

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 27 March 2017 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

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

PC Stuart Brimble (left after presenting his report)

Messrs Peter Lake and Mike Mason

SE Rickitt – Clerk

1: Introduction

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

Councillor Jerry Dronsfield had presented his apologies.

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

(1) PC Brimble was welcomed to the meeting. He had no reports of crimes within the Parish since the previous meeting. The anti-poaching work continues although this is currently a greater problem in the south of the county. Some of the anti-poaching operations are on a small scale, there are on occasions larger scale operations.

(2) There have been some attempted break-ins at pubs in the wider area and enquiries were ongoing.

(3) The Chairman thanked PC Brimble for his report.

1.2 Public Questions

(1) Flooding

Mr Lake reported concern that water had run down West Turnpike in the recent deluges, causing flooding by the three church cottages. Mr Lake considered it was as a result of the recent re-surfacing of West Turnpike which left very little kerb-edge to deflect such water. The Council agreed to make representations to the Highways Dept. and request that the existing kerbs are raised or replaced. The Council was informed that NCC Officers had recently been observed inspecting the gullies in that area. **Action SER**

(2) Utility Poles and Cables

Mr Mason asked if the village came within the criteria for seeking the electricity cabling being placed underground. The response was given that Northern Powergrid's current criteria are to budget funding for sensitive locations within the National Park or the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Although part of the village is a Conservation Area, it is not within either type of area.

(3) New Homes Bonus

Mr Mason drew attention to other Local Councils raising complaints about NCC retaining all the New Homes Bonus given to principal councils based on new home construction. Mr Mason was informed that current Govt. policy is not to earmark such grants and to leave it to Councils to decide whether to pass part to the relevant Local Councils. NALC will be raising the issue after the elections on 4 May 2017.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30 January 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 30 January 2016

(1) A bus timetable case, to be placed in the shelter, has been obtained from NCC on the basis that the Parish Council would arrange for installation. **Action JR**

(2) Councillor Radgick reported that he and Councillor Dronsfield had carried out some arboricultural work on the oak trees. Councillor Mrs Rogers will carry out a litter pick of the Avenue when the weather is a little better. **Action SueR**

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 Planning

(1) The Council considered *Application 17/00694/LBC - 6 South Farm Glanton - Listed Building Consent for installation of wetroom to existing bathroom* and raised no objections.

(2) There were no further new applications.

2.3 Christmas Tree

The Chairman and Councillor Mrs Collingwood-Cameron had inspected her wood but no suitable tree had been identified. The Council were nevertheless grateful for the offer. The Chairman asked all fellow Councillors to consider what other options there may be in time for a future meeting. **Action All Cllrs**

2.4 Dogs Roaming Loose and Fouling Public & Communal Areas

The Chairman has spoken to the owner to make him aware of the issue. The Chairman had also been informed that there was at least one other dog resident in that part of the village which roams loose and fouls common areas.

2.5 Telephone Line Capacity

The Chairman is considering how best to make representations to Openreach. **Action JR**

2.6 Public Footpath to Whittingham

(1) The Council considered the pre-application consultation from the Rights of Way Officer. [A plan showing the proposal is attached to the signed minutes].

(2) The Council agreed to support the proposal but only on the basis that the route is put in good order with a minimum width of 1.5 metres and then kept usable, with enforcement action by NCC if required. **Action SER**

2.8 Commemoration of the end of the First World War

Mr Richard Verrill is co-ordinating potential village activity and will keep the Parish Council informed of his plans.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

In the absence of Councillor Easton, there was no report.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

The Chairman had attended and chaired the Cluster Meeting on 2 March 2017. He was concerned that the attendance was dropping and considered this is due to the non-attendance of NCC officers. Their presence at Cluster Meetings provided a useful link between the Parish Councils and NCC. The clerk was asked to forward these concerns to NCC. **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 reported receipt of an email from Mr Lake concerning the Defibrillator and invited Mr Lake to address the meeting.

(3) Mr Lake explained that he is the local guardian for the North-East Ambulance Service (NEAS)-owned defibrillator in the village. At the time of installation, it was agreed with NEAS that they would carry-out routine maintenance and pad replacement but that the village acting, through the Parish Council, would fund major items needing replacement.

(4) The internal battery was nearing the end of its operational life. The Council agreed that the clerk should liaise with Mr Lake, the Chairman and NEAS to obtain a replacement battery at a maximum cost of £250.00. **Action SER**

(5) The clerk has circulated an email seeking support for the campaign to retain Rothbury Community Hospital. The Council agreed to support the campaign and asked the clerk to communicate its concern to the NHS. **Action SER**

4: Administration

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

(1) The current accounts were noted and approval given for the following payments

- > HMRC – PAYE Q4 - £30.00 (by BACS)
- > Glanton Memorial Hall – Hire Fee - £120.00 (by BACS)

(2) Subject to those payments being made before the Year-End, the draft final accounts for 2016/2017 were approved and authority given for the internal audit to proceed. [A copy is attached to the signed minutes]

4.2 Elections in May 2017

(1) The clerk reported that the formal notices of the Parish Council elections had been given on 20 March 2017.

(2) The timetable was now

- 4 April 2017 – nomination papers have to be handed in by 4.00pm
- 5 April 2017 – details published of nominations – and thus contested elections identified
- 4 May 2017 – Ballot if required
- 6 May 2017 – Counting of Ballots for Contested Parish Council Elections

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

Councillor Mrs Rogers would like to raise the location of the Grit Bin outside the winter period.

Date of Next Meeting

The Council agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday 15 May 2017. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and will commence on the rising of the preceding Annual Parish Meeting scheduled to start at 7.00pm.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

Date

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