

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL was held on Monday 27th January 2014 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

Parish Councillors 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.

Two members of the public

1: Public Questions.

A question had been emailed to the Chairman regarding blocked gulleys. The Council agreed this should be raised with the Highways Dept. **[Action SER]**

2: Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron.

3: Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Hedley declared he had joined the County Council as a locality officer but would not be dealing with matters affecting Glanton.

Councillor Mrs Rogers drew attention to her role on the Local Access Forum and that the Parish Councils in the area may be approached to discuss the state of public rights of way in their areas.

4: Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2013 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, following the correction of some spelling mistakes.

5: Matters arising from the minutes of 25 November 2013 (if not otherwise on the agenda)

5.1 The Council thanked the parishioners who had repaired the "Children Playing" sign at the entrance to the village.

5.2 Councillors had been circulated with the revised budget for 2014/2015 and further copies were available at the meeting.

6: Parish Council Vacancy

No names had emerged as potential candidates since the previous meeting.

7: Parish Plan.

The Chairman reported that the planned progress meeting had been postponed but he would be rearranging it in the near future. **[Action CL]**

8: Safety on the A697

Councillor Radgick reported that the further meeting of the three parishes had not been arranged and the group appeared to have stalled. The clerk had no recent information regarding the Council Council's A697 Working Group. The clerk had circulated a response regarding the A1 Roadworks which resulted traffic being diverted onto the A697 and has registered as a consultee for any future works.

9: Highway and Drainage Issues in the Parish

9.1 Councillor Guiry reported he had photographs of the recent flooding on the Glanton-Powburn road. He is to forward those to the clerk for onward transmission to highways officers and Councillor Bridgett to support the Parish Council's request for a senior level meeting to discuss the urgent need for drainage works on this road and elsewhere in the village. **[Actions JG & SER]**

9.2 Councillors noted that the covers on the interceptors drains on the slope to Powburn were now broken. **[SER to report to NCC]**

9.3 Councillors reported further concerns regarding excessive water pressure and burst mains in the parish. The Chairman agreed to request Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron to again contact Northumbrian Water. **[Action CL & AC-C]**

10: Council Communications.

10.1 The Council noted details of uncirculated emails and copies of various unsolicited mail.

10.2 The Council authorised the clerk to commence registration of the Council for internet banking. The Council will consider safeguards once the "two signatures" rule has been modified by the Local Audit & Accountability Bill currently in its final Parliamentary stages.

11: Meetings attended.

Councillor Radgick has attended the Rothbury Cluster meeting on 5 December 2013, but there were no items to draw to the specific attention of the Council. The minutes of the Cluster Meeting were available for inspection.

12: Finance.

12.1 The Council noted the previously circulated budget summary (A copy is attached to the signed minutes)

12.2 The Council authorised the following expenditure

- NALC – Training Course - £5.00
- Rothbury Parish Council – Contribution to Cluster Meeting Costs - £17.00
- Glanton Memorial Hall – Hall Hire - £33.75
- SE Rickitt – Postage and admin expenses for calendar year 3013 - £34.95

12.3 The Chairman reported that, shortly after the previous meeting, the Council had been offered £250.00 by the County Council to assist with Newsletter expenses. He had authorised the clerk to accept the offer and the funds were now in the Council's bank account. The Council agreed that future accounts should show this as a ring-fenced item.

13: Planning.

There were no planning applications to consider.

14: Street Lighting

14.1 The Council further discussed the County Council's proposed replacement of all sodium street lights with LEDs over the next few years. The Council resolved to ask the County Council to put Glanton into the first part of the programme. **[Action SER to contact NCC]**

14.2 The Council further considered whether to propose variations in the times or intensity of illumination once the LED lights had been installed. Councillors were unanimously of the view that any such request would require consultation with parishioners. One parishioner had already expressed concerns. Councillors were concerned that any consultation deals with issues such as insurance as they feared this was a topic which could be subject to mis-understandings. As an initial step, the Chairman was minded to have this as a matter for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May. **[Action CL/SER]**

15: Village Activities.

15.1 The Council noted the forthcoming village activities and particularly wished to encourage attendance at the Pantomime.

- Mondays – Keep Fit
- Wednesdays – Yoga
- Second Wednesday each month – Coffee Morning
- Last Wednesday each month – Lunch Club
- Friday 14th February – Race Night – in aid of the Hall and the Show.

15.2 Particular attention was drawn to the 21 February launch of *Singin Hinnies*, the account of the Robertson Family, published by the Glanton Heritage Group. The Council congratulated the Group on publication and Councillors were encouraged to purchase copies.

16: Commemoration of WWI

The Chairman reported that the working group was in the process of finalising its proposals which could involve the Parish Council and these would come to a future meeting. **[Action CL]**

17: Any Other Business.

17.1 Councillor Radgick reminded Snow Squad Team Leaders to check with their teams even though action had not been required so far this winter.

17.2 Councillors were concerned that incidents of dog fouling were occurring again. All were asked to be observant to see if the offending owner/s could be identified.

17.3 The Council resolved that the Chairman should write to John Swanson expressing appreciation for the continuing provision of the Christmas Tree and decorations.

17.4 The Council authorised Councillor Radgick to contact the County Council regarding the state of the footpath by the tennis courts which was very boggy again.

18: Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 31 March 2014.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

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