

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met electronically on 30 November 2020 at 6.00pm

Present:

Parish Councillors Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron, John Guiry, 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

Cllr Jerry Dronsfield had sent his apologies

Cllr Radgick declared an interest in Planning Application 20/033729/REM and the Council was reminded if the resolution passed in July 2017 granting Councillor Radgick a dispensation under section 33 (2) Localism Act 2011 to enable him to remain, participate and vote on issues arising from the proposed development west of Whickham House such dispensation to remain valid until May 2021 - see *also item 2.3 below*

1.2 Public Questions

No public questions had been emailed to the clerk nor had any parishioner sought the log-in details for the meeting.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 September 2020 were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 28 September 2020

1.4.1 The Chairman was pleased to report that the Strutt & Parker sign on the Powburn Road has been removed.

1.4.2 The Chairman informed the Council of an offer from Dr A Henfrey of Callaly to allow the Chairman to take a tree from woodland at no cost to the Council. The Council asked that their appreciation be conveyed to Dr Henfrey.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 The Coronavirus National Emergency

2.1.1 The Chairman reported that he was not aware of any requests for assistance at the present time. He drew attention to the recent email from NCC Cllr Steven Bridgett regarding the potential for hampers and/or lunches. The impression of those present is that the community is getting on and dealing with the second national lockdown as a matter of course.

2.2.2 The volunteers remain ready to assist parishioners if circumstances change.

2.2 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

2.2.1 All Parish Councillors had received direct copies of emails from NCC Cllr Steven Bridgett dealing with a number of matters within his electoral division. Councillors welcomed the potential initiatives on social housing and broadband, noting that fibre cable was being laid in other parts of the wider area.

2.2.2 A report had been received from the police, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes. Cllr Angus Collingwood-Cameron is querying one element of the report and will share any response from the police. **Action AECC**

2.2.3 The clerk drew attention to the Police & Crime Commissioner's survey being held to inform the Police & Crime Plan as the Commissioner is keen to have input from rural residents.

2.3 Planning

The Council considered *application 20/03729/REM - Land West Of Whickham House The Causeway Glanton – Three dwellings*. During the course of the debate Councillors made the following points

- The size of housing means it is unlikely that they will be purchased by young people
- There needs to be a condition that no works are carried out to the bus shelter without the approval of the Parish Council as NCC transferred maintenance responsibility to the Council. The developer should also be required to pay the Parish Council a commuted maintenance sum if the shelter is modified or replaced.
- The need to ensure that the well-used public footpath running through the site remained open during the construction phase
- The need for more parking spaces given the size of the houses to avoid cars parking on The Causeway and obstructing the bus shelter.
- The need for a formal condition or s106 obligation to secure the transfer of the former Chapel site to the Parish Council for use as a play area and to seek a contribution towards the costs of such a facility.

The Chairman will draft a response. **Action JR**

2.4 Highway Issues

2.4.1 The Chairman reported that the works already undertaken to prepare the roads for resurfacing. He will contact the Highways Dept. to remind them of the need to mark out the bus stop when replacing the road markings. **Action JR**

2.4.2 Cllr Mrs Rogers was pleased to report that the Heritage Group intend that the cast iron finger signpost would be installed at the West Turnpike junction within a few weeks. The Council asked that she pass on the Council's thanks to the Heritage Group. **Action SueR**

2.4.3 The clerk had raised the demolished/fallen traffic signs with NCC through NALC. He had been informed that replacement had not been given sufficient priority in the past but there was an intention to place £150,000 within NCC's 2021/2022 budget for replacement signs and road markings.

2.5 A Newsletter Editor

No further progress has been made in getting a volunteer to step forward.

2.6 The Defibrillator

All Parish Councillors had received a copy of the email from Mr Peter Lake regarding the forthcoming need for a new battery and spare pads for the defibrillator at an approximate cost of £300 plus VAT. The Council resolved to authorise the Chairman to arrange for these to be purchased. **Action JR**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

3.1 Cllr Mrs Rogers had suggested that the Parish Council consider collating a list of contact details for the owners of second / holiday homes within the village. It was agreed that the concept was sound and the clerk will contact NALC to see if there have been other such schemes and whether there are any potential pitfalls to avoid. Any details received will be circulated by the clerk. **Actions SER**

3.2 The Council was not aware of any forthcoming activities, given the current lockdown and the designation of the county within the Tier 3 restrictions.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

The clerk reported on the NALC AGM.

3.3 Correspondence received

The Clerk had no correspondence to bring to the attention of the meeting.

4: Administration

4.1 To note the current accounts and to authorise any payments

4.1.1 The Council noted the current accounts. [A copy is attached to the signed minutes]. The clerk advised that the Glanton Show had made a £20.00 donation towards the cost of the website for which Councillors were grateful.

4.1.2 The following payments were authorised.

- Glanton Memorial Hall – Support Payment - £200.00
- Friends of Whittingham Parish Burial Ground – Support Payment - £200.00
- Hammer Services – Mowing Footpath 4 - £120.00 (the net cost has been recovered from NCC)
- Glanton Memorial Hall – Redirection of a donation made by Glanton Show paid in error to the Council - £100.00
- HMRC - PAYE Q3 - £30.00

4.2 The Budget and Precept for 2021/2022

The Council considered the report from the clerk, a copy is attached to the signed minutes and agreed that the precept for 2021/2022 be set at £2100 [Two Thousand One Hundred Pounds] and that the following budget be set

General Fund Expenditure Item and Number	Budget for 2021/2022
Clerks Costs including travel [1]	600.00
Misc. Admin (Postage, etc.) [2]	220.00
Insurance [3]	200.00
Legal /Audit /Subscriptions [4]	135.00
Maintenance and Planting [5]	400.00
Hall Hire [6]	120.00
Support Payments [7]	400.00
Communications [8]	120.00
Total	2195.00
Income from Precept	2100.00
Balance from Reserves (negative is payment into reserves)	95.00

4.3 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings

None not noted above

4.4 Date of Next Meeting

The Council agreed the following schedule of future meetings

- Monday 25 January 2021
- Monday 29 March 2021
- *Thursday 6 May 2021 – Contested Parish Council Elections*
- Monday 24 May 2021 – This has been brought forward as the last Monday in May is a bank holiday. It is also the final day on which the annual parish council meeting can be held in an election year. It was agreed that the annual parish meeting is also held immediately before the start of the parish council.

Confirmed as a true record at the Parish Council held on

Signed

Date.....

(Chairman)