

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 27 January 2020 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

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

SE Rickitt – Clerk

In these minutes NCC means Northumberland County Council

1: Introduction

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

Councillor Jon Radgick

1.2 Public Questions

There were no public questions

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 November 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 25 November 2019

1.4.1 The Council expressed its thanks to John & Claire Swanson, Ronnie Anderson and Peter Lake for their help in putting up a Christmas Tree and to the Church for allowing use of their electricity

1.4.2 There is still a need to identify an editor for the Newsletter although the Memorial Hall Committee have offered to produce the next issue as they have successfully obtained a lottery grant. All Councillors were asked to consider possible editors in the longer-term. **Action All Cllrs**

1.4.3 The replacement Village Flag has been made and is to be collected by Mr Swanson.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

2.1.1 No report from the County Councillor had been received by the time of the meeting. The clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Police giving details of

their new team in the area and their hope to attend or provide reports to future meetings. The clerk will circulate the letter to Councillors. **Action SER**

2.1.2 Comments were made that some residents had suffered fraudulent transactions being placed against their accounts; all had been reimbursed by the financial institutions. The Council agreed that it was very important that even minor thefts and other crimes are reported to the police, otherwise there will be a false picture when the police are allocating resources. **Action All Cllrs**

2.2 Planning

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

2.2.2 There was no further information to report regarding the hoped-for relocation of the smart-meter mast. The Vice-Chairman reported a robust response from NCC Councillor Steven Bridgett to a consultation for a similar mast at Cartington. Councillors welcomed the response and the clerk was asked to circulate details of the Cartington notification so others could consider whether to submit individual responses. **Action SER**

2.3 Highway Issues

Councillors noted the meeting with NCC Councillor Glen Sanderson on 10 February 2020 starting at 1.00 pm. It was agreed to assemble at the pub. There are several issues which will be raised including

- The state of the carriageways through the village
- The state of the footpaths
- Speeding traffic and the routing of timber wagons
- Safety on the A697
- The possible installation of gateway features, similar to those recently erected in Powburn
- The extension of the 30-mph limit on West Turnpike
- Although not a highway/local services issue, the opportunity will be taken to express the Council's severe concern about the smart-meter mast

The clerk will advise Councillor Sanderson of the range of issues, chase up the HGV details arising from the speed survey and circulate details of commercially available gateway features. **Action SER**

2.4 Projects for the Future

The Chairman had emailed to say that there had been a suggestion that the pub be listed as an Asset of Community Value. The Council asked that they be provided with more information on the pro's and con's of a listing so they could be an informed discussion at the next meeting. **Action SER**

2.5 A Newsletter Editor

See item 1.4.2 above

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

There is to be a Race Night supporting the Show on 28 February 2020.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

There were none of relevance to Glanton to report.

3.3 Correspondence received

The Clerk provided a magazine for Councillors.

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 following payments were authorised

- Cllr Radgick – Christmas Tree - £30.00
- Hammer Services – Mowing Footpath - £120.00 (to be paid on receipt of the net amount from NCC)
- Mr Swanson – reimbursement for cost of replacement flag
- SE Rickitt (Clerk) – Admin expenses for 2019 - £164.01 (paid by cheque)

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

None

4.3 Date of Next Meetings

The Council noted the schedule of forthcoming meetings

- Monday 30 March 2020
- Monday 18 May 2020 – This has been brought forward by one week as Monday 25 May is a Bank Holiday. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting
- Monday 27 July 2020

Confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

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