desirable to remain in the same ward.
- Glanton also has common interests with Powburn, Eglingham & Edlingham in Longhoughton ward.
- Amount of development in east of Longhoughton ward may lead to Powburn, Eglingham & Edlingham being moved to Rothbury or Wooler wards in the future.

Action: Jon Radgick will inform the Boundary Commission that the Parish's preference is:

- 1. To remain in Rothbury Ward; or if not**
- 2. To move to Wooler Ward.**

It was noted that there would be a further opportunity to comment when the recommendation is finalised and the Boundary Commission consults potentially affected Parishes.

2.2 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

No reports had been received.

2.3 Planning

2.3.1 Current planning applications.

2.3.1.1 Land south east of Cross Cottage: Application withdrawn.

2.3.1.2 Hatkin House: Listed building consent to replace concrete floor with insulated limecrete floor. No comment submitted by the Prish Council.

2.4 Highway Issues

2.4.1 Susan Rogers asked why the north side of The Causeway, opposite the building site, has been dug up. Jon Radgick believed it was to do with the electricity supply to the site.

2.4.2 Speed survey equipment had been in place on access roads to Glanton village recently. This was part of a County Council Highways review. No information on the results have been received as yet.

2.5 Environmental Issues

2.5.1 **The Oak Avenue.** Jon Radgick had reported the overhanging tree branch to Highways. They will inspect and, if necessary contact the owner of the tree.

2.6 The former St Peter's Chapel Site

2.6.1 Jon Radgick had investigated the costs of applying for change of use of the site. At £300 it was thought prudent not take this further.

2.7 Shawdon Hall Estate – Potential Alternative Permissive Footpath Routes to replace the Northfield Farm Route that is no longer available.

2.7.1 A possible circular route down to Rothill, returning along field boundaries to The Causeway looks good on the map but needs walking to see if it is feasible. **Sue Rogers volunteered to test the route.**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming village activities.

3.1.1 A Race Night will be held in Glanton Memorial Hall on Thursday 16th February as a fund raiser for the Glanton Show.

3.1.2 The coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May. Does the village wish to mark the occasion? **Andrew McKendrick to raise this with the Memorial Hall committee.** John Lang suggested a permanent memorial within the village boundaries. Suggestions included: a plaque on the Glanton Hill Pole; a second pole on Glanton Hill; or a local craftsman made memorial on the village green. **To be added to the agenda for the next meeting.**

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

No meetings attended.

3.3 Correspondence received

3.3.1 Two emails received regarding electric vehicle charging points. One was from the County Council regarding funding, the second was from a private company who install and operate charging points. The potential need and possible locations were discussed.

Jon Radgick will contact the private company to arrange a survey of suitable sites in the village.

3.3.2 An email had been received from Peter Lake. The village defibrillator needs new pads. **Jon Radgick to arrange the purchase.**

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

Sandra Natrass has volunteered to take on the finance officer work for the Parish Council.

4.2 Retirement of the clerk

4.2.1 Two adverts for a replacement clerk had been placed in the Northumberland Gazette and one in the Gleaner. No responses received. Wendy Gains will continue to cover the admin role with Sandra Natrass taking on the finance role.

4.3 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings.

4.3.1 Susan Rogers asked if anyone would help her to read historical minutes of the Parish Council. The aim being to produce decade by decade notes of the major events and changes in the Parish.

The Memorial Hall is applying for funding for a scanner from the Oral Histories Project. The ability to scan the historical minutes will form part of the application. The notes would then help with searches for information in the minutes.

4.4 Dates of Next Meetings – all commencing at 7.00pm

- Monday 27 March 2023
- Monday 22 May 2023