

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 25 September 2017 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

Parish Councillors Angus Collingwood-Cameron (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron, Jerry Dronsfield, Joe Easton, Iain Hedley, and Mrs Susan Rogers

SE Rickitt – Clerk

1: Introduction

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

Councillors John Lang and Jon Radgick had presented their apologies.

1.2 Public Questions

No members of the public were present

1.3 Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 31 July and 4 September 2017 were both agreed as true records and signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 31 July 2017

Councillor Radgick had provided a written report of actions since the previous meeting which Councillors received and approved with thanks. A copy is attached to the signed minutes but extracts are set out in these minutes for ease of reference (shown in italics)

- a) *Strimming of the grass bank - I contacted the County after they strimmed the grass on the bank and explained why it was wrong to have done that; they have promised to be in touch in the future before they do anything there, but I have doubts that they will remember in a year's time, they don't seem to have proper systems, it seems to be all rather ad hoc.*
- b) Replacement of the yellow salt bin with a green one – no response and the clerk will chase up. **Action SER**
- c) *Timber Wagons - Following the discussions on Timber Wagons I wrote to Scott's timber yard and had a most helpful response which I have circulated, I also think that the drivers have been more careful since then, so that may be a result.*

- d) Permissive Footpath - *I spoke to the new agent for the Shawdon Estate about the permissive right of way, of which he was well aware, and I sent him a letter asking for the Estate to either indicate that they were content for the agreement to continue, or if they preferred we could enter into a new agreement. At this stage I have not had a reply.*
- e) Litter Bin – This is to await Councillor Lang’s return. **Action JL**
- f) The Powburn Road – Councillor Mrs Rogers (as a BHS representative) has also been in discussion with the County Council and work is to be carried out, including further “Slow” markings. The clerk was asked to chase up the carriageway repairs, Councillors hoping that the recent appearance of yellow markings was an indication of works being in-hand. **Action SER**

1.5 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 4 September 2017

See item 2.2 (3) below

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.

2.2 Planning

(1) The Council noted without comment Application 17/02523/LBC 4 South Farm- Listed Building Consent for the installation of an extractor fan to the kitchen

(2) The clerk reported that the County Council had indicated that the timetable for the draft Core Strategy would be the subject of a Cabinet report prior to Christmas

(3) St Peter’s Church – [The subject of the special meeting on 4 September 2017] - *After the extra meeting I contacted Peter Steel and confirmed that the PC would accept his offer of the gift of the site of St Peter’s Church. I also asked whether they could grant an access along the inside of the wall to reach it. I have not yet had a reply. I also contacted the County planner who was most helpful and I confirmed that under these circumstances we withdrew our objection. He was intending to contact the agent for the Steel brothers to see whether they might document to the offer as part of the planning process.*

2.3 Christmas Tree

I have been in touch with the Forestry Commission’s Rothbury manager, and he was fairly helpful. He said that a tree of any decent size will have a large root ball and is unlikely to be successful after replanting, but he recommended buying the biggest tree we could which had been grown in a tub, and replanting that. He said he would contact his supplier to see what

they could do, and I am waiting for him to come back to me. Of course the helpful gap left by the County cutting down the cherry tree may be an ideal spot to plant it.

2.4 Public Footpath to Whittingham

- a) *The improvement of the proposed new footpath down the margin of the Wood's field has not progressed much. I spoke to Phil Bradley the ROW officer for the county, and we agreed that our best lever is the desire of the Woods to fence the paddock beside the new house, as they cannot do that until the diversion is approved, and that won't happen until the proposed path is suitable. Brian has twice spent an hour or so digging out the bank a bit more, but the rate of progress is still completely unacceptable.*
- b) In the light of the report, the Council agreed to take no action on serving a formal notice on NCC under the Highways Act 1980 at the present time.

2.5 Commemoration of the end of the First World War

Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron will contact Mr Richard Verrill to see if a report can be brought to the next meeting of the Council. The clerk will monitor any national suggestions. **Action AECC & SER**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

The Council was pleased to note a successful Village Show and was grateful for the Show Committee's donation towards the website costs. There had also been a successful Leek Show.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

The Chairman had attended the September Cluster Meeting and reported: *I attended the Rothbury Parish Cluster meeting at which the County street lighting team reported. They explained that the contractor, Galliford Try who is carrying out the work on behalf of NCC are doing the easiest bits first, i.e. changing the lights on columns which do not need to be changed, and where new columns are needed that will follow on. They are meant to leaflet houses immediately around new columns before the work is done. I have asked the team to let me know exactly when the last works are to be done in Glanton and for them to contact me as well as houses immediately affected so the PC can be aware. The issue of the controllability of the lights was raised and they said they while in principle LED lights are much more controllable that requires software to manage the system which the County decided was not worth the cost, so the lights will not be capable of being dimmed or turned off other than to the county wide specification. Apparently they go on and off*

when the ambient lighting reaches 70 lumens, and they dim automatically after midnight when the power consumption is reduced by 50%. We are not able to amend that specification.

(2) Councillor Hedley advised fellow Councillors of his co-option onto the NALC County Committee

2.3 Correspondence received

The clerk circulated material for Councillors to take away and drew attention to a number of forthcoming meetings.

4: Administration

4.1 To note the current accounts for 2017/2018 and to authorise any payments

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

- > HMRC – PAYE Q2 - £30.00
- > Jon Radgick – refund of website fee - £57.60

4.2 The final accounts for 2016/2017

- (1) The clerk reported the successful conclusion of the external audit of the 2016/2017 accounts. The Council formally adopted the 2016/2017 accounts.
- (2) The Council reappointed Sandra Nattrass as the internal auditor

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

Councillor Mrs Rogers indicated that a parishioner had asked that the issue of stones on grass verges be raised. An informal discussion followed when it was agreed to monitor the position before deciding whether a formal discussion was required.

Date of Next Meeting

The Council agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday 27 November 2017.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

Date