

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 30 January 2017 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

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

PC Stuart Brimble (left after presenting his report)

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 Angus Collingwood-Cameron had presented his apologies.

1.2 Public Questions

There were no questions.

2.1 Police Report *Taken early to allow PC Brimble to leave*

(1) PC Brimble was welcomed to the meeting. He reported an attempted burglary within the parish and a further one in a nearby area. Enquiries were ongoing. There had been two reports of crimes in Whittingham which have been dealt with.

(2) Hare Coursing had been an issue further north in the County and parishioners are asked to report any signs of suspicious behaviour. Anti-Poaching operations are underway.

(3) PC Brimble said that he hopes to attend future meetings but operational reasons can arise at the last minute. The Chairman thanked him for the report.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 November 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 28 November 2016

(1) A bus timetable – this has still not been placed in the shelter and the clerk was asked to chase up. **Action SER**

(2) Councillor Radgick reported that the ash trees had been removed from the Millennium Oak Avenue. He and Councillor Dronsfield will carry out some arboricultural work on the oak trees. Councillor Mrs Rogers volunteered to organise a litter pick of the Avenue at the same time. **Action JD, JR & SR**

(3) Councillor Radgick had tried to compose a suitable letter regarding the loose dogs but had not been able to strike the right tone. He will speak direct to the owner. **Action JR**

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

See above for the Police Report

No report had been received from the County Councillor by the time of the meeting.

2.2 The Millennium Oak Avenue

See above

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* – The clerk reported this had been granted.

(2) There were no new applications.

2.4 Christmas Tree

(1) The Chairman stated that this was an issue to be considered by the Council. For a number of years, Trees had been kindly donated, as had the power for the lights, for which the Council was extremely grateful. The donors were unable to supply Trees in the future. Purchasing a new Tree each year would be a considerable expense.

(2) During the course of discussion a number of ideas were floated

- A permanent Tree
- No Tree but a display of lights in the village
- Decorating the Phone Box

(3) Councillor Mrs Collingwood-Cameron thought that she may have a suitable tree for 2017. Fellow Councillors thanked her for the offer; she and the Chairman will inspect her wood for a suitable Tree. **Action SC-C & JR**

(4) No immediate decision was required but Councillors were asked to think of ideas for the next meeting. **All Cllrs**

2.5 Dogs Roaming Loose and Fouling Public & Communal Areas

See above

2.6 Telephone Line Capacity

(1) More lines have been made available but the amount of future capacity remains unknown. Frustration was expressed at the inability to contact Openreach other than via their web-based contact system.

(2) The Chairman will consider contacting Mrs Trevelyan MP to see if she can find out the current capacity of the lines into Glanton as new houses were likely in the relatively near future. **Action JR**

2.7 Permissive Footpath

The clerk reported locating an agreement with the former owners. In discussion it became apparent that the current owners appear content for the current use by parishioners to continue. In the circumstances the Council did not feel that any further action was necessary.

2.8 Commemoration of the end of the First World War

(1) Councillor Radgick reported an enquiry as to whether the village would be participating in a national chain of beacons. Councillors were concerned about the practicalities of a beacon in early November.

(2) There are a number of ideas in the village and discussion will take place at future meetings.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

Councillor Easton hopes that a Race Night will be organised in the near future.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

None of major significance

3.3 Correspondence received

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

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

- > John Frater – Grass Cutting - £60.00 (by BACS) (retrospective)
- > Town & Country Tree Surgeons – Ash Tree Felling - £816.00 (by BACS) (retrospective)
- > SE Rickitt – Admin Expenses for Calendar Year 2016 - £110.12 (by cheque)

4.2 Elections in May 2017

The clerk briefed Councillors on the timetable for the Parish Council Elections in May 2017. He anticipates that nomination forms will be available on the NCC website in the near future. Those standing must ensure that the latest Electoral Roll numbers are used as these change from year-to-year.

4.3 Asset & Risk Registers

The Council reviewed and approved the registers with the following alterations

- Asset Register – Flag Pole to be added
- Risk Register - Snow Squad – to encourage Dog Walkers to use Hi-Vis wear. Councillor Radgick is the co-ordinator and has a supply.

Copies are attached to the signed minutes.

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

Councillor Mrs Rogers would like to raise the state of the wall on the main road from the village.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 27 March 2017

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman Date
