

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL was held on Monday 29 July 2013 at 7.00pm on the rising of the Annual Parish Meeting in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

Parish Councillors Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron, Joe Easton, Ms Nicola Frater, John Guiry, Iain Hedley, John Lang, Chris Livsey (Chairman presiding), Jon Radgick and Mrs Susan Rogers.

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

Three members of the public

1: Public Questions.

There were no public questions.

2: Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron.

The Council agreed to further extend the period for the outstanding acceptance of office to be received at any time up to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

3: Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

4: Minutes of the previous meeting.

4.1: The draft minutes of the annual parish meeting held on 13 May 2013 were noted.

4.2: The draft minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 13 May 2013 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5: Matters arising from the minutes of 13 May 2013 (if not otherwise on the agenda)

Action Number	Meeting and Minute Reference	Action	Item Number if elsewhere in the minutes
2012 – 1 and 2012-13	May 2012 - 4.2, & July 2012 -13	The Village Website-	Item 7
2012-14	July 2012-17.1 and Nov 2012 – 8	Northumbria in Bloom	The Clerk reported there is no longer a separate competition for “Best Kept Village”. The Council reaffirmed its previous decision not to enter Northumbria in Bloom 2014
2012-17	Nov 2012 – 13	Village Plan	Item 6

2012-18	Nov 2012 – 17.1	Commemoration of WW One.	It was agreed that Councillors Ms Frater and Livsey would convene a meeting of interested parishioners with a view to seeking ideas and potential sources of funding
2012- 19	Nov 2012 – 17.2	Highway Drainage	The clerk reported that NCC did not see a need for lateral drainage on the Glanton side of the C85 road to Powburn. Councillors agreed to take photographs of problems in heavy rain.
2012-20	Nov 2012- 17.3	Shop Handrail – construction to be arranged.	Now completed.

6: Parish Plan.

Councillor Susan Rogers reported that a lot of the interested parishioners had been away. She will reconvene a meeting in late August / early September and be in a position to report to the next meeting of the Council.

7: Village Website.

7.1: Following the discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council (both 13 May 2013) informal discussions had continued. As a result Councillor Jon Radgick was prepared to take the lead. The Council gratefully welcomed and accepted his offer. The Council further authorised expenditure of circa £80 and up to £100 on in connection with this for site hosting, purchase of domain names and other such matters to enable the website to be functional. An approach would be made to the Glanton Show Committee seeking a contribution. Councillor John Lang offered to assist, this too being gratefully accepted.

7.2: The clerk drew attention to the successful use of Facebook by another Northumberland local council; the meeting thought this was a matter for possible use in the future. Councillors were also keen to have a link to the County Council's website showing planning applications, although the meeting remained generally critical of the functionality of the County Council's website.

8: Safety on the A697

8.1: Councillor Radgick reported on his meeting with the other 4 neighbouring parishes who are continuing to press the local highway authority to take action. The County Council is forming a steering group to look at safety on the A697.

8.2: The Council was concerned about the visibility to the north for traffic using the C85 to enter the A697 from Glanton. The Council authorised the Chairman to discuss the hedging at the junction with the landowner and tenants and to offer to contribute up to £350 to improve the sight line.

9: Council Communications.

The Council noted correspondence and details of uncirculated emails including

- Clean Sweep – the NCC sweeper was arranged for 9.00am Tuesday 6 August.
- Communal Green Waste Bin – the clerk was continuing to press NCC for a response.
- Inspections of the Village Green – Councillor Livsey agreed to undertake these using a draft record form circulated by the clerk.
- The NHS was consulting upon the out-of-hours service. The Council agreed that Dr Lynne Livsey be asked to draft a response, to be agreed by the Chairman before dispatch.
- NCC had asked for the Councils top three priorities for the Local Transport Plan Programme for 2014/2015. The Council resolved these should be:
 1. Improvements to drainage especially on the C85 road to Powburn,
 2. The provision of pavement in the village, and
 3. A westwards extension of the 30 mph limit on West Turnpike (the C169) to beyond the existing housing.

10: Meetings attended.

10.1: Councillor Radgick reported his attendance at a parish cluster meeting, the most significant item having been an apparent reduction in the pace of bringing superfast broad band to the village. The problem seems to be a delay in getting approval from DEFRA.

10.2: Councillor Livsey reported that he attended a meeting regarding the future of the Memorial Hall Committee; four new members were appointed with Councillor Easton remaining as the Parish Council representative.

11: Finance.

11.1 The following payments were authorised:

- Metal Magic - £260 – shop handrail – retrospective,
- Richard Frater - £128.50 – seat repairs – retrospective,
- Glanton Memorial Hall - £15 – hall hire,
- RG Anderson - £144 – rebuilding a village planter – *The Council were very grateful that Mr Anderson had not made any charge for materials.*

11.2: The Council agreed that up to £250 could be spent on plants for use in the village. These purchases were to be co-ordinated by Councillor Ms Nicola Frater.

11.3: The Council resolved to agree the annual return and comments regarding significant variances, a copy of the operative pages being attached to the signed minutes.

12: Planning.

12.1: Councillors noted that the Follions Wind Turbine was to be determined by the County Council in early August. Members were surprised at the apparent lack of concern from Whittingham.

12.2 The Council noted the forthcoming consultation on the remaining parts of the Core Strategy.

13: Village Activities.

13.1: Councillor Joe Easton reported on the activities in the Memorial Hall, noting that *Pilates* was likely to cease but that *Yoga* would resume in September. *Keep Fit* continues on Mondays and Wednesdays.

13.2: The Show is being held on Saturday 10 August.

14: Any Other Business.

14.1: Councillor John Lang raised the maintenance of the bank by the telephone box and behind the well. At one time this had been maintained by the Vicar who was the Parish Council Chairman. The consensus was that ownership was unknown and likely to be unclaimed. It was agreed that Councillor Livsey could quotes for this and other general maintenance from local contractors.

14.2: Councillor Susan Rogers will provide details of a mobile phone reception survey for inclusion in the newsletter.

14.3 Councillor Radgick will deal with the vegetation overhanging the footway opposite The Croft.

15: Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 30 September 2013.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

Date