

## **Glanton Parish Council**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in The Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 24th of July 2023.

### **Present:**

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

Parish clerk: Sonia Virechauveix.

Three Members of the public

### **1. Introduction**

#### **1.1. Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of any dispensations/ co-options to the vacancies**

All were welcomed to the meeting.

Ms Caitlin Wilson and Mr Thomas Ramshaw from Dacre Street Developments had come to discuss a particular point on their planning application on the Tennis Court Field-see item 2.2.1.2

Apologies for absence received from John Guiry, Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron, Jerry Dronsfield and Craig Auchinachie.

#### **1.2 Parishioners questions.**

None

#### **1.3 Minutes of the previous meetings**

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd of May 2023 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 the 22nd of May 2023**

1.4.1 Jon Radgick to chase Rob Marsden regarding the strimming around the oaks on the oak avenue. It is understood. Rob is currently very busy and will probably attend in September time after the nesting season.

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1.4.2 Proposed permissive path still to be walked

## **2. Items for discussion and potential decisions.**

### **2.1 Reports from the County Councillor and the police**

No reports had been received

### **2.2 Planning**

#### **2.2.1 Current planning applications**

2.2.1.1. Listed Building Consent on 34 Front Street has been approved

#### **2.2.1.2 Tennis Court field site**

Ms Caitlin Wilson and Mr Thomas Ramshaw Directors of Dacre Street Development were introduced to the Parish Council and offered the chance to put their point across regarding the tennis court field side.

- They claimed that the Saint Peters Chapel site cannot become a playground as it would not meet the required 100m clearance from residential properties stipulated in the County plan. A possible financial contribution or use of labour was offered to the parish council if there was a suitable project
- Background history was given regarding the purchase of the land. The land agent acting for the sellers had explained at the time that the Parish Council would see no issue accepting a financial contribution in lieu of the promised land. Dacre Street Development claimed to have no prior knowledge of conversations held between the sellers of the land and the Parish Council regarding the site of Saint Peter's chapel.
- Dacre Street Development were only made aware of the issue regarding the children's playground/financial compensation when they decided to make an amended planning application.
- Should Dacre Street development gift the land, nothing could be done with the land following the restrictions from the NCC. It would also become an issue to try to sell a property so close to a playground.
- Dacre Street development is hoping to have the final updated planning application approved at the end of August at the LAC. Dacre Street Development can go forward to their current planning and revert to the pre commencement application. Preference would be given to the updated plans.
- Miss Caitlin Wilson reiterated they were some reasons why some elements of phase 1 (St Peter's Close) were unsatisfactory. For example, some trees had to be brought down as they were unsafe, others as they would have been damaged by the construction of St Peter's Close.
- Dacre Street developments preference regarding the name of the site would be either St Margaret, due to family connections or Saint Edmunds. Dacre Street Development tend to use Saint names for their projects.
- Ms Caitlyn Wilson reaffirmed that Dacre Street Development as a family company would want to do well for the community so would like to find a compromise. Offer

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was made for indoor playground equipment. Dacre Street development is happy to hear of any other suggestion.

Jon Radgick stated that in discussions with the previous owners of the land at no point were any financial contributions discussed. Jon Radgick gave a summary of the Parish Council involvement. Back in 2015, there were objections to the original proposal. The Parish Council would only support the application, providing land was given to the Parish Council for said playground. The view of the Parish Council is that once a buyer was found conditions of the sale were changed and the owners of the land broke their word twice. Jon Radgick reiterated concerns the Parish Council had with Dacre Street Development projects including issues with the trees at St Peter's Close.

Angus Collingwood-Cameron referred to the Powburn playground, and its closeness to housing.

Mrs Susan Rogers asked why the 100m restriction is only coming to light now. Offering a children's playground has been a top priority for the Glanton parish council for 15 to 20 years. Mrs Susan Rogers also explained there was no other land to purchase within Glanton suitable for a playground and hopes were raised following the promises made by the then landowner.

John Lang asked if there had been any mention of a children's playground at the point of changing the planning application with the NCC.

Regarding the naming of the site once completed, Jon Radgick found the suggestions uninspiring.

## **2.3 Highway issues**

2.3.1 The Parish Council's priorities had been submitted to the LTPP.

2.3.2 Angus Collingwood-Cameron raised the issue of water rising by his gate. This could be a drain problem. It could also become icy during the winter. Mrs Susan Rogers suggested he go onto the County Council website and fill the form on Fix my Street.

## **2.4 Environmental issues**

2.4.1 Playwell Road grass has been cut since the last Parish Council meeting.

2.4.2 The annual Village Clean up will be happening during the weekend before the Glanton Show. An announcement will be made in the Gleaner to encourage the parishioners to participate.

## **2.5 Shawdon Hall Estate – Potential alternative permissive footpath routes to replace the Northfield Farm Route that is no longer available.**

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On going

## **2.6 Sign post for junction of Front St and West Turnpike.**

Jon Radgick gave the result of the Council Members poll regarding the suggested sign post which was five Councillors in favour of the original site and two for the bankside

Mrs Susan Rogers on behalf of the Glanton Heritage Group said that they proposed to leave the existing sign in situ and abandon the proposed new post

## **2.7 Sign post at the top of Playwell Road.**

Following a question from Jon Radgick, Mrs Susan Rogers confirmed it would be mended.

## **3 Items for information**

### **3.1 Forthcoming Village Activities**

#### **3.1.1 The Glanton Show on Saturday 12 August 2023**

### **3.2 Details of any meeting attended by Councillors or the Clerk**

Jon Radgick attended the Coquetdale Cluster meeting regarding the removal of copper phone lines. No new information came to light from the Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan.

BT customers who are considered vulnerable can apply for a battery pack for use in an emergency emergency.

Mrs Susan Rogers asked if her current supplier would offer the same service. Jon Radgick said he only knew that BT were offering this service.

Portable emergency buttons might also be affected and parishioners should find out from their supplier whether that is the case.

### **3.3 Bell View Lunches**

Andrew McKendrick informed the Parish Council that the lunches would be stopping due to lack of attendance. . John Lang enquired why the Powburn Bell View lunches were busy and what was the difference with the Glanton one? It was suggested that some Glanton participants might travel to Powburn.

### **3.4 Coquetdale Cluster Meeting 2 August 2023**

Jon Radgick is unable to attend and invited Members of the Council to go.

### **3.5 Correspondence received.**

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Norman Wright's missive received on the 4 July 2023 was read out.

- Weeds issue. This is a Highway County Council matter.
- St Peter's Close grass verges. Parts were grassed by Dacre Street Development. Grass will be cut by the County Council but there is no provision for turfing what is currently wild grasses.
- Cobbles parking by Mount View. Parishioners are currently parking on the street corners as there is very limited parking provision in Mount View and further street parking would block any car movement.

Sonia Virechauveix informed the Members of the Council that a resident of St Peter's Close was currently cutting the verge.

Jon Radgick commented that many other Glanton residents took voluntary responsibility for planting and verges near their properties.

### **3.6 Dates of the next meetings, all commencing at 7pm**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

27<sup>th</sup> November 2023