

## **Glanton Parish Council**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### **Present:**

Parish Councillors: Jon Radgick (Chairman); Craig Auchenachie; John Guiry; Mrs Susan Rogers; Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron; Angus Collingwood-Cameron.

Minutes: Wendy Gains

Members of Public: Elaine Craze

Prospective new Parish Councillors: Lisa Chisholm and Glenn Martin

### **1: Introduction**

#### **1.1: Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of any dispensations/co-option to the vacancies**

All were welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies for absence received from Andrew McKendrick.

No declarations of interest/grants of dispensation/co-option to the vacancies.

#### **1.2 Parishioners' Questions**

No questions were raised by parishioners.

#### **1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting**

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were agreed as a true record.

#### **1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th September 2024**

1.4.1 Plea for volunteers published in the Gleaner:

Dave Smith of St Peter's Close volunteered to do strimming and tidying of the bank around the flagpole and along the banks. Volunteer still needed for pruning shrubs.

No one volunteered to develop Information Boards for the telephone box.

### **2: Items for discussion and potential decisions**

#### **2.1 Planning**

2.1.1 Current planning applications.

2.1.1.1 24/02703/VARYCO Land north east of Heather Cottage; 24/02244/LBC Town Farm; and 24/02245/LBC Town Farm – permissions granted.

2.1.1.2 24/03676/FUL Memorial Hall solar panels – Comment in support submitted by Jon Radgick on behalf of the PC.

## **2.2 Highway Issues**

2.2.1 Leak on West Turnpike west of Old School: still leaking and awaiting repair. Ice had formed across the road for several days in recent cold weather. Jon Radgick will send photo of the ice to Highways.

## **2.3 Environmental Issues**

2.3.1 Further planting on West Turnpike bank – Jon Radgick and Jerry Dronsfield have planted 200 daffodil bulbs on the bank.

2.3.2 Items raised in the Glanton Street Audit:

2.3.2.1 The poor pavement surfaces identified at the last meeting, 30/09/24, were submitted for inclusion in our Local Transport Plan bid.

2.3.2.2 The road sign hidden in a hedge has been moved to a more visible position outside the Wilson's house.

2.3.2.3 The damaged grit bin has been replaced.

2.3.2.4 The potentially hazardous trees along West Turnpike have been inspected. They have been identified as the responsibility of the landowner, who has been advised on which ones need intervention. Pollarding and allowing the trunk to grow new branches was suggested as a suitable intervention.

2.3.2.5 The Give Way sign along West Turnpike is now visible again.

2.3.2.6 The wooden benches have been inspected and re-stained by Richie Frater. No repairs were required.

2.3.2.7 There had been no response to the Gleaner article asking if anyone would be interested in having hanging baskets on their roadside house fronts.

2.3.3 Village Christmas Tree: The tree planted on the bank near the flagpole is now about 6ft tall and will be hung with lights this year instead of acquiring a felled tree.

## **2.4 Shawdon Hall Estate Permissive Footpath**

Still no response from Shawdon Hall Estate. Remove from agenda.

## **3: Items for Information**

### **3.1 Forthcoming village activities.**

3.1.1 Christmas Ceilidh in the Memorial Hall – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

3.1.2 Christmas Quiz in the Queens Head – Thursday 19th December.

3.1.3 Memorial Hall AGM – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk**

Meeting of the Coquetdale Cluster – Jon Radgick did not attend.

### **3.3 Correspondence received**

None, other than that already on the agenda.

## **4: Administration**

### **4.1 Finance**

4.1.1 The current accounts had been circulated and were noted.

The following payments were authorised:

Website X5 subscription (to allow Craig Auchinachie to maintain village website)  
£89.95  
NEAS Defibrillator Pads (for newly installed NEAS Defibrillator) £131.88  
Strimming West Turnpike bank £50  
Lloyds Bank Fees (newly applied) £4.25 per month.

Jerry Dronsfield will need reimbursing for the cost of the daffodil bulbs when he submits a bill.

4.1.2 To consider and set the Parish Council precept for the financial year 2025/26

Jon Radgick proposed the precept be kept the same at £2100. Agreed.

### **4.2 Use of a .gov.uk domain name and emails**

Government has requested that parish councils use .gov.uk domain names and emails (instead of .org.uk domain name and personal emails). Our .org.uk domain name is currently hosted through Colliedog Computers of Morpeth. We would have to move to an approved provider and costs would be involved. The village website could not be supported on a .gov.uk site and would be lost or would need to be maintained independently. Parish Councillors would use .gov.uk email addresses for Council business.

Jon Radgick believes adopting this would be a retrograde step and suggested waiting until it becomes a requirement and not a request.

### **4.3 Use of funds for village improvements**

4.3.1 Trees – Craig Auchinachie reported that he thought Playwell Road and along Whittingham Road were the best sites for further planting. Jerry Dronsfield has yet to submit his views. Jon Radgick asked that they submit a proposal of sites and tree species. There would then be a need to consult the landowner and Highways. Following this, quotes would be needed for the trees, stakes, etc.

4.3.2 George Dodds has suggested that some hedges could be improved with plantings in gaps, especially the hedge between St Peter's Close and the Oak Avenue. Members to view area and discuss at next meeting.

#### **4.4 Retirement of the clerk**

No progress. Jon Radgick reminded members of his intention to step down as chairman at the next AGM. He will prepare notes on the role of the Chairman and other jobs that he currently undertakes. The new Chairman and other members will need to take on these jobs. To be discussed at next meeting.

#### **4.5 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings.**

4.5.1 John Guiry suggested a large display of poppies, possibly illuminated, along with silhouettes of soldiers to be installed near the flagpole and memorial to tie in with the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War 2. (Wendy Gains noted that a small craft group in the village had already discussed knitting poppies for a display and would be willing to provide poppies if required). To be discussed at next meeting.

4.5.2 Craig Auchinachie asked that an article be published in the Gleaner requesting information and items for the website.

#### **4.6 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings – all commencing at 7.00pm**

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Signed**

**Chairman, Glanton Parish Council**

**Date**