

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met electronically on 17 May 2020 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

Parish Councillors, Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Jerry Dronsfield, John Lang, Jon Radgick (Chairman in the Chair) 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

Apologies were received from

Councillor Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron

PCSO Russell Stalker

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 27 January 2020 were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman. It was noted that the meeting scheduled for March 2020 had been cancelled because of the Coronavirus lockdown.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 27 January 2020

Councillors were pleased to note that the replacement flag has already been flown.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 The Coronavirus National Emergency

2.1.1 The Chairman reported that Glanton Assist was a group of volunteers who had circulated all the households within the village with telephone numbers to call if assistance was required. To date there have been about ten requests, mainly for prescriptions to be collected.

2.1.2 The Council expressed its thanks to all those who were assisting the fellow parishioners during this difficult time.

2.2 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

2.2.1 No report from the County Councillor had been received by the time of the meeting. The report from the Police is set out in the appendix and was welcomed by the Council.

2.3 Planning

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

2.3.2 The Chairman reported that, just prior to lockdown, workmen had started work to relocate the smart-meter mast to the other side of the road. This would have been an even worse location. The Chairman spoke to the planning dept. and as a result the work ceased, and a trench was backfilled. The Council agreed that abortive work would have been avoided if the contractors and the planning dept. had spoken to the Council to see if a more suitable location could be agreed.

2.4 Highway Issues

2.4.1 Councillors noted that the walk around with Cllr Sanderson was in abeyance due to the lock-down.

2.4.2 The Council consider the possible erection of gateway signs at the entrances to the village. The clerk was asked to circulate details of commercially available signs so there could be a discussion on possible types and locations at a future meeting. **Action SER**

2.5 Projects for the Future

A suggestion had been made that the Council should apply to list The Queen's Head as an *Asset of Community Value*. Following discussion, and recognising the importance of the pub to the village, it was agreed not to apply for a listing at the present time as there was no indication of either the premises were to be placed on the market or the possible submission of a change of use.

2.6A Newsletter Editor

An editor is still required, and the Chairman asked that all Councillors consider whether they knew of potential candidates or were prepared to take on the role.

An offer had been received by a parishioner to assist the editor if necessary.

Action All Cllrs

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3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

Events within the village have been cancelled because of the coronavirus lockdown. No final decision has yet been made on whether the Glanton Show, in some form, would go ahead. If lockdown has eased there may be the opportunity to have a street party to mark VJ Day (15 August). It was agreed to ask NALC to raise nationally whether highway closure fees could be waived.

Action SER

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

None were reported.

3.3 Correspondence received

The Clerk has circulated key emails. The Chairman had, that morning, been contacted about the possible donation of an oak tree to the parish by Alnwick Friends of the Earth. It was agreed to investigate this offer and report to a future meeting. **Action JR**

4: Administration

4.1 To authorise any payments

The following retrospective payments were confirmed

- Thropton Parish Council – Cluster fees - £9.27
- Hammer Services – Mowing Footpath - £120.00
- Mr Swanson – reimbursement for cost of replacement flag - £288.00
- Glanton Memorial Hall – Room Hire – £120.00
- HMRC – PAYE Q4 - £30.00
- NALC – Annual Subscription - £75.16

Payment of the next instalment of PAYE (due in July) was authorised

4.2: Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2018/2019

4.2.1 The Council considered the report of the internal auditor [A copy is attached to the signed minutes]

4.2.2 The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement. [A copy of the draft is attached to the signed minutes]

4.2.3 The Council approved the draft annual accounts for 2018/2019 [A copy of the draft is attached to the signed minutes]

4.2.4 The Council approved the Accounting Statement and the draft Explanation of Variances [Copies are attached to the signed minutes]

4.2.5 The Council confirmed and approved the Certification of Exemption [A copy of the draft is attached to the signed minutes]

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

See item 2.4.2 above

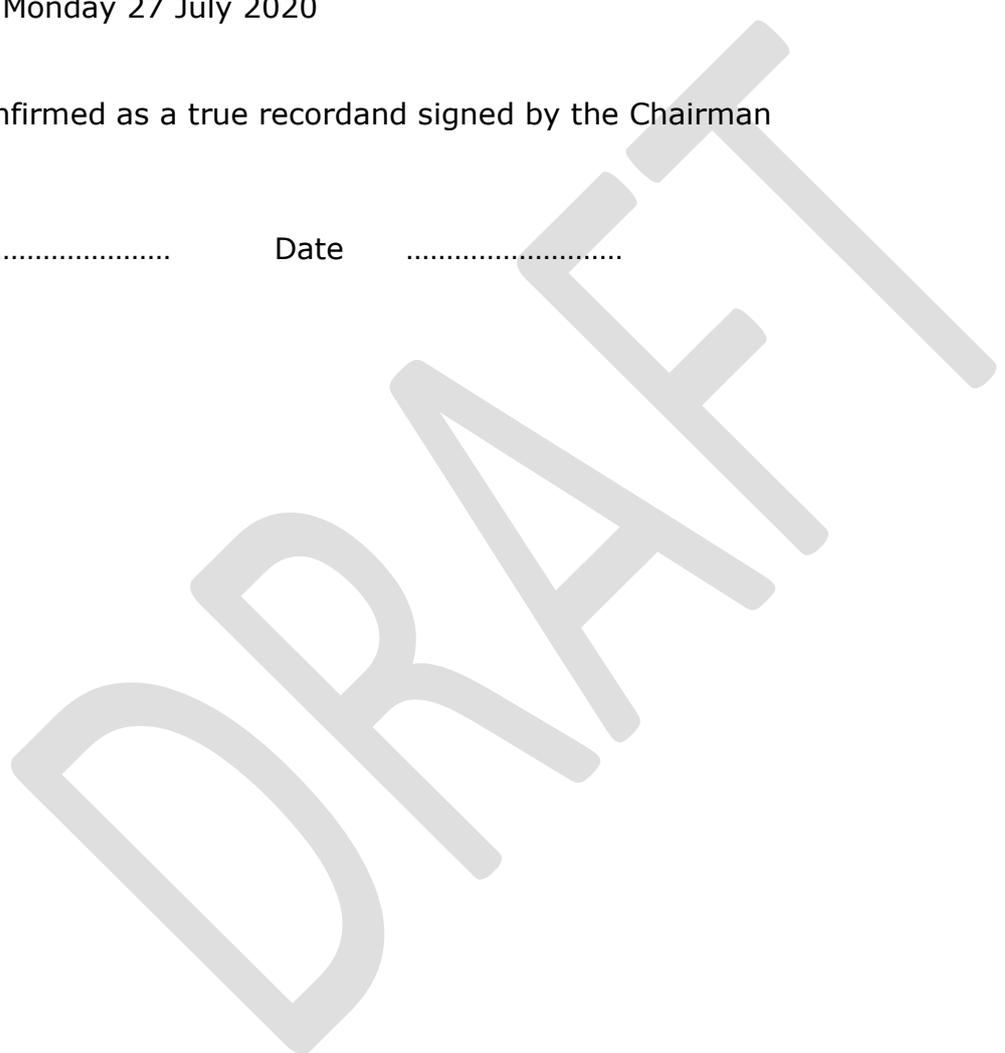
4.3 Date of Next Meetings

The Council noted the next meeting, probably electronic,

- Monday 27 July 2020

Confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

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Appendix

Police Update for Glanton Parish Council 18/05/20.

The below information reflects Glanton and the surrounding areas from the 1st January 2020.

Crimes reported 14

This included 5 isolated domestic incidents.

3 at Hedgeley Service station, including a burglary where an offender was identified and interviewed by police, and making off without payment for fuel.

1 dangerous dog related incident

1 Criminal damage incident, Thrunton Woods – Offender identified and interviewed.

1 report of burglary to a holiday let, Eglington area on 250120 – scenes of crime attended, unfortunately no hits for any suspects.

Anti- Social Behaviour 10

Including two reports of motorbike disorder in the Glanton area – Rider not yet identified – believed to be local, info would be appreciated.

Incident of fly tipping in Lemmington area found by police – reported to council who attended.

These Numbers also reflect reports of COVID 19 Breaches – Number of second homes, gatherings, unnecessary travel dealt with by police by advising persons to go back home.

Other Business

As reported on the crime statistics, we have been dealing with a problem address/person in your area since MARCH 2020. We have been liaising with the relevant partners in order to resolve the issue, part of which has been resolved however we are still closely monitoring the situation.

We hope everyone is staying safe and well. We appreciate the reports being received by members of the public and encourage this to continue once the lockdown is lifted.

We still continue to be proactive over the lockdown period and have stopped a number of vehicles in the area for speeding, no insurance and poaching related incidents. Please pass onto residents if they see a suspicious vehicle/person in the area obtain a registration number and contact police. We have been gathering intelligence which shows the A697 is often used by travelling criminals from Scotland/Cumbria. Any info of suspicious activity report on 101 or online Northumbria.police.uk. You can also follow us on twitter to see the good work happening in your area and across Northumberland– twitter- NorthumberlandPolice.

Thank you – Russell Stalker cso4965 Alnwick and Rural