

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 28 September 2015 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

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

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

No members of the public were present

1: Introduction

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

(1) Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron indicated his intention to resign from the role as chairman at the conclusion of the meeting because of work commitments. Following discussion the Council resolved to appoint Councillor Radgick as Chairman and Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron as Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the municipal year, with effect from the close of the meeting.

(2) No declarations were made at this point.

1.2 Public Questions

There were no members of the public present.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 27 July 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 27 July 2015

(1) The Walkaround was held on 25 September and a number of minor issues were pointed out to the County Council, particular concern being expressed by Councillors at the state of the footpath along West Turnpike.

(2) The Council were pleased to see the second of the Finger Sign Posts was now in place at Branton Junction and congratulated the Heritage Group. It was agreed that the Council would take on ownership and the clerk was authorised to enter into an agreement. **Action SER**

(3) Councillor Radgick had sought advice on the possible Ash Die-Back raised at the previous meeting but he had been informed that the trees did not seem to be affected. Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron advised the Council that the effect of the disease nationally was not yet clear.

(4) Councillor Lang reported on issues with his internet provider regarding the actual line speed. He was continuing his dialogue and would keep the Council aware of any significant issues. **Action JL**

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Reports from the County Councillor

County Councillor Bridgett was absent

2.2 Planning

(1) There were no current planning applications to consider

(2) Councillor Radgick would examine pre-submission draft core strategy and would email his thoughts to Councillors. Neither Councillor Radgick nor the clerk expected any major new issues for the parish.

Action JR

(2) The Council considered effect of approved application 14/03037/FUL [the construction of a single detached dwelling and access at land south of Camp Field Cottage] on the recorded public right of way. Having examined the *Definitive Map & Statement* Councillor Mrs Rogers informed the Council that the legal route went across the fields rather than via the headland as was generally assumed. Following discussion the Council agreed that it would welcome the landowners applying for a formal diversion of the entire route running south to the parish boundary. The Chairman will contact the landowners to suggest they commence the process with the County Council's rights of way officers. **Action ACC**

(3) The clerk reported the recent training for planning protocols and the general view that site meetings between Parish Councillors, the planning officer and a highways dept. officer would be the most effective way of consultation. The Council agreed that a threshold of ten units was too high for villages such as Glanton.

2.3 Report on mowing the grass bank by the telephone box

This is now in hand and Councillor Easton will chase up an invoice. Councillors agreed that the wooden poppy should be removed following this year's Remembrance Day. **Action JE**

2.4 Security of the waste water plant

The Council were very concerned to hear that workmen had recently discovered the body of a missing domestic dog in the tanks. Councillors were worried that if a dog could gain access then so could a child. The Council asked that the clerk contact Northumbrian Water Ltd to request more effective fencing. **Action SER**

2.5 Newsletter

Councillors were reminded of the need to provide material to the editor. The Chairman will provide a short note of the decisions of the Council. **Action All/ACC**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

Councillor Easton reported that the coffee mornings and lunch clubs were continuing, and there was to be a Ceilidh on Friday 23 October 2015 to mark the 85th anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Hall.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

(1) Councillor Radgick had been unable to attend the Cluster Meeting on 16 September 2015 but having examined the minutes he had no significant issues to report.

(2) The clerk had attended the second Town and Parish Council Conference on 24 September at West Hartford Fire Station. He reported on his attendance at a session on Neighbourhood Planning which supported the Council's previous view that there was no reason to undertake the lengthy process of plan preparation for the parish.

(3) The clerk is to attend the SLCC Branch Training Day on 22 October at Newbiggin and the Council agreed to contribute £4.00 towards the cost.

3.3 Correspondence received

The clerk circulated a list of emails received since the previous meeting and drew attention to the consultation on toilet opening hours in the larger towns.

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. Councillor Easton is following up a potential candidate.

Action All Cllrs /JE

4.2 To note the current accounts for 2015/2016 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

- > J Radgick – Annual fee for the website - £57.60
- > HMRC – PAYE Q2 - £33.00

The clerk was reminded of the ability to use internet banking and especially BACS payments. **Action SER**

4.3 Details of items Councillors wished to raise at forthcoming meetings

Councillors were reminded that initial consideration would be given to the budget and precept at the next meeting and therefore details of any possible projects should be circulated in advance if possible.

Action All

Date of Next Meeting

To note the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 30 November 2015 at 7.00pm.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman Date