

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL was held on Monday 30th September 2013 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

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

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

No members of the public

1: Public Questions.

There were no public questions.

2: Apologies for Absence.

The Chairman reported that Nicola Frater had resigned due to personal circumstances. The Council formally declared a vacancy. The Council thanked Nicola for her work on the Council and were pleased that she was to continue as the Newsletter Editor.

3: Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

3.1 Cllrs Lang, Radgick and Mrs Rogers declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Follions Windfarm – see item 13.2 below.

3.2 The clerk drew attention to the recent statement from DCLG that trade union membership should be declared.

3.3 Following consideration of a report from the clerk [Copy attached to the signed minutes] the Council resolved to grant a dispensation, effective until 30 April 2017, to all members of the Parish Council to enable all Councillors to participate in all decisions relating to the setting budgets. Councillors Radgick and Guiry did not consider the resolution necessary and asked that their dissent be noted.

4: Minutes of the previous meeting.

4.1: The draft minutes of the parish council meeting held on 29 July 2013 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5: Matters arising from the minutes of 29 July 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
2012-17	Nov 2012 – 13	Village Plan	Item 6
2012-18	Nov 2012 – 17.1	Commemoration of WW One.	Item 14

6: Parish Plan.

The Chairman provided a written report of the meeting held on 11 June [Copy attached to the signed minutes] and reported that a further meeting would be held on 7 November, with a report to the next meeting of the Council.

7: Village Website.

Councillor Jon Radgick reported the new website www.glanton.org.uk was operational. Councillors thanked Councillor Radgick for his work to date.

8: Safety on the A697

Councillor Radgick reported that he was waiting for the other parish representatives to complete their surveys before approaching the County Council and County Councillors. The Council were pleased to note the improvements in the visibility at the main junction with the A697 following the installation of the fencing to the north.

9: Highway and Drainage Issues in the Parish

Councillors remained concerned about the failure to provide interceptors drains on the C85. The clerk is to invite the highway authority to send a representative to a future meeting. The Council was also concerned about the length of time being taken by Northumbrian Water Ltd (NWL) to finish the repairs on the C85, and Councillors believed this stretch of pipe needed replacement as a matter of urgency. Councillor Lang reported that the pressure at his home (10 bar) greatly exceeded that normally

expected in domestic properties (4-5 bar). ***Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron is to contact NWL regarding these concerns.***

10: Council Communications.

The clerk circulated a list of emails received since the previous meeting and drew particular attention to

- The NALC AGM on 19 October,
- An email from a credit union and a letter from the magistrates each offering to attend a future meeting. Councillors decide not to accept these invitations,
- The forthcoming meetings between the County Council and the Parish & Town Councils (one of which is to be attended by the clerk),
- A consultation regarding bus services in Tyne and Wear.

11: Meetings attended.

11.1 The Chairman attended the Coquetdale Cluster meeting on 12 September. PC Dave Brown is the new Neighbourhood Beat Manager. The interactive speed signs are to be trialled in Whittingham and Glanton.

11.2 The rollout of broadband seemed to have slowed down. There are six phases with Glanton being scheduled for phase two.

12: Finance.

The clerk provided all councillors with a budget summary [Copy attached to the signed minutes]. He emphasised that any councillor was welcome to have a copy of full accounts.

12.1 The following expenditure was authorised

- £30.00 – HMRC – PAYE for Quarter 2,
- £67.50 – Glanton Memorial Hall – Hall hire,
- £57.12 – J Radgick – Reimbursement of website fees,
- £480.00 – Eddie Furness – Fencing at A697 Junction,
- £93.99 – Susan Williams – Reimbursement of planting costs.

The Council agreed that there needed to be a degree of budget control over the planting. ***The Chairman will speak to the volunteers in the New Year to advise them of the amount in the Council's budget. Councillor Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron agreed to see if a co-ordinated approach was possible.***

12.2 The Council noted the External Auditor's Issues Arising Report [Copy attached to the signed minutes]. The clerk assured the Council that the statement would be presented to them before 30 June in future years.

13: Planning.

13.1 Although no new applications were to hand, mention was made of possible development within the village. Councillors agreed that they could only provide informal comments on any proposed developments if they were provide with indicative plans and drawings. The Council was not prepared to comment based on informal approaches.

13.2 The Council considered the forthcoming appeal concerning the *Follions Wind Turbine (13/00047)*. The clerk had circulated a note from The Follions Wind Turbine Action Group. The Council resolved to write to the Planning Inspectorate re-iterating its objection. ***Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron will revise the objection letter (previously sent to the County Council) and will circulate a draft to all Councillors before dispatch.***

13.3 Councillor Lang reported his failed attempts to see the documents on the County Council's portal that evening at 6.00pm. The clerk will report this to the planning officers.

13.4 The Council was informed of the forthcoming consultation on the Housing and Green Belt parts of the Core Strategy. ***Councillor Radgick will prepare a draft response which he will circulate to all Councillors.***

13.5 The clerk was asked to examine the requirements on neighbour consultation and report back to Councillors.

14: Village Activities.

The Council noted the usual activities in the Memorial Hall

- Keep Fit on Mondays,
- Pilates on Wednesdays
- The Coffee Morning on the second Wednesday each month, and
- Lunch on the last Wednesday each month.

More activities are anticipated during December.

15: Commemoration of WWI

The Chairman circulated a note of a meeting held on 5 September [Copy attached to the signed minutes]. Further meetings are planned and will be reported to the Council.

16: Document Retention and Disposal

16.1 The Council considered a report from the clerk setting out a policy for the disposal and retention of documents [Copy attached to the signed minutes]. The sections regarding the periods for which the various categories of documents were to be kept was agreed.

16.2 The Council had a vigorous debate about the storage of the permanent records. Whilst no Councillor supported the purchase of a lockable and fireproof cabinet, there was division as to whether records should be retained in the Memorial Hall (as present) or whether they should be deposited at the County Archives, Woodhorn Museum. On a vote being taken the Council resolved by 7 votes to 2 votes to deposit the records at Woodhorn. Councillors Angus Collingwood-Cameron and Radgick asked their dissent be noted.

17: Any Other Business.

Councillor Mrs Rogers will be bringing an item to a future meeting suggesting that the street lights be switched off during parts of the night.

18: Date of Next Meeting.

18.1 The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 25 November 2013.

18.2 The Council agreed the following schedule of meetings for 2014

- Monday 27 January 2014
- Monday 31 March 2014
- Monday 19 May 2014 (this will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and has been brought forward to avoid a clash with Spring Bank Holiday)
- Monday 28 July 2014
- Monday 29 September 2014
- Monday 24 November 2014

All meetings are subject to change.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

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Date

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