

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00pm on Monday 27th November 2023.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Jon Radgick (Chairman); John Guiry; Mrs Susan Rogers; Jerry Dronsfield; Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron; Craig Auchinachie; Angus Collingwood-Cameron and Andrew McKendrick

Minutes: Wendy Gains

Members of Public: Margaret and Norman Wright.

1: Introduction

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

All were welcomed to the meeting.

No apologies for absence received.

John Guiry declared an interest in 2.2.1 Access track Town Farm.

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

1.2.1 Norman Wright asked if County Councillor Steven Bridgett responds to parishioners. He had emailed 4 or 5 times without response. It was suggested he try Facebook.

1.2.2 Margaret Wright asked if anyone was assigned to trim the foliage around the Glanton village sign on the Causeway. Clearing road signs is the responsibility of County Council Highways.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th September 2023 were agreed as a true record. Chairman to print and sign finalised copy.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th September 2023

1.4.1 David Smith wrote an article on swift boxes. It was published in the Glanton Gleaner.

1.4.2 Last minutes referred to enforcement action regarding trees, etc. at St Peter's Close. No information from County Council about possible action. Jon Radgick to follow up with Planners.

1.4.3 Arrangements were made for the bank on the north side of West Turnpike to be cut. Unwanted saplings to be dug up at extra expense. Assigned person has still to do the work.

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.

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| 23/02595/FUL | 15 West Turnpike – Granted |
| 23/03735/FUL | Red Cross Sheds – Revised application. Supporting comment submitted by Glanton PC |
| | Holiday units and Glamping Pods at Glanton Pyke – Withdrawn |
| 23/03484/FUL | 9 Front Street steps – Granted |
| 23/03490/FUL | Access track Town Farm – in process |
| | Tree Preservation Orders at St Peters Close – Granted as amended |

2.3 Highway Issues

2.3.1 Leak on West Turnpike west of Old School.

Angus Collingwood-Cameron reported that County Council Highways had inspected the problem but no action had been taken so far. Jerry Dronsfield had observed people surveying the drains in the field. AC-C to provide Highways contact details to Jon Radgick. JR to chase.

Northumbria Water have also looked at this issue as the excess water is impacting on the sewage works.

John Guiry noted that the drains in Glanton are generally in poor condition with most one third full of debris.

2.3.2 Update on the footpath from Mile End to Howbalk.

The bridge over the stream forming the boundary between Glanton and Whittingham needs repairs. Susan Rogers reported this to the Rights of Way Officer at County and also used the online reporting portal. Jon Radgick notified Whittingham PC who will look into it.

2.3.3 The footpath sign between Whickham House and the new development has been righted.

2.4 Environmental Issues

2.4.1 To consider environmental improvements suggested by Norman Wright

2.4.1.1 Village Gateway Signs – County Cllr Steven Bridgett usually requests a contribution for such public projects be made a condition of planning applications. Jon Radgick to speak

to Cllr Bridgett regarding funding thought to be earmarked for a speed sign on the road from Powburn.

2.4.1.2 The cobbles at the corner of Mount View and The Causeway

Norman Wright suggested they be re-laid or replaced with planters and seats as they are very weedy and used as parking. Preventing parking would push the vehicles onto the already congested parking spaces and roads. Sue Rogers thought the suggestion would improve the appearance of the area. Jon Radgick noted the village already has 7 benches and approx. 10 planters. Jerry Dronsfield suggested asking Highways to jetwash the cobbles. JR to action. SR and JD suggested asking the opinion of the residents in Mount View. JR to action.

2.4.1.3 Request that Street Lighting be turned off for part of night.

County had previously said lighting timings could be varied but this was not implemented due to cost restraints. Therefore it is not currently possible to reduce the hours of operation. Also, when previously suggested, many residents were against the idea.

2.4.2 Suggestion from John Lang to provide a larger noticeboard

Agreed to defer to next meeting as John Lang was not present.

2.4.3 Village Defibrillator.

North East Ambulance Service have provided a second hand defibrillator to replace the obsolete one. This will need replacing in a few years.

2.5 The former St Peter's Chapel Site

Nothing new to report. Planning application has not appeared on North Area Planning Committee agenda yet.

2.6 Shawdon Hall Estate / Northfield Farm Permissive Footpath

Shawdon Hall Estate to consider footpath at the next board meeting of trustees.

2.7 Update on a possible location for children's playground

Suggested site along Playwell Road – Landowner is not willing to sell the land.

A triangle of land behind The Juries and Mount View had been suggested. This is possibly too small. Jon Radgick to investigate

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming village activities.

3.1.1 Christmas Celebration in the Memorial Hall, 2-5pm Saturday 9th December.

3.1.2 Pub Quiz, Thursday 7th December.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

None attended.

Local Area committee meeting on Thursday 30th November and Parish Cluster meeting on Tuesday 5th December. Any members wishing to attend to contact Jon Radgick.

3.3 Correspondence received

Nothing to note.

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

4.1.1 The current accounts for FY 2022/2023 were noted. Payments for Data Protection renewal fee £40 and County Council insurance premium £205.58 were authorised.

Jerry Dronsfield suggested the monies held to provide a playground be transferred to a high interest account. Jon Radgick to investigate.

4.1.2 It was agreed to keep the precept for the next financial year the same as this year.

4.1.3 The potential penalty for late submission of PAYE data has been lifted.

4.2 Retirement of the clerk

No new applicants.

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

No items raised.

4.4 Dates of Next Meetings – all commencing at 7.00pm

- Monday 29th January 2024
- Monday 25th March 2024
- Monday 3rd June 2024
- Monday 29th July 2024
- Monday 30th September 2024
- Monday 25th November 2024

Signed

Chairman, Glanton Parish Council

Date