

**GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 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 in the Chair), Jon Radgick and Mrs Susan Rogers

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

One member of the public was present

**1: Introduction****1.1 Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of any dispensations**

No declarations were made at this point but see item 3.3 below. The Chairman reported that Councillor Johnson had resigned due to work commitments. The Council formally declared a vacancy.

**1.2 Public Questions**

There were no questions from the member of the public. The Chairman reported he had received an email from a parishioner regarding the roadside gullies requiring emptying. **Action SER to email NCC**

**1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 January 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 24 November 2014**

A: The Chairman agreed to contact John Swanson and Brian Johnson regarding the newsletter which the Council believed should be produced on a quarterly cycle. **Action CL**

B: Councillor Mrs Rogers reported that she had not yet got details of the cost of removing the cut grass from the bank. It was agreed to authorise the work, subject to the Chairman being content with the revised cost. **Action SueR and CL**

C: The Council agreed that the wooden poppy should remain at present but that it should be removed if its condition deteriorates.

**2: Items for discussion and potential decisions****2.1 Report from the County Councillor**

County Councillor Bridgett was absent

**2.2 Planning**

There were no new planning applications to consider. Councillor Radgick informed the meeting that the application for the new dwelling on the Whittingham Road had been the subject of a discussion with the planning officer. The County Council was not prepared to seek the dedication of a public footpath. The application may be determined at the 30 April 2015 meeting of the planning committee but that would depend on the outcome on the planning service review being debated at the County Council on 1 April.

### **2.3 The Planning Service Review**

The clerk reported on the submissions made by the Council and which were included in the papers published for the County Council on 1 April. It was clear this was now in the hands of the County Councillors but concerns were repeated at the proposed treatment of representations made by parish councils.

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

Councillor Livsey advised there were no significant issues to report.

### **3: Items for Information**

#### **3.1 Forthcoming Village activities**

A: Councillor Easton informed the meeting that the usual monthly coffee morning and lunch club would take place. He drew attention to the Painted and Dyed Easter Egg Competition being held on Easter Sunday.

B: The performance by the Northumberland Theatre Company took place on 10 March but there was a disappointingly low attendance.

C: There will be a coffee morning and bunny hunt on 11 April and the Show would hold their fundraising Spring Fair and Coffee Morning on 9 May.

D: Councillor Lang agreed to contact the owners of the van currently being parked in front of the notice-board to see if it could be parked so parishioners could more easily see the information. **Action JL**

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

Councillor Radgick attended the Coquet Cluster meeting on 19 March but had nothing significant to report to the Council.

#### **3.3 Correspondence received**

A: The clerk circulated a list of emails received since the previous meeting and displayed copies of various materials for Councillors to take away. He was asked to shrink the "Call for Village Agents" to a single sheet of A4 for display on the notice-board. **Action SER**

B: Councillor Radgick drew attention to the final report on the A697. The Council would like to input into the County Council's consideration and the clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding the process. **Action SER**

C: At this point the Chairman invited Councillor Mrs Rogers to update the Council on the finger-sign post project. Councillor Lang declared an interest as a funder of the initial signs and took no part in the discussion on this issue (items D-H below).

D: Councillor Mrs Rogers had circulated a report that day and provided the Council with copies.

### **Report from the Glanton Heritage Group**

The following progress is reported:

1. The arms and finials for the first two signposts are complete and ready to be put up. These will be added to the existing posts located at the Playwell Road junction and the Branton Road junction. It is proposed for this work to be done in May.
2. The posts will be prepared for painting. Permission has been granted to work on the Branton Road junction from within the field. Please can the GHG have permission to move the litter bin from the Playwell Road junction post to that of the bus stop a few yards away?
3. The GHG asks if the Parish Council would consider making a contribution of say 50% to the capital costs of this work? The cost so far has been £560.00. Details of how this sum has been spent can be provided.
4. The GHS would like clarification on whether the Parish Council can recover the VAT on the invoices already paid (approx £25).
5. Please could the Parish Council confirm that these signposts can be added to the list of assets which are covered by their insurance?
6. Plans are in place to prepare the posts and arms needed for the two other signposts, which would be located at the West Turnpike junction and the Whittingham Road junction. But it will be some time before these will be ready and the funds needed have been acquired.

Susan Rogers

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E: Some members of the Council were concerned that expenditure had been incurred before the Council had the opportunity to consider the detailed costings and proposals. Nevertheless the Council agreed to make a contribution from the Millennium Fund of £280.00 towards the costs incurred to date. The Council emphasised that it must have the opportunity to consider future work in advance of expenditure.

F: The Council was not able to recover the VAT as it had not incurred the expenditure.

G: Councillor Mrs Rogers will provide the clerk with copies of the correspondence with the Highways Dept. regarding future responsibility for the sign. The clerk will then be able to advise the Council on any possible changes needed to the Asset Register and insurance arrangements. **Action SueR and then SER**

H: The Council agreed to the concept of moving the waste bin but requested that the clerk first advise the County Council to ensure continuity of the emptying arrangements. **Action SER**

**4: Administration**

**4.1 The draft accounts for 2014/2015**

These had been circulated with the agenda and were agreed with the addition of the payment to Glanton Heritage Group (see below).

**4.2 Payments**

The following payments were approved

- > HMRC PAYE Q4 - £33.00
- > Hammer Services Ltd – Footpath Mowing - £120.00
- > Glanton Heritage Group – Contribution to cost of signs - £280.00 – [From the Millennium Fund]

**4.3 Insurance**

See item 3.3 G above. Councillor Lang agreed to look over the current policy given his experience working in the insurance industry. **Action SER and JL**

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

None

**Date of Next Meeting**

The Council noted the next meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 18 May 2015, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 6.30pm.

Councillor Livsey informed the Council that he would be resigning from the Council at the Annual Parish Council Meeting as his changing work commitments meant he would be moving to Yorkshire.

Confirmed as a true record

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