

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 21 March 2016 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

Parish Councillors Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron, Jerry Dronsfield, Joe Easton, John Lang and Jon Radgick (Chairman in the Chair)

PC Josh Dunn

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 and possible co-option

- (1) Councillors Iain Hedley, John Guiry and Mrs Susan Rogers had presented their apologies
- (2) No declarations were made at this point

1.2 Public Questions

None

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 25 January 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 25 January 2016

- (1) Councillor Lang reported that the West Turnpike sign has been replaced. Councillors will let the clerk know if the other signs have been repaired or replaced. **Action All Cllrs**
- (2) The Clerk will chase up the West Turnpike drainage issue with the Highways Dept. **Action SER**

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Reports from the County Councillor

County Councillor Bridgett was absent. The Chairman invited PC Dunn to address the Council. PC Dunn made the following points

- The establishment in Rothbury had been increased by the addition of two special constables and they hoped to attend Parish Council meetings on a more regular basis.
- Councillors and Parishioners were asked to report suspicious vehicles as this gives the police useful intelligence

- There is to be an anti-speeding programme on the A697 using unmarked cars and speed guns.
- There will also be an anti-drink driving campaign
- In answer to a comment, PC Dunn said the police are aware of the off-road motorcycles being used in the area and are working with the larger landowners and the National Park Authority. The force helicopter had been authorised as a resource available to deal with this problem
- Parishioners are encouraged to sign up to the *Community Messaging Updates* by emailing Alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

Councillors thanked PC Dunn for his attendance and asked the clerk to ensure that agendas and minutes are forwarded to the police as routine. **Action SER**

2.2 The Millennium Oak Avenue

Councillor Dronsfield reported that ash trees at the western end of the Avenue were causing the oak trees in that location to be stunted. After discussion it was agreed to seek the removal of those ash trees. A note will be placed in the next newsletter to inform parishioners. The Chairman agreed to contact the neighbouring landowner and to locate a tree surgeon. **Action JR**

2.3 Planning

There were no current planning applications to consider but the Council was advised of the withdrawal of 15/03916/FUL - Proposed two dwellings - Land West of Heather Cottage Front Street.

Attention was drawn to the recent offer of planning training by the County Council

2.4 HM The Queen's 90th Birthday

The Council approved the Chairman's suggestion of a beacon being lit on Thursday 21 April to mark Her Majesty's Birthday. The Queen's Head have offered to provide a modest cooked meal to follow the ceremony on a pre-booked basis. **Action JR**

2.5 Highway Drainage

(1) The Council considered and adopted the report of the subgroup and costings (copies are attached to the signed minutes)

(2) The Council endorsed the recommendation set out as option 3 which is set out below for ease of reference

Option 3: Meadow mix of 25 species – seed mix - Supplier Meadowmania
Birdsfoot Trefoil, Common Cat's Ear, Corn Poppy, Cowslip, Field Scabious, Lady's Bedstraw, Lesser Knapweed, Meadow Buttercup, Meadow Vetchling, Musk Mallow, Ox Eye Daisy, Ragged Robin, Red Campion, Ribwort Plantain, Rough Hawkbit Salad Burnet, Self Heal, Small Scabious, Common Sorrel, White Campion, Wild Carrot, Upright Hedge Parsley, Yarrow, Yellow Rattle, Wild Clary.

Cost: 500g seed @£87.00

(3) Councillor Lang advised that Susan Williams had placed cobbles to mark the location of the larger clumps of existing bulbs on the bank.

(4) Councillor Mrs Collingwood-Cameron offered to allow the group to collect clumps of snow drops from a location on her property, an offer which was accepted with thanks.

(5) The Chairman will contact Mr Thompson to see if the dilapidated fence at the top of the bank could be repaired.

(6) The Council agreed to see if relocation of the dog waste bin was feasible and to paint the bins in a less obtrusive colour.

The Chairman will coordinate this programme. **Action JR**

2.6 LED Street Lights

(1) Councillor Hedley had previously circulated information that the probable cost to the Parish Council of ornate columns would be £2000/3000 per column. The Council resolved this was not an option they wished to pursue.

(2) The Council would like details of whether there are options to dim or switch off the LED lights. **Action IH/JR/SER**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

(1) Councillor Easton reported that the coffee mornings and lunch clubs were continuing, the coffee morning between 10.00am and noon on Wednesdays 13 April and 11 May. The lunch club was to be held between noon and 2.00pm on Wednesdays 23 March, 27 April and 25 May.

(2) There will be a Race Night in The Queen's Head on Saturday 23 April.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

Councillor Radgick had been unable to attend the Cluster Meeting on 15 March.

3.3 Correspondence received

The clerk circulated a list of emails received.

4: Administration

4.1 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

> HMRC – PAYE Q4 - £33.00 (by BACS)

4.2 The final accounts for 2015/2016

Subject to a within budget payment to the Glanton Memorial Hall being made, the draft accounts were approved for submission to the Internal Auditor.

4.3 Details of Items Councillors wish to raise at the next meeting

None

Date of Next Meeting

To note the next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and is scheduled for Monday 23 May 2016 at 7.05pm or on the rising of the Annual Parish Meeting (whichever is the later).

Note: This has been brought forward to avoid the Spring Bank Holiday.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

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Date

