

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 29 January 2018 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

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

Mr Richard Verrill (Glanton Heritage Group) *who left after item 4.1*

SE Rickitt – Clerk

1: Introduction

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

Councillor Joe Easton had presented his apologies.

1.2 Public Questions

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Verrill commented during items 2.3 and 4.1 below

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 November 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 25 September 2017

1.4.1 A Christmas Tree had been kindly donated by the Forestry Commission, then erected and decorated by parishioners. It was agreed to send formal letters of thanks to all concerned. The Forestry Commission have also offered to assist in locating a pot-grown tree for the top of the bank. **Action JR & SER**

1.4.2 The Clerk was asked to speak direct to NCC regarding the request for a green salt bin, pointing out it was not a new location and querying why there would be a charge. **Action SER**

1.4.3 Councillor John Guiry reported contact with an NCC officer regarding the Powburn Road drains. No clearance had been undertaken to date as

the recent thawing snow had still flowed down the road. The clerk is to chase up. **Action SER**

1.4.4 The clerk reported that no objections had been received to the orders realigning the public footpath to Whittingham. An officer from NCC was to inspect to ensure the new alignment was in a suitable condition before formally confirming the order. It was agreed to invoice for only one cut in the early part of 2017 - £50.00 (nett). **Action SER**

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

2.2.1 Application 17/04493/S106A – Camp Field Cottage, Whittingham Road – details had been circulated between meetings and the Chairman's action in sending a note of support was adopted.

2.2.2 There were no policy changes to report

2.2.3 St Peter's Church – The Chairman reported that outline permission had been granted. He had circulated to Councillors the email exchange with the owners confirming their intention to proceed with the transfer of the site of the Church to the Council but indicating this would take some time.

2.3 Commemoration of the end of the First World War

2.3.1 Mr Verrill updated the Council on ideas being developed and especially the tea dance in the Hall which would feature exhibits recreating a trench and a 1918 domestic room. He was pleased to be able to report that the Fusiliers' Museum in Alnwick was to loan items for the displays.

2.3.2 The Chairman advised the Council of plans for a national event lighting beacons at 7.00 pm on 11 November 2018, following by church bells pealing at 7.05 pm. Mr Verrill confirmed both are being considered for the village.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

There is to be a Race Night in the Memorial Hall on 9 February in aid of the Hall and the Glanton Show. The usual lunch clubs and coffee mornings are continuing.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

Councillor Mrs Susan Rogers informed the Council of a meeting with Mrs Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP regarding the lack of circular walks for dog owners in Northumberland avoiding tarmac roads. Mrs Trevelyan had written to the Environment Secretary and a reply was awaited.

3.3 Correspondence received

A number of items were reported including the County Council's planning training.

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 Q4 - £30.00
- > Glanton Memorial Hall – Room Hire - £80.00
- > Thropton Parish Council – Share of Cluster Fees - £9.45

A cheque for £516.44 was authorised for the clerk comprising

- > Admin Expenses for Calendar Year 2017 - £166.49, and
- > Purchase of a laptop using the grant from the Transparency Fund - £349.95

Mr Verrill and Councillor Mrs Susan Rogers then informed the Council of the Heritage Group's future plans and offered to donate the nett cost of a replacement cast-iron sign for Playwell Road. There was some concern at whether the length of the sign made it more susceptible to damage from passing vehicles and Mr Verrill will consider how a shorter sign would appear.

Councillors agreed the concept of purchasing the sign and finials. Authority was delegated to the clerk, in consultation with the Chairman to purchase those items. **Action SER**

4.2 Annual Review

4.2.1 The Council considered the following policies and resolved to make such changes as appropriate

- > Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – No changes identified
- > Asset Register – To update with the purchase of the laptop and adjust totals accordingly
- > Risk Assessments – One minor change to reflect that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are authorised to have read-only access to the bank account

Copies of the amended policies are attached to the signed minutes.

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

None

Date of Next Meeting

The Council noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 26 March 2018 and confirmed the following schedule of meetings for 2018.

- Monday 21 May 2018 – preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting – and brought forward because of the Bank Holiday
- Monday 30 July 2018
- Monday 24 September 2018
- Monday 26 November 2018

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

Date