

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Glanton Parish Council was held on Monday 29th November 2010 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall. The following councilors were present: Mr J Guiry, Mr J Easton, Mr A Collingwood-Cameron, Mr G Dodds, Mrs S Rogers, Mr J Radgick (chairman).

Members of Public: Mr J Lang, Ms S Williams, Mr & Mrs Meikle, Mr R Verrill, Mr M Mason.

1 Apologies for Absence: Mrs S Collingwood-Cameron, Mr N Dunn
Linda Lazenby, clerk

2 Resignation: Mr B Tansey has recently resigned as he has moved out of the Parish.

3 Public Questions: None

4 Declaration of Interest: None

5 Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

6 Matters Arising:

- *Working party on the oak avenue* – no action yet
- *Notice board* - it has been delivered and is ready to be put up when weather permits.
- *Site of the old church* – nothing to report.

7 Donations: It was resolved that the following donations should be made:

- Whittingham Churchyard £150
- Glanton Memorial Hall £150

8 Precept: It was provisionally resolved to set the precept at £1,500, the same as last year. This has shown to be sufficient for current needs. It would be necessary to revisit the decision if it becomes clear that NCC intend to pass extra functions down to the Parish.

9 Article 4: There was a good turnout for the meeting when Peter Rutherford of NCC's planning department explained the implications of Article 4. A straw poll at the end of the meeting showed 6 in favour, 6 abstentions and 14 against.

The PC would not have a formal role in the decision making process, we would be a consultee along with others. It was decided decided not prepared to press for an Article 4 Directive as there was not majority support for it in the village.

It was resolved that the parish council takes no further action.

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10 The Red Telephone Box: The report of the RTB Group was noted and the actions proposed were welcomed. Mrs Rogers was asked to act as liaison between the Parish Council and the RTB Group.

11 Vacancy on the Parish Council: It was resolved that John Lang should be co-opted.

12 Updates on the Parish Plan:

- *Street name signs* – the second estimate has not yet arrived.
- Action Mr Radgick**
- ‘*Children playing*’ signs – NCC are not prepared to put them up. It was agreed that the cost of replacing the current signs in the current locations would be investigated. Mr Collingwood-Cameron offered to contribute to the cost of the sign on West Turnpike.
- *Wall on the south side of The Causeway* – this work is in hand.
- *Wooden seats* - the work on the seats is complete.
- *Litter bin by the village hall* – NCC have agreed to replace this.
- *Salt bin* – NCC will decide where it should be put.
- *Care in the Community* – no report as Mr N Dunn not present.

13 Planning applications: Held over as the clerk not present.

14 Model standing orders: It was resolved that the Model Standing Orders for Smaller Councils prepared and recommended by Northumberland Association of Local Councils should be adopted without amendment. They will replace the existing standing orders.

15 Public participation in PC meetings: This matter was raised as a result of a letter from Mr M Mason. The model standing orders allow members of the public to speak at the discretion of the chairman. Mr Radgick outlined how he would exercise his discretion by allowing contributions from the public which would add to our knowledge of a subject under discussion but he would not allow simple expressions of opinion.

16 Meetings attended:

- *Meeting to discuss NCC’s proposals for car parking.* Mr Radgick reported that they were unlikely to have an effect on Glanton.
- *Training course for new PC chairmen* Mr Radgick attended this and found it very useful.

17 Finance: The finance report was noted.

18 Village activities:

- *The Leek Club Bingo* has been cancelled due to the bad weather.
- *Bottle Bingo* will be held before Christmas in aid of the Village Hall.
- *A pantomime* performed by the Northumberland Theatre Company will be held in early January.

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19 Any other business:

- *Celebration to mark the Royal Wedding* – it was agreed that this would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- *Village Hall AGM* – it was reported that the Village Hall Committee would welcome new members.

20 Date of the next meeting: the next meeting of Glanton Parish Council will be held on **MONDAY 24th JANUARY 2011** in the Memorial Hall at **7.00pm**.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.