

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held digitally at 7.00 pm on Monday 28 March 2022.

Present:

Parish Councillors Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron, Jerry Dronsfield, John Lang, Jon Radgick (Chairman in the chair) and Mrs Susan Rogers.

Two Parishioners

Stephen Rickitt – Clerk – actions by the clerk are noted as SER

1: Introduction

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

Parish Councillor John Guiry

PCSO Robert Younger

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

No questions had been received by the clerk.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 February 2022 were agreed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 February 2022

1.4.1 Storm Arwen

The clerk confirmed that the Council's concerns about funding for the provision of back-up power for village halls has been raised with the County Council's Storm Arwen Review.

The Chairman asked that Councillors provide him with any comments on his draft letter to parishioners. A copy is attached to the signed minutes.

1.4.2 Meet the Village

Parish Councillors regarded this as a great success and passed their thanks to all concerned. A lot of the newer residents had attended, and various groups made contact for potential new members.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 The Coronavirus National Emergency

Councillors were not aware of any issues specifically relating to the parish or of any parishioners who might have difficulties due to the coronavirus pandemic. It was agreed that this should no longer be a standing item on the agenda

2.2 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

PCSO Younger had sent the following report

Since the last meeting there have been no incidents of note which will directly impact the parish. Both the neighbourhood and response teams continue to patrol the area to provide visibility and disrupt any illegal activities.

AWARENESS

Due to the increase in fuel prices, Police Forces have seen an increase in theft of fuel offences - both from domestic and commercial premises. Can you please be aware of any suspicious activity and report it to the Police - the larger scale thefts have seen offenders using HGV Tankers and connecting pipes to the diesel supply and stealing high quantities of fuel.

I believe my colleague PCSO 9395 Katie Gerrard has already made you aware about Northumbria Connected but if possible just to remind the parish. It's a great way of keeping up to date with the work carried out by Northumbria Police, and a way of contacting the local team. I'll attach a leaflet which might explain it a bit better than me!

If the parish have any concerns or wish to report something then please do via 999 for emergencies and 101 for all other matters. There is also the option of completing a web submission via the Northumbria Police website as the phone lines can sometimes take a while!

2.3 Planning

2.3.1 The Council noted that County Councillor Steven Bridgett has asked that any decision to approve the applications relating to the land south of The Juries be decided by a planning committee and not be a delegated officer decision. Parish Councillors endorsed the Chairman's action in reporting further work being carried out ahead of consent being given.

2.3.2 The clerk reported that the County Council was due to adopt the Local Plan on Wednesday 30 March 2022.

2.4 Highway Issues

2.4.1 The Council noted that the sign at the end of The Causeway has been re-erected.

2.4.2 The Council discussed the heritage signpost being erected by the Glanton Heritage Group at the West Turnpike junction. The relocation (as discussed by the Council at its September 2021 meeting) is still to be actioned Cllr Mrs Susan Rogers will remind her fellow group members. **Action Cllr Mrs Rogers**

2.4.3 Councillors were pleased to note that maintenance was being carried out on the drainage of the road to Powburn.

2.5 Environmental Issues

There were no specific issues raised which were not considered as part of the discussions on other items.

2.6 HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

The Chairman reported that no volunteers had come forward offering to assist in making arrangements for an event in the village such as The Big Lunch.

There is to be a straw beacon set alight on the hill in the same location used for the 2012 Golden Jubilee. Parishioners will be asked to bring their own refreshments.

2.7 The Newsletter

No progress has been made in identifying a new editor.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

See item 2.6 above.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

There was a cluster meeting due the following evening, but the Chairman indicated he might not be able to attend.

3.3 Correspondence received

Councillors noted the further letter from the Friends of Whittingham Parish Burial Ground confirming that maintenance responsibility had now reverted to the parochial church council.

4: Administration

4.1 The draft final accounts for 2021/2022 and to authorise any payments

The Council approved the draft final accounts for 2021/2022 and agreed they could be presented to the internal auditor. A copy is attached to the signed minutes. There were no further payments to authorise.

4.2 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings

None were raised.

4.3 Date of Next Meetings

These were agreed as below, all to commence at 7.00 pm.

Monday 30 May 2022 – these will be the Annual Meetings Monday 25 July 2022

Monday 26 September 2022

Monday 27 November 2022

As the pandemic appears to be receding, and the Memorial Hall was reopening, it was agreed to resume face-to-face meetings.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman Date