

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 29 July 2019 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

One Parishioner
SE Rickitt – Clerk

1: Introduction

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

The Chairman reported that Iain Hedley had resigned from the Council and it was agreed to formally declare a vacancy whilst expressing regret at the resignation. All Councillors were asked to consider suitable candidates to approach for possible co-option. **Action: All Cllrs**

1.2 Public Questions

There were no questions posed.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meetings

1.3.1 The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 20 May 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1.3.2 The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20 May 2019 were noted.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 20 May 2019

1.4.1 The advance Give Way warning sign was still down. **Action SER**

1.4.2 The sweeper has been booked for Tuesday 6 August. The clerk will request that it also sweeps Playwell Road within the 30-mph limit. **Action SER**

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

No report from the County Councillor or the Police had been received by the time of the meeting.

2.2 Planning

2.2.1 There were no new applications for the Council to consider.

2.2.2 The Chairman had no further information to report on the sale of the site of St Peter's Church.

2.3 The Local Transport Policy Programme 2020/2021 and issues at the Powburn Road Junction

2.3.1 The Council considered the request for bids from NCC in the light of the concerns expressed by a parishioner and considered at a previous meeting. It was agreed to include the following items as the Council's bid for funding

- > Measures to reduce traffic speeds at the West Turnpike junction
- > The extension of the 30-mph speed limit on West Turnpike, eastwards to include all the residential properties.
- > The replacement of the footway on West Turnpike with a suitable sustainable surface.

These schemes will contribute to the National Transport Goals as

- > They contribute to better safety, security and health; and
- > They improve the quality of life and promote a healthy natural environment

as West Turnpike is a popular short-distance recreational walk for parishioners, especially those who are less active.

2.3.2 The Council also asked that a report be made to NCC on the current poor condition of Front Street, Playwell Road (within the 30-mph zone) and the West Turnpike footway as all need resurfacing.

Actions SER

2.4 A Replacement Village Flag

Councillor Dronsfield is to research the cost of a replacement flag and reported that the trees surrounding the flagpole will require cutting back if the flag is not to be damaged in the future. **Action JR**

2.5 A Fingerpost Sign

Councillors agreed that the vegetation obscuring the sign should be cut back subject to the Chairman clarifying whether the tree was within the Conservation Area. **Action JR & JD**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

The Village Show is on Saturday 10 August 2019 and there are various quizzes and concerts in the Memorial Hall over forthcoming months.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

Councillor Mrs Rogers had attended the recent talk in the village by one of NCC's Waste Officers, which had been illuminating especially regarding the amount of waste being incinerated and used for power generation.

3.3 Correspondence received

3.3.1 The clerk had circulated a letter regarding forthcoming consultation on the future of Rothbury Community Hospital. The Council confirmed that it wished to be added to the list of consultees and would wish to attend any briefing meetings for parish councils. **Action SER**

3.3.2 The Council noted the correspondence concerning Northumberland Day 2020 but did not wish to be a formal participant.

4: Administration

4.1 To note the current accounts for 2019/2020 and to authorise any payments

The accounts were noted [A copy is attached to the signed minutes] and the clerk had no payments to be authorised.

4.2 Draft final accounts for 2018/2019

The clerk reported that no objections had been made to the external auditors during the period for public examination. The Council thereupon formally adopted the final accounts for 2018/2019.

4.3 Details of items Councillors wished to raise at the next meeting

4.3.1 A Councillor reported rat sightings within the village and the clerk agreed to circulate details of the advice on NCC's website. **Action SER**

4.3.2 The Chairman reported that a farmer had expressed concern at children playing in fields and leaving gates open. This concern will be drawn to parishioners' attention. **Action JR**

4.4 Date of Next Meetings

The Council noted the schedule of forthcoming meetings as

- Monday 23 September 2019
- Monday 25 November 2019

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

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