

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met electronically at 7.00 pm on 10 August 2020

Present:

Parish Councillors, Angus Collingwood-Cameron (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), John Lang, Jon Radgick, Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron 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 Jerry Dronsfield had presented his apologies.

1.2 Public Questions

There were no public questions

1.3 Minutes of the previous meetings

1.3.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 May 2020 were agreed as a true record, subject to the date in the draft being corrected.

1.3.2 The minutes of the Meeting held on 20 July 2020 were received and adopted by the Parish Council

Both sets will be signed by the Chairman

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 18 May 2020

- The repositioning of the Smart Meter mast – no further information was to hand and the clerk will make enquiries. **Action SER**
- The meeting with NCC Cllr Glen Sanderson – the clerk reported that a physical meeting was still unlikely. In the circumstances it was agreed to have a virtual meeting with Councillors photographing areas of concern and cross referring those to a plan. Cllrs Lang and Radgick will coordinate the plan and photographs and then the clerk will arrange a ZOOM discussion. **Action JL, JR and SER**
- The possible donation of an oak tree – Cllr Radgick had made enquiries and, in consultation with Cllr Dronsfield, concluded that a single sapling

would not be beneficial to the parish and therefore the offer was politely declined.

- VJ Day – It was understood there may be a short firework display organised by the Glanton Memorial Hall and the URC Church were organising an outdoor service by the flagpole.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 The Coronavirus National Emergency

The Chairman reported that requests for assistance had diminished with the occasional need for prescription collection.

2.2 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

No reports from the County Councillor or the Police had been received by the time of the meeting. The Council noted that the Police Community Engagement vehicle is to be in the village on Thursday 20 August 2020 between 1030 and 1130. Details have been placed on the website & noticeboards and will be placed on *Next Door* a few days in advance. **Action JR**

2.3 Planning

2.3.1 There were no current applications for the Council to consider as *Application 20/01969/FUL - Residential development of 9no. new homes - comprising 6no. units via conversion of agricultural buildings and 3no. new build units - Land North East Of Heather Cottage, Front Street, Glanton* had been circulated to all Parish Councillors and discussed at the meeting on 20 July 2020.

2.3.2 The clerk drew attention to the latest consultation in connection with the Draft Northumberland Local Plan and the very recent Planning White Paper.

2.4 Highway Issues

2.4.1 Councillors gave further consideration to the possible erection of gateway signs at the entrances to the village. The clerk had circulated details of commercially available signs and electronically displayed some at the meeting. Given that four features would be needed for the principal entrances to the village, the cost would be circa £1400 excluding VAT. Given the likely cost the Council concluded that it was not able to fund such a project. The clerk will make discreet enquiries of other parish councils in the vicinity to try to discover how their gateway signs had been funded. **Action SER**

2.5 Projects for the Future

No further suggestions had been made following the discussion on 18 May. In those circumstances it was agreed to take no further action and to remove this as a standing agenda item. **Action SER**

2.6 A 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, otherwise there will be no Newsletter. **Action All Cllrs**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

Those present were only aware of the possible VJ Commemoration (see item 1.4 above). The Show and other events within the village have been cancelled because of coronavirus.

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.

4: Administration

4.1 To note the current accounts and to authorise any payments

The Council noted the current accounts (a copy is attached to the signed minutes). There were no payments to be authorised.

4.2: To review the Asset Register & Risk Assessments and to confirm continuing eligibility to use the General Power of Competence

4.2.1 Copies of the Risk Assessments and Asset Register had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. No changes had been identified and the Council therefore confirmed them as presented. (Copies are attached to the signed minutes)

4.2.2 The Council confirmed it remained eligible to use the *General Power of Competence* should the need arise

4.3 To adopt the final accounts for 2019/2020 as no questions have been raised with the external auditor.

The Council adopted the final accounts for 2019/2020 as presented to the meeting on 18 May 2020

4.4 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings

None

4.5 Date of Next Meeting

- Monday 28 September 2020 (potentially an electronic meeting)

Confirmed as a true record at the Parish Council on 10 August 2020

Signed Date.....
(Chairman)

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