

**GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

Parish Councillors Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron, Joe Easton, John Guiry, Iain Hedley, John Lang (part), Jon Radgick (Vice-Chairman in the Chair) and Mrs Susan Rogers

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

Two members of the public were present

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

(1) Councillors Angus Collingwood-Cameron and John Lang had presented apologies. As both had not been present at the previous meeting the Council resolved to grant both six month leaves of absence. (*Note – as Councillor Lang arrived part-way through the meeting, the grant to him automatically ceased to have effect*)

Councillor Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron had also presented her apologies but as she had attended the previous meeting, the same issue did not arise.

(2) No declarations were made at this point.

**1.2 Public Questions**

There were no questions from the members of the public.

**1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting**

(1) The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 18 May 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

(2) The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 May 2015 were noted

**1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 18 May 2015**

(1) The Walkaround is to be rearranged. **Action SER**

(2) Councillor Easton advised that John Frater had expressed an interest in cutting the grass bank twice a year for £60.00. It was agreed that this offer would be accepted subject to Councillor Easton clarifying whether the cost was per cut or for both cuts. **Action JE**

(3) Councillors will seek clarification of the County Council's intentions for mowing the bank during the walkaround.

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

County Councillor Bridgett was absent

**2.2 Planning**

(1) There were no current planning applications to consider

(2) The Council noted the decision to approve application 14/03037/FUL - the construction of a single detached dwelling and access at land south of Camp Field Cottage, Glanton.

(3) The clerk reported on a consultation regarding planning protocols recently issued by the County Council. It was agreed that Councillor Radgick and the clerk would prepare a response and draw the Council's attention to any significant issue. **Action JR & SER**

### **2.3 Report on mowing the grass bank by the telephone box**

See item 1.4 above

### **2.4 Finger Sign Posts**

The Council were pleased to see the first of the Finger Sign Posts in place at Playwell Road and congratulated the Heritage Group. It was agreed that the Council would take on ownership and the clerk was authorised to prepare an agreement. **Action SER**

### **2.5 High-Speed Broadband**

The Council were delighted to note that the system was now live. Later in the meeting, Councillor Lang reported his connection was now vastly improved. Councillor Hedley is to collect explanatory leaflets from the County Council to pass to the Chairman for distribution. **Action IH**

### **2.6 Village Clean-Up**

This will occur in the first week of August. Concern was expressed at the poor quality of highway weed-spraying within the parish. The Council was advised that similar concerns were being expressed across the county and this will be an issue raised at the walkaround.

### **2.7 Newsletter**

Councillors were pleased to note the first issue under the new editor.

*Councillor Lang arrived at this point.*

### **2.8 Local Transport Plan Programme 2016/2017**

The Council decided to modify their previous three priorities as follows

First Priority: The westward extension of the 30 mph limit on West Turnpike to beyond the Old School. This was now more pressing as permission had been given for housing outside the existing limit.

Equal Second: The provision of proper footways within the village to stop walkers having to walk within the road way and the continuing need for safety improvements on the A697 to increase awareness of the main turning to the village.

## **3: Items for Information**

### **3.1 Forthcoming Village activities**

Councillor Easton reported that the coffee mornings and lunch clubs were continuing, and the meeting noted the forthcoming Glanton Show

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

(1) Councillor Radgick had attended the Cluster Meeting on 17 June but had no significant issue to report.

(2) A Councillor had attended the planning training but was disappointed as too little time had been given for "material considerations".

(3) The clerk had attended the SLCC Regional Road Show on 3 June and a note is available if any Councillor wishes to have a copy. He anticipates formal decisions being needed over the next few months regarding pensions and external audit provision.

### **3.3 Correspondence received**

The clerk circulated a list of emails received since the previous meeting and displayed copies of various materials for Councillors to take away. Councillors were reminded of the second Town and Parish Council Conference being held on 24 September at West Hartford Fire Station.

## **4: Administration**

### **4.1 Vacancies**

The Council noted there had been no call for a poll and were asked to consider if there are any candidates for co-option to the two vacancies. **Action All Cllrs**

### **4.2 The external audit of accounts for 2014/2015**

The Council noted the completion of the external audit and the Issues Arising Report raising citation of powers (A copy of the report is attached to the signed minutes).

### **4.3 To note the current accounts for 2015/2015 and to authorise any payments**

The current accounts were noted (a copy is attached to the signed minutes) and approval given for the following payments

- > P Watson – Mowing grass bank - £60.00
- > J Radgick – Cost of paper for newsletter - £7.00
- > Northumberland County Council – Insurance premium - £165.20
- > S Williams – Cost of plants - £23.50

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

(1) Councillor Easton had been asked to raise parking when customers were collecting fish and chips. The Meeting felt this was not a matter for the Parish Council.

(2) Councillor Mrs Rogers raised possible Ash Die-Back on trees adjacent to the Whittingham Road. Councillor Radgick agreed to make enquiries. **Action JR**

### **Date of Next Meeting**

To note the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 28 September 2015 at 7.00pm.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

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