

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 25 July 2016 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

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

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

Susan Williams was present

1: Introduction

1.1 Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of any dispensations and possible co-option

(1) Councillor Radgick signed his declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman and took the Chair.

(2) All Parish Councillors were present

(3) No declarations were made at this point

1.2 Public Questions

(1) Susan Williams sought consent to purchase plants for the flower trough to be in place for the Show. The Council agreed and thanked her for her continuing work.

(2) She raised the sight lines at the main junction of the A697 which she considered to be dangerous because of the overgrown verge and the estate agent's boards placed at the junction. The Council considered this issue later in the meeting (see item 4.3 below).

1.3 Minutes of the previous meetings

(1) The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 23 May 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

(2) The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23 May 2016 were noted.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 23 May 2016

(1) Councillor Mrs Rogers reported on her continuing contacts with the Rights of Way Officer regarding the obstructed footpath to Whittingham. She has been informed that no application has been received for the formal diversion as yet. The Council agreed that any diversion must be on level flat ground, and thus a route immediately next to

the fence was not appropriate. Councillor Radgick reported he had mown the current route the previous week. Councillor Mrs Rogers will continue to monitor the position.

Action SueR

(2) No information had been received on LED lights. **Action SER**

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

No reports had been received.

2.2 The Millennium Oak Avenue

Councillor Radgick reported that he is seeking costs for the work on the Oak Avenue and will bring details to the September meeting. **Action JR**

2.3 Planning

(1) The Council was advised of the grant of application 16/00945/FUL - Proposed two dwellings - Land West of Heather Cottage Front Street.

(2) The Council was advised of the recent receipt of Application 16/02353/FUL - Land South West of 6 Whittingham Road - Proposed construction of a new dwelling. Plans were displayed at the meeting. Councillors were asked to provide any comments to Councillor Radgick within the following week, and he would then respond on behalf of the Council. **Action JR**

(3) The Council considered the latest draft of the Core Strategy. It was agreed to support the points made by the Northumberland & Newcastle Society/CPRE in their email dated 19 July 2016 which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

Action JR

2.4 Bank Planting

The Council was advised of the unfortunate misunderstanding with the Scouts regarding which areas of land were to be cleared. The Council were grateful for the offer of replacement seeds. Councillor Radgick reported that strimming the bank had taken longer than anticipated and suggested that the Sub-Group be reconvened to consider how best to manage the bank in the future. The Council agreed with his proposal. **Action JR/JD**

2.5 Annual Village Clean-up

The Chairman reported on the efforts made to ensure that the roads were swept and gullies/drains emptied on 2 August. Councillors confirmed that the Annual Clean-Up would be on the weekend of 30/31 July. A notice will be prepared and distributed asking that Front Street especially is kept clear of vehicles on 2 August. **Action JR**

2.6 Bus Shelter

The Chairman reported the roof needs replacing. He is seeking quotations and will report to the next meeting. **Action JR**

2.7 Local Transport Policy Programme 2017/2018

The Council considered the letter from the County Council and confirmed a wish to repeated the previous year's bids

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

(1) Councillor Easton reported that the coffee mornings on the second Wednesday and the lunch clubs on the last Wednesday each month were continuing. There are also regular keep fit sessions on Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings, the latter being open to all ages.

(2) The Show is be taking place on 13 August

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

The clerk attended the Cluster Meeting on 16 June 2016. He reported that consideration was being given to reducing the frequency to twice a year. Attempts were in hand to have the Leader of the County Council at the next meeting.

3.3 Correspondence received

(1) The clerk circulated a list of emails received and provided other material for Councillors to take away.

(2) The Council was grateful to Mike Mason for repainting the seat and pleased to note the offer to repaint the telephone box from the Phone Box Group.

(3) The Chairman reported that the printer being used for the Newsletter was using a cartridge per issue. As the printer is out of warranty, the Council agreed to the purchase of refurbished cartridges for about £33 each rather than the manufacturers own brand at £97.34 each. The Chairman pointed out this will exhaust the current Communications Fund within a year.

(4) The Clerk drew attention to the Email from NALC regarding the County Council's likely budgets from 2018 onwards. Councillors will bear this in mind when considering budgets.

(5) The Chairman reported an offer of a concrete water trough from the Church. After discussion, the Council decided to decline the offer.

4: Administration

4.1 Audit of the 2015/2016 Accounts

The clerk reported that two questions had been raised and answered, one on the number of bank accounts and the second on the eligibility to use the *General Power of Competence*. The Council took the opportunity to confirm eligibility for the current municipal year.

4.2 To note the current accounts for 2016/2017 and to authorise any payments

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

> NALC – Subscription - £69.2 (by BACS)

4.3 The A697 Junction

Councillors concurred in the comments about the dangerous state of this junction (see item 1.2(2) above). The problems were exacerbated by the County Council's failure to mow back to the fence line, which caused vehicles to have to pull out into the A697 to look for on-coming traffic. The clerk was asked to email the Highways Dept. that evening to seek urgent work. **Action SER**

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

The Chairman drew attention to the Millennium Fund which would be further reduced by the cost of repairs to the bus shelter and work on the trees. He asked Councillors to consider whether there should be a fund-raising drive over the winter. This will be discussed at the September meeting. **Action All Cllrs**

Date of Next Meeting

The Council agreed the following schedule of forthcoming meetings, all to start at 7.00pm, except for the May 2017 meeting

- Monday 26 September 2016
- Monday 28 November 2016
- Monday 30 January 2017

- Monday 27 March 2017
- *Thursday 4 May 2017 – Elections for the Parish Council*
- Monday 15 May 2017 – This will be the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm which will be followed by the first annual Parish Council Meeting starting at either 7.05pm or the rising of the Parish Meeting, whichever is the later.
- Monday 31 July 2017
- Monday 25 September 2017
- Monday 27 November 2017

All meetings are to be held in The Memorial Hall, Glanton and are subject to change.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

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Date

