

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Glanton Parish Council was held on Monday 24th January 2011 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 N Dunn, Mrs S Collingwood-Cameron, Mr J Lang &
Mr J Radgick (chairman).

Members of Public: Ms S Williams, Mr M Mason.

- 1 Apologies for Absence:** None
- 2 Public Questions:** Ms Williams commented on the amount of dog mess on the pavement along West Turnpike from the Hall onwards. It was felt that most would have been left behind when the snow melted. Mrs Rogers & Mr Collingwood-Cameron volunteered to clean up the pavement. A reminder is to be put in the Newsletter asking dog walkers to clean up after their dogs. Ms Williams also asked if we only had one clean sweep a year as the village was looking in a bit of a mess. Clerk to enquire when the road sweeper is due in the village and how often.
- 3 Declaration of Interest:** None
- 4 Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.
- 5 Matters Arising:**
 - *Resignation-* Clerk reported that the casual vacancy had been reported to NCC and that the procedure for advertising the vacancy had been completed and accordingly the Parish Council was now in the position of being able to co-opt a new councilor when ready.
 - *Working party on the oak avenue* – Due to all the snow during December, no action yet
 - *Notice board* – The new notice board has now been put up and invoice paid of £522.88. The meeting agreed that it would be used only for Glanton village activities and not for private advertisements. The existing one will continue to be used as previously.
- 6 Donations:** It was resolved that the following donations should be made:
 - Citizens Advice Bureau £20.00
 - Age Concern £30.00
 - Community Action Northumberland £25.00
 - Hospice Care £55.00
 - Playhouse Trust £20.00
 - Air Ambulance £50.00

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- 7 **Precept:** It was agreed that the precept provisionally set at the previous meeting of £1,500, the same as last year, would stand. NCC has decided that it will provide the same level of service for the coming financial year.
- 8 **Risk Assessment:** Mr Radgick presented an updated risk assessment which was reviewed and following an amendment requested by Mr Dunn that the risks associated with the internal audit and the Internal Auditor of the Council be added it was accepted by the meeting.
- 9 **Updates on the Parish Plan:**
- *Street name signs* – as the second estimate for repainting the signs had not been submitted the meeting agreed to go ahead with the one estimate they had received for £370. **Action Mr Radgick**
 - *‘Children playing’ signs* – New ‘Children Playing’ signs have been purchased at a cost of £36.07 and have been put up.
 - *Wall on the south side of The Causeway* – this work is believed to be in hand.
 - *Wooden seats* – Seat repairs have been carried out and invoices have been paid, in total £64.50.
 - *Litter bin by the village hall* – NCC had refused to replace this, and it was decided that the PC would purchase a replacement. **Action Mr Radgick**
 - *Salt bin* – Clerk still waiting to meet with NCC.
 - *Care in the Community* – Mr Dunn reported that project was still on going with a Coffee Morning being organized for the 2nd March in Glanton Village Hall which would be used to gather more information.
- 10 **Planning Applications:** None – still three applications results to be received.
- 11 **Meetings attended:**
Mr Dunn had attended a NALC meeting on the Localism Bill. He reported that whilst it would take some time to go through the parliamentary process during the interim the Standards Board will remain in place. We should follow progress and use the time available to prepare for some of the changes which may follow. Mr Radgick and Mr Dunn to monitor the process and advise on any actions they deem necessary.
- 12 **Finance:** The finance report was noted.
- 13 **Millennium Fund:**
Royal Wedding. It was agreed that some sort of event should be held to celebrate the Royal Wedding, Mr Collingwood-Cameron, Mr Dodds and Mr Easton to get together along with other members of the community to organize the event. It was agreed that a budget of up to £250 towards the cost of the event would be made available from the Millennium Fund.

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14 Village activities:

Northumberland Theatre Company- has been booked again by the Village Hall Committee for a performance in March

15 Any other business:

Village Hall – Clerk to write letter of congratulation to the Memorial Hall Committee on the new look of the hall.

16 Date of the next meeting: the next meeting of Glanton Parish Council will be held on **MONDAY 28th March 2011** in the Memorial Hall **at 7.00pm.**

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