

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Glanton Parish Council was held on Monday 25th January 2010 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall. The following councillors were present: Mr C Livsey, Mr J Easton, Mr G Dodds, Mr J Guiry, Mr J Radgick, Mrs S Collingwood-Cameron Mr N Dunn, Mrs S Rogers and Mr B Tansey.

Member of Public Mr Ian Hedley

Apologies for absence:

Public Qs Mr Hedley asked what was to become of the site where the Church (St Peters) had burnt down on the Causeway, he felt it could be suitable for a children's play area. He was informed that the land had been handed back to the original owners, the Steel family as the church had leased the land from them. A play area on this site has been discussed in the past; however the owner was never interested in re-negotiating the site. The council agreed to consider making another advance to the Steel family and to discuss this at the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

Declaration Of Interest NONE

Change of Interest NONE

The minutes of the previous meeting were not agreed and could not be signed as correct. Mr Radgick pointed out a number of items which he felt were incorrect. The clerk is to amend the minutes and present them for approval at the next parish council meeting. **Action Clerk**

Donations **AGE CONCERN** – The Council agreed to donate £30 to the funds of Age Concern for the year 2009/10
HOSPICE CARE – The Council agreed to donate £55 to the funds of Hospice Care for the year 2009/10.
AIR AMBULANCE – The Council agreed to donate £50 to the funds of The Great North Air Ambulance for the year 2009/10.
ALNWICK PLAYHOUSE TRUST – The Council agreed to donate £20 to the funds of the Alnwick Playhouse Trust for the year 2009/10.
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU – The Council agreed to donate £20 to the funds of the Alnwick & District Citizens Advice Bureau for the year 2009/10.
COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND – The Council agreed to donate £25 to the funds of Community Action Northumberland for the year 2009/10.

Planning Applications The Parish Council does not seem to be consulted on Conservation Area consents – Mr Radgick reported he had written to NCC but as yet had not received a response.

Millennium Fund Due to the weather Mr Guiry and Mr Dodds had been unable to re-stake the trees down the Oak Avenue. Mr Radgick offered to assist. Hope to complete by next meeting **Action GG GD JR**. Mr Guiry offered to get a hedge cutter and cut in behind the oak trees to help give them more room **Action JG**.

Meetings Attended **Parish Cluster** - Mr Livsey and Mr Dunn attended this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. Matters discussed included the Boundary Commission recommendations, Community Forum, Highways issues and the new Parish Cluster which the Glanton Parish Council agreed to join.

Village Activities NONE

Parish Plan Mr Radgick reported that the website was progressing well and there was going to be a final push to get it finished and supported.

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- Permissive Footpath** No Further Action.
- Broadband** Mr Livsey to look into the possibility of increasing the speed of the Broadband in the area **Action CL**.
- Home Housing** Mr Livsey reported that he had written to Home Housing regarding their nomination policy, but had not received a response **Action CL to update at next meeting**.
- Potholes** Mrs Rogers stated that she had reported the potholes up West Turn Pike Road leading to Glanton Pyke way before Christmas but understandably, due to long spell of snowy conditions, they have not been repaired. The council agreed that the best way forward would be to put the request in writing. – **Action Clerk to write**.
- Notice Board** No Development to report.
- Red Phone Box** Mrs Rogers reported that while trying to pursue the adoption of the phone box she was told that the adoption scheme had been put on hold until further notice. Mrs Rogers tried another route and was told the same again. **Action – Mrs Rogers to check again in February and to write**.
- Precept** It was reported that the precept had been set at £1,500.
- NALC County Committee** Mr Dunn has been appointed to the County Committee.
- Bell View** Meetings have been held with Bell View and it is agreed we will look for funding to extend services to Glanton, Whittingham and Hedgeley. The initial work will be to map what is available and what gaps there are. Hedgeley Parish Council has confirmed their inclusion; Whittingham Parish Council will discuss this at their next meeting.
- Risk Assessment** The risk assessment document was reviewed and accepted by the meeting.
- AOB** A vote of thanks was given to Mr Guiry for all his help in moving the snow around the village. It was also mentioned that we could possibly look into getting one or two more grit bins for round the village. The council agreed to address this matter before winter 2011.
- Mr Radgick reported that new street signs had been erected at Mount View but unfortunately the South Farm one had been put in the wrong place. Mr Radgick to look into this, also to see about getting two triangle signs to go on the road leading to Powburn warning of animal movement.
- Mr Livsey again reminded the Parish Council that he would be stepping down as Chairman at the AGM in May.
- Finance.** **See Attached.**

The next Meeting of Glanton Parish Council will be held on **Monday 29th March 2010** in the Memorial Hall **at 7.00pm**.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.