

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 7pm on Monday, 25th September, 2023.

Present

Parish Councillors: Jon Radgick (chairman), John Lang, John Guiry, Jerry Dronsfield, Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron, Mrs Susan Rogers, Craig Auchinachie

Apologies: Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Andrew McKendrick

Members of the public: David Smith, Martin and Margaret Wright, Susan Williams

1: Introduction

1.1 Parishioners' Questions:

1.1.1 An inquiry was made as to whether any deliveries of fresh produce were made to the village. The answer was sadly no.

1.1.2 A suggestion was made that the parish council should encourage nesting swifts. It was agreed that David Smith would submit an article on the subject for The Gleaner

1.2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes of the last meeting on the 24 July were approved and signed.

There were no matters arising.

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 19 West Turnpike – a small item connected with the renovation of this cottage, no comments needed.

2.2.2 St Peter's Close - The recent application for tree works had been granted.

The planning condition requiring a double fence with a mixed hedgerow on the east and south sides of the St Peter's Close development has not been complied with. The Planning Enforcement Team has taken this matter on, but as yet no substantive communication has been received from them.

2.2.3 Mile End – the parish council is making no comments on this planning application

2.2.4 St Peter’s Chapel site – this application is still waiting for determination. However the developers have already started to build three houses which have not been approved. Work on these has recently ceased.

2.3 Highway Issues

2.3.1 Leak on West Turnpike west of Old School - County Highways have inspected this problem but nothing has been done yet.

2.3.2 Bank on north side of West Turnpike between Birling House and the shrubbery near the telephone box - a suggestion was put forward that this should be trimmed and the debris removed on the recommendation of George Dodds, a local ecologist, in an article in The Gleaner in order to improve the wild flowers for next season. There was support for this proposal. Cllr Rogers agreed to ask Glyn Williams, an experienced landscape gardener, to send an estimate for this work.

2.3.2 Rotten bridge on the junction between FP 116 Glanton & FP 004 Whittingham over the stream marking the boundary between the parishes. Cllr Rogers agreed to check if County Highways had repaired it. Its poor condition had been reported to them a couple of years ago. If still not repaired, the chairman agreed to contact Whittingham PC to ask for their support in complaining about its condition.

2.4 Environmental issues

2.4.1 Possible permissive footpath on the Shawdon Estate, Jon Radgick, has identified a route which involves a short section of the minor road going east along the Rothill to A697 road from where the public footpath from Glanton, FP 020 Whittingham, meets the road. The proposal is that it then turns north, returning to the village along the hedge line which closely follows the line of the Devil’s Causeway, a Roman Road marked on the OS map. This route would require 3 new gates/stiles. Cllr Radgick has agreed to put this proposal to the land agent for the estate.

3. Items for information

There were no forthcoming village activities

No meetings had been attended by members of the parish council

4. Administration

4.1 Financial issues

4.1.1 The accounts to date were note. The precept had come in and a payment to NALC and for the website had gone out.

4.1.2 Recent donation

A donation from Lt Col (retd) Hutchinson of £5,000 had been received. This means that the parish council now has a potential sum of £10,000 available. It was agreed that this could go towards the development of a children’s play area if a suitable piece of land can be found.

Jon Radgick will approach the owner about a possible site to see whether it could be available.

4.2 The retirement of the clerk

Our recently appointed clerk, Sonia Virechauveix, has resigned since the last meeting. It was agreed that for the time being the duties would be shared in the following way –Sandra Natrass would sort the emails and will update the accounts every 2 months, Jon Radgick will deal with bank payments, and the minutes would be taken by members in turn.

4.3 Items that Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings

4.3.1 Cllr Lang suggested that a larger notice board is needed.

4.4 Date of next meetings – all commencing at 7pm

Monday 27 November 2023

Monday 29 January 2024