

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00 pm on Monday 25 July 2022.

Present:

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

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

All were welcomed to the meeting. There were no apologies to report.

Parish Councillors marked the passing of former Parish Councillor Joe Easton, a true stalwart of the community and a longstanding member of the Parish Council as well as many other organisations in Glanton.

1.2: Parishioners' Questions

No parishioners were present, and no questions had been received by the clerk.

1.3: Minutes of the previous meetings

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 30 May 2022 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

1.3.2 The Council noted the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 May 2022

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings held on 30 May 2022

None, not noted elsewhere in the minutes.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Council recorded its thanks to Cllr John Guiry for facilitating the lighting of the beacon. Despite the weather, nearly 50 parishioners were at the top of the hill with more watching from below.

The Memorial Hall's Tea on Jubilee Sunday had also been a great success, well attended with a vibrant buzz.

2.2 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

No reports had been received prior to the meeting.

2.3 Planning

2.3.1 The Council was informed that the local planning authority had given consent for the amendment applications relating to the land south of The Juries. Following the Parish Council's resolution at the previous meeting, County Cllr Steven Bridgett had withdrawn his request for the matter to be considered at a planning committee and the decision had been made by a planning officer.

2.3.2 There were no new planning applications for the Council to consider.

2.4 Highway Issues

Cllr Mrs Sue Rogers and the Chairman had commenced their inspections of the public rights of way within the parish by looking at the footpath to Whittingham. Several issues had been reported to the County Council

- The footbridge has collapsed
- There is over-growing vegetation
- The path through arable fields has not been restored
- A field gate is defective
- There is inadequate way marking

Inspections of the other public rights of way will be made over the summer.

2.5 Environmental Issues

Issues raised were considered as part of the discussions on other items.

2.6 The potential play area at the site of the former St Peter's Church

The Council was informed that there appears to be a purchaser for the site and accordingly the potential transfer of this site was proceeding.

The Council agreed to instruct Warcup Law Firm, Alnwick at a fixed fee of £500 though noting this could increase if complications arose.

The Council agreed to support the investigation of the formation of a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* to run any play area as such a body would be eligible for grants not available to the Parish Council as a local authority.

If a CIO or other form of charity was established, then the freehold of the site would remain vested in the Parish Council but with a lease or licence being granted to the charity.

The Council agreed that parishioners would have to be consulted on the type of facilities within a play park, for example the age-range of the equipment.

The Council accepted that it could have to grant-aid such a charity, particularly with insurance costs.

Actions Cllr Radgick & SER

2.7 The Defibrillator

The defibrillator mounted on the external wall of the pub was provided through the North-East Ambulance Service over a decade ago. The defibrillator is still functional but if it remained as NEAS property, it would require replacement under their internal asset policies.

NEAS no longer provide community defibrillators and so costs would fall to the parish. Given that the device was still operational, there was no need for a replacement at the present time. In those circumstances, NEAS have suggested that the defibrillator becomes the property of the Parish Council. This was agreed.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

Councillors were delighted that the Glanton Show is returning on Saturday 13 August. It was agreed to have a village tidy-up over the weekend of 6/7 August. The clerk is to contact the County Council to see if a road sweeper can visit the village on Monday 8 or Tuesday 9 August. **Actions SER**

The Memorial Hall is holding its AGM on Friday 29 July at 7.30 pm. (See item 2.1 above)

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

None of interest to the Council.

3.3 Correspondence received

The clerk circulates any emails of interest to Parish Councillors.

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

The Council noted the current accounts (a copy is attached to the signed minutes) and approved the following BACS payment

- Colliedog Computers – website fees - £96.00 – retrospective

4.2 Retirement of the clerk

The Council was informed that there had been no applications for the post of clerk. All Councillors were urged to approach possible candidates within the village or surrounding area. The clerk will retire on 31 August 2022 but is willing to continue as an employee until 30 September 2022 to assist a replacement clerk through a meeting cycle. If no replacement is found then a parish councillor will have to act as an interim unpaid clerk and responsible financial officer. **Action All Cllrs**

4.5 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings

No matters were identified

4.6 Date of Next Meetings

These were agreed as below, all to commence at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall

Monday 26 September 2022

Monday 28 November 2022

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

Date

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