

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 28 November 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 and Jon Radgick (Chairman in the Chair)

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 and possible co-option

Councillor Mrs Susan Rogers had presented her apologies.

1.2 Public Questions

There were no questions.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 September 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 26 September 2016

Councillor Radgick reported on his discussions with Brian Wood regarding the obstructed footpath to Whittingham. Mr Wood is going to use a mini digger to reduce the banking to provide a one point five metre level path, but unfortunately they missed the window to do this in the summer when conditions were suitable. If they do it now the path will be so muddy as to be unusable, but he has promised they will do it in the springtime when they can also reseed grass to make a better surface. It was agreed to take no formal action at the present time in the light of this assurance.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

No reports had been received by the time of the meeting.

For information – PC Brimble had sent an email later that evening apologising but explaining that operational issues had frustrated his attendance. The email reported that in the last 2 months there had been crimes in the Glanton area –

1/ A report of a dog bite in the Lorbottle area which has been detected.

2/ A report of criminal damage to a car in the Edlingham area – being investigated.

2.2 The Millennium Oak Avenue

Councillor Radgick reported that two quotations had been received. It was agreed to accept the lowest quotation of £680 (plus VAT) from Town & Country Tree Surgeons. They will be asked to treat the stumps to prevent re-growth.

Action JR

2.3 Planning

(1) Details of Application 6/03260/VARYCO - *Millers Hill, Glanton - Variation of condition 7 (Holidaymaker restriction) pursuant to planning permission A/2004/0574 in order to allow residential occupancy* – had been previously circulated to members of the Council. Following discussion it was agreed to support the application as contributing to the sustainability of the Parish. **Action SER**

(2) The Council noted the further proposed changes to the draft Core Strategy which had been previously circulated by the clerk.

2.4 Bank Planting

There was no further action to report.

2.5 Review of Parliamentary Boundaries

(1) The clerk gave a brief summary of the position, taken from the guide issued by the Boundary Commission for England. The link had been circulated to the Council as part of the agenda:

<http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review/>

(2) The Chairman reported Councillor Bridgett advising the Cluster Meeting that he had prepared a response showing how the Rothbury Electoral Division could be placed into the Berwick Constituency rather than Hexham. Councillor Radgick was awaiting a copy.

(3) The Council expressed a clear wish for the Parish to remain in the Berwick Constituency and authorised the Chairman to make a response on those lines, probably supporting Councillor Bridgett's submission (subject to its terms).

Action JR

2.6 Bus Shelter

The Council was pleased with the works undertaken by Richard Frater. The clerk was asked to continue efforts to obtain a timetable for display. **Action SER**

2.7 Dogs Roaming Loose and Fouling Public & Communal Areas

The clerk had been telephoned by a Parishioner concerned about farm dogs roaming loose and fouling areas. After discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman would write to the farmer. **Action JR**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

Councillor Easton will provide the Newsletter Editor with details of the forthcoming events in the Memorial Hall. **Action JE**

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

The Chairman had attended two meetings:

- 6 October – The Cluster Meeting had been attended by the Leader of the County Council who concentrated on broadband delivery. There had been discussion regarding the boundary review – see Minute 2.5 above.
- 13 October – The third Town & Parish Council Conference at County Hall had proved interesting. A useful presentation had been given on the role of The Arch Group of Companies. The Chairman also gave details of the presentation concerning the County Councils Medium Term Financial Plan. This showed that that the County Council were looking to make savings of £20M in each of Financial Years 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. It was clear these would probably mean major cuts in service provision. The Council will be kept abreast of any clear indications of where these may fall. A session on Freedom of Information will be rescheduled for early 2017.

Action SER

3.3 Correspondence received

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

(2) The Chairman drew attention to an email from Councillor Dronsfield expressing concern over the lack of capacity in the telephone lines coming into Glanton. His concern was echoed by other Councillors. The Chairman had been unsuccessful in trying to obtain official information from Openreach but an operative working on the lines recently had indicated that repair work to a damaged cable might provide a small number of lines very soon, although a further cable from Powburn would be needed eventually. Councillor Angus

Collingwood-Cameron agreed to speak to a contact within BT and the clerk is to continue with his enquiries through the County Council. **Action ACC & SER**

4: Administration

4.1 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 payments

- > Richard Frater – Repairs to bus shelter roof - £540.00 (by BACS) (retrospective)
- > HMRC – PAYE Q3 - £30.00 (by BACS)
- > Northumberland County Council – Insurance Premium - £179.96 (by BACS)
- > Thropton Parish Council – Cluster Subscription - £11.02 (by BACS)
- > Glanton Memorial Hall – Annual Grant - £200.00 (by BACS)
- > The Friends of Whittingham Parish Burial Ground – Annual Grant - £200.00 (by BACS)

4.2 The Budget and Precept for 2017/2018

(1) The Council considered a report prepared by the clerk (a copy is attached to the signed minutes)

(2) Following discussion the following budget was agreed for 2017/2018:

General Fund Expenditure Item and Budget Head Number	Budget for 2017/2018
Clerks Costs including travel [1]	720.00
Misc. Admin (Postage, etc.) [2]	100.00
Insurance [3]	200.00
Legal /Audit /Subscriptions [4]	100.00
Maintenance and Planting [5]	1000.00
Hall Hire [6]	120.00
Support Payments [7]	400.00
<i>Communications [8] New</i>	120.00
Totals	2760.00

(3) The Council then resolved to levy a precept in 2017/2018 of £2760.00 [Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Pounds]

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

Councillor Mrs Collingwood-Cameron raised an issue regarding a permissive footpath. The clerk was asked to research and report back to the next meeting.

Action SER

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 30 January 2017

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

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