

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 26 March 2018 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, Jon Radgick (Chairman in the Chair) 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

Councillor John Lang had presented his apologies.

1.2 Public Questions

There were no members of the public present.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29 January 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 29 January 2018

1.4.1 Councillor Dronsfield was authorised to arrange the purchase and delivery of a pot-grown Christmas Tree about 1.2 m high at a maximum cost of £150.00. He will liaise with the Chairman regarding the position for planting. **Action JD**

1.4.2 Councillor Guiry reported on an unsatisfactory discussion with NCC staff regarding the flooding on the Powburn Road. The clerk also reported on a similar conversation regarding replacement of the yellow grit bin with a green one to the effect that if the Council were to obtain its own bin, then the location would be removed from NCC's schedule of bins which they fill. Councillors further reported the need for the roads to be swept following the thaw.

1.4.3 The clerk had to advise the Council that he was currently unaware of the identity of the NCC Executive Director responsible for these items but hoped to have details within a few days.

1.4.4 The Council agreed that, even making allowances for the recent poor weather, this pattern of unhelpful responses was unacceptable. It was agreed that the clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, would write to the Executive Director expressing the Council's displeasure. **Action SER**

1.4.5 There was no further information on the physical works to realign the public footpath to Whittingham.

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 18/00664/FUL - 2 Red Lion Cottages Whittingham Road - Proposed entrance and utility extension - had been circulated since the previous meeting but no Councillor had indicated a need to respond to the consultation

2.2.2 The clerk reported that NCC had approved Application 17/00209/FUL - Land south of The Juries, The Causeway - Construction of six residential units with associated garaging

2.2.3 The Chairman advised Councillors of the recently issued draft revised NPPF.

2.3.4 There was no further information on the application on the site of the former St Peter's Church and neighbouring land. The Chairman will contact the owners. **Action JR**

2.3 A Fingerpost Sign

2.3.1 Councillor Mrs Rogers informed the Council that NCC may now be seeking ownership of the signs contrary to what had been understood. The Council was informed that such a stance would affect the potential for the Parish Council to recover VAT on any expenditure as well as having an effect on the insurance.

2.3.2 Some Councillors remain concerned about the survivability of the sign projecting into the highway. It was suggested that if the site of the

former Church was transferred to the Council, then the post could be moved behind the wall and thus lessen the potential for damage by passing vehicles.

2.3.3 Councillor Mrs Rogers has contacted the NCC Highways Manager for a meeting to discuss these issues as well as potential locations for fingerpost signs at the junctions of West Turnpike and the Whittingham Road.

2.3.4 In these circumstances, the Council decided to defer any decision on acquisition until the various issues, as set out above, had been clarified. **Action SueR**

2.4 Commemoration of the end of the First World War

There was no further information available for the Council

2.5 Post 16 School Transport

NCC was consulting on changes to their scheme. Details had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. No Councillors expressed any concerns and it was agreed that no response was required.

2.6 Dog Fouling

2.6.1 The Chairman had received a letter from a parishioner concerned about the growing problem of dog faeces within the village. Councillors confirmed their perception of an increase in the amount and frequency.

2.6.2 After discussion, and having regard to the vast majority of responsible dog owners, the Council agreed that a single sided letter should be distributed to all households pointing out the penalties and the availability of waste bins within the parish.

2.6.3 The Chairman, in consultation with Councillor Dronsfield, will compose an appropriate letter which can then be mentioned in the newsletter by way of reinforcement. **Action JR & JD**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

Councillor Easton had no news of any special events in the near future.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

3.2.1 The Chairman had been unable to attend the March Cluster meeting but Councillor Hedley had been present, albeit in another capacity. He reported low attendance with the usual issues being raised.

3.2.2 Councillor Hedley had also attended the NALC County Committee on Saturday 24 March 2018 which had received a presentation from the NCC Civil Contingencies Manager with discussions on North of Tyne Devolution, Standards, Data Protection and the new audit arrangements.

3.3 Correspondence received

The clerk is circulating anything of apparent importance, a stance appreciated by Councillors.

4: Administration

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

Councillor Hedley, seconded by Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron, formally proposed acceptance of the draft final accounts with one typographical correction. [A copy is attached to the signed minutes] This was agreed by the Council, together with authority for the following BACS payment

- > Hammer Services – Cost of one cut in 2017 on the public footpath to Whittingham - £60.00 [NB: NCC has already paid the nett cost to the Council]

4.2 External Audit

The certification of turnover below £25,000 was deferred as further information had been received that this could only be done after 31 March.

4.3 Data Protection

4.3.1 The Council noted the toolkit provided by the national NALC and was advised by the clerk of the current uncertainty regarding who can be Data Protection Officer.

4.3.2 The Council agreed to undertake the ten procedural steps taken from the Guide and set out in Appendix One of the agenda. [A copy of the Appendix is attached to the signed minutes]

4.3.3 The Council agreed to authorise the clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, to carry out steps 1 and 2 and report to the May meeting on progress using the *Action Plan Checklist* set out as Appendix Two of the agenda. [A copy of the Appendix is attached to the signed minutes]

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

None

4.5 Date of Next Meeting

The Council noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 21 May 2018 – preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting – and brought forward because of the Bank Holiday

Confirmed as a true record
and signed by the Chairman

Date

