

## GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

### Present:

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

County Councillor Steven Bridgett

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

Three members of the public were present

### **1: Introduction**

#### **1.1 Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of any dispensations**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

#### **1.2 Public Questions.**

A: There were instances of dog fouling recurring, this will be raised in the Newsletter and informal approaches made to the owners concerned.

B: It seems the water main is only being renewed to a point about 50 metres east of the Powburn road junction. The Clerk is to send Mr Verrill the plans. **Action SER**

#### **1.3 Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

The new drains on the Powburn Road are working well. The Council agreed to send thanks to the County Council. **Action SER**

### **2: Items for discussion and potential decisions**

#### **2.1 Highway and Drainage issues**

See 1.4 above.

#### **2.2 Planning**

A: There were no new planning applications to consider.

B: The Chairman reported on the application for a new dwelling on the Whittingham Road which had arisen since the previous meeting. As a number of residents had objected, it was likely the application would be considered by the County Council's North Area Planning Committee. Councillor Mrs Rogers wished to ensure that the section 106 planning obligation secured the additional public right of way. It was agreed that a Parish Councillor would be authorised to speak on behalf of the Parish Council's neutral position if appropriate. The Councillor would be selected by the Chairman having regard to availability. Attendance will be dependent on the nature of the planning officer's report. **Action JR & SER**

C: It was agreed that the Council should endeavour to place details of planning applications on the noticeboard to bring them to the attention of parishioners. The clerk will scan and email the covering consultation letter as and when received. **Action SER**

### **2.3 The Core Strategy**

A: It was reported that a prospective draft was on the County Council's website at the time of the meeting. Formal consultation will start in mid-December, extending until after the next scheduled meeting. Councillor Radgick offered to take the lead on drafting a response for consideration at the January meeting of the Council. **Action JR**

B: The clerk will circulate details of the prospective drop-in events. **Action SER**

C: Councillor Bridgett reported that Rothbury and some of its neighbouring parishes were in the initial stages of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. He gave some details on the revisions for housing numbers within the Rothbury electoral division which should be reflected in the latest draft of the Core Strategy. The Chairman advised the Council of a tentative approach by Whittingham Parish Council to participate in a Neighbourhood Plan and he was awaiting further contact.

### **2.4 World War I Commemoration**

Councillors continue to receive favourable comments about the exhibition and looked forward to further events over forthcoming years.

### **2.5 Report from the County Councillor**

A: Councillor Bridgett reported that Glanton was scheduled for high-speed broadband in the first quarter of 2015. The clerk reported that ARCH had informed him that there was a wayleave issue. It transpired this concerns a power supply and approved plans have been returned to BT. **Action SER**

B: Councillor Bridgett reported that he, and other county councillors, had been authorised to allow revenue expenditure for World War I commemorative events out of the capital schemes budget.

C: Councillor Bridgett advised the Council there was to be a presentation on safety measures on the A697 at the North Area Committee on Monday 8 December 2014 at 6.00pm in Longframlington. Parish Councillors were particularly welcomed.

## **3: Items for Information**

### **3.1 Forthcoming Village activities**

The Council was reminded of the usual coffee and lunch clubs within the Memorial Hall. There is to be a quiz night to raise funds on 3 December and Christmas bingo on 5 December. There will also be a bottle bingo on Saturday 27 December

[At this point Councillor Bridgett left the meeting]

### **3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk**

The clerk gave details of a meeting with the County Council's Locality Team and the Society of Local Council clerks. The main issues had concerned communication with town and parish councils.

### **3.3 Correspondence received**

The clerk circulated details of recent emails and information.

**4: Administration****4.1 To note the current accounts for 2014/2015**

The Council noted the current accounts for 2014/2015 (a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes).

**4.2 To authorise any payments**

The following payments were authorised

- > Susan Williams – reimbursement of expenditure on plants - £22.50
- > HMRC – PAYE Q3 2014/2015 - £33.00
- > Thropton Parish Council – Cluster costs contribution - £20.40
- > Friends of Whittingham Parish Burial Ground – Grant - £200.00
- > Glanton Memorial Hall – Grant - £200.00

**4.3 To set the budget and precept for 2015/2016**

Councillors considered a report from the clerk based on a stand-still budget (a copy is attached to the signed minutes). It was agreed to defer a decision until the January meeting to enable Councillors to consider any potential projects which may need funding. Councillors were reminded of the dwindling amount in the Millennium Fund. [See also item 4.6]. **Action All Parish Councillors**

**4.4 To agree confirmation of the clerk's hours of employment**

The Council considered a report from the clerk (a copy is attached to the signed minutes). On the suggestion of Councillor Radgick, the Council declined to follow the recommendation preferring to retain the existing position of an average of six hours per month.

**4.5 Any candidates for co-option to fill the Parish Council vacancy**

A candidate had come forward and would be formally proposed at the start of the next meeting.

**Action CL & SER**

**4.6 Details of items Councillors wished to raise at forthcoming meetings**

A: Councillor Mrs Rogers reported that the Heritage Group will be proposing the erection of traditional signs at the entrance to the village. She will bring details including costings to the next meeting. [See also item 4.3 above]. **Action Councillor Mrs Rogers**

B: The Chairman reported that pressures of work meant that Nicola Frater was having to give up her editorship of the Newsletter and he would be seeking a volunteer to carry on the sterling work. Mr Brian Johnson volunteered to take on the role. The Chairman indicated he would facilitate a handover. Councillors expressed their grateful thanks to Nicola for all her work. **Action CL**

**5. Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting was noted as Monday 26 January 2015

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman ..... Date .....