

## GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL was held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 6.45pm (on the rising of the Annual Parish Meeting) in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

### Present:

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

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

No members of the public were present

### **1: Election of Chairman**

Councillor Livsey was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming municipal year.

### **2. Receive Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Councillor Livsey signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

### **3: Election of Vice-Chairman**

Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming municipal year. The Council thanked Councillor Radgick for his work as Vice-Chairman over the previous year.

### **4: Apologies for Absence.**

Councillor John Lang

### **5: Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Councillor Hedley declared he was a locality officer with the County Council and would not participate in discussions regarding the proposed Clusters (item 11.2)

### **6: Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **7: Matters arising from the minutes of 31 March 2014** (if not otherwise on the agenda)

The Chairman noted the successful events held in the Memorial Hall over the previous year. Given that success the Council resolved that it would no longer automatically underwrite events in the Memorial Hall.

### **8: Parish Council Vacancy**

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

### **9: Parish Plan.**

The Chairman reported Councillor Mrs Rogers and he will be preparing and circulating a revised draft in the near future. **[Action CL & SR]**

## **10: Highway and Drainage Issues in the Parish**

10.1 Councillor Livsey reported on the meeting with County Council officers on 11 April. The County Council agreed to undertake drainage work on the C85 Road to Powburn. Work will also be undertaken on the gullies and footways within the village. West Turnpike is currently scheduled for repair in November 2014.

10.2 Councillor Mrs Rogers reported issued on the U1092 road to Branton where there are several deep potholes. These are to be reported to the County Council **[Action SER]**.

10.3 The Clerk updated the Council on the County Council's discussions with the timber extraction industry regarding routes. Councillors indicated they were not aware of current complaints from parishioners.

## **11: Council Communications.**

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

11.2 The Council confirmed its wish to be in the Rothbury Cluster.

## **12: Meetings attended.**

Councillor Livsey attended the recent meeting of the County Council's North Area Committee. Presentations had been given by BT and ARCH but these were high-level with little detail. There was an indication that there may be a project to investigate "Not-Spots" (*sic*). Glanton is programmed to receive high-speed broadband in September 2015.

## **13: Finance.**

13.1 Following the internal audit, the Council considered and approved the accounts, accounting statement and governance statement for 2013/2014. [Copies are attached to the signed minutes]

13.2 The Council authorised the following expenditure

- HMRC – PAYE Q1 - £13.00 (to take account of a £20 overpayment in previous years)
- Hammer Services Ltd - £120.00 – costs of cutting the footpath – paid by the County Council

13.3 The Council agreed to spend up to £150.00 for the costs of tea and biscuits at the WWI Commemoration meeting to be held in August. **[Action CL]**

13.4 The Council noted the clerk is to bring revised draft financial regulations to the next meeting for consideration regarding internet banking. **[Action SER]**

## **14: Planning.**

No planning applications were reported.

## **15: Village Activities.**

15.1 The Council noted the forthcoming village activities

- Mondays – Keep Fit
- Wednesdays – Yoga
- Second Wednesday each month – Coffee Morning

- Last Wednesday each month – Lunch Club

15.2 Councillor Easton reported that work was in hand to have a 70s/80s/90s Night in October in the Memorial Hall. The details and date is to be finalised but a well-regarded local band is to be booked.

**16: Commemoration of WWI**

16.1 See item 13.3 above. Councillors were concerned about the security of any medals and other memorabilia loaned for any exhibitions in the village. A wooden poppy is to be installed on the bank. **[Action CL]**

16.2 The Council debated at length the maintenance of the bank by the telephone box. Councillors considered that it would become a permanent responsibility of the Council if they engaged a contractor to regularly mow it. It was decided to take no action on mowing the bank but Councillor Hedley offered to carry out investigations into sowing wild flowers seeds. **[Action IH]**

**17: Any Other Business.**

17.1 To the concern of the Council, Councillor Radgick reported his injury whilst strimming hedge growth around the oak trees. Other Councillors volunteered to trim areas especially around the seats in the meanwhile. The clerk will prepare draft amendments to the risk assessments for consideration at the next meeting. **[Action SER]**

17.2 The clerk was authorised to make enquiries of the Flag Institute with a view to the registration of the village flag as a *Community Flag*. **[Action SER]**

**18: Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday 28 July 2014.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman .....

Date .....