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Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00pm on Monday 28th November 2022.

Present:

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

Acting Parish Clerk: Wendy Gains

1: Introduction

1.1: Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of any dispensations

All were welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Angus Collingwood-Cameron.

Declarations of interest were received for item 2.2.1 with regard to 15 West Turnpike from Mrs Susan Collingwood Cameron, John Lang, Andrew McKendrick and Mrs Susan Rogers.

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

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

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th September 2022 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th September 2022

1.4.1 Issues with the bank account have been resolved. Jon Radgick has internet access and has authorised access to make payments.

1.4.2 The Rothbury Food Truck has visited Glanton. Jon Radgick will check if it is still coming and will publish future dates in the Gleaner.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

No reports had been received.

2.2 Planning

2.2.1 Current planning applications.

2.2.1.1 Dale View: Application approved.

2.2.1.2 Site south east of Cross Cottage: No comment submitted by the Council.

2.2.1.3 15 West Turnpike: Planning Application has been withdrawn.

Council had objected on basis that proposed development represented an overdevelopment of the site. Highways had also objected. It was agreed that this property was in need of upgrading and extending.

The Council discussed the issue of second home ownership and affordable housing for local people.

It was agreed that each planning application must be considered on merit and that the Council's view must not be skewed by the identity of the applicant.

2.2.2 No further issues to discuss.

2.3 Highway Issues

2.3.1 The verge on the north side of The Causeway, opposite the building site, has been badly damaged by constructors' vehicles. It should be restored by the developer. It was noted that the developer is taking steps to try and keep the road clear of mud and debris from the site.

2.4 Environmental Issues

2.4.1 **The Oak Avenue.** The following observations were made:

2.4.1.1 The north side of the Oak Avenue is not very tidy with the hedges growing through the trees.

2.4.1.2 There is an old branch from one tree extending across the road. Highways to be asked to inspect to ensure it is safe. **Action – Jon Radgick.**

2.5 The former St Peter's Chapel Site

The purchaser of the field would only proceed if the chapel site was included in the purchase. Consequently the offer of sale to the Council for £1 had been withdrawn. The £900 deposited with the solicitor has been redeposited with the Council. There is an offer of a £5000 donation to build a playground elsewhere, however no alternative site has been identified.

Applying for Change of Use for the chapel site might prevent it being developed as a domestic garden and might encourage the developer to reconsider its provision as a children's playground. The Council agreed to apply for Change of Use if the costs were not excessive (Vote: 4 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstentions). **Jon Radgick to action.** He will consult the Council by email if it is considered too expensive.

2.6 Shawdon Hall Estate/Northfield Farm Permissive Footpath

Permission to use this path has been revoked by both landowners. Jon Radgick will note this in the next Gleaner.

Shawdon Hall Estate are willing to consider alternative permissive routes instead. All Council Members to study the Shawdon Hall Estate map for possible alternatives. A route from the Oak Avenue to the Rothill - Shawdon Hill road was suggested as this could link with existing paths to make a circular route. Route suggestions to be sent to Jon Radgick who will liaise with Shawdon Hall Estate.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming village activities.

3.1.1 A coffee morning will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 3rd December in aid of Alnwick District Food Bank.

3.1.2 An Art Exhibition will be held at Glanton Pyke on 11th December. Viewings by appointment.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

3.2.1 Jon Radgick attended a public meeting with Northern Powergrid in Rothbury.

- NP's website has been made more resilient and can now cope with 30,000 users.
- The algorithms used to estimate reconnection times have been scrapped. Engineers will now provide estimates.
- Vulnerable persons should apply for Priority Services Membership to ensure prioritised assistance during power cuts. Jon Radgick will advertise this in the Gleaner.
- Users should not assume NP are aware of power cuts as local ones may not show up automatically. Best to report all power cuts.
- Generators and fuel supplies will be provided for mobile phone masts.
- There is a charitable foundation for grants of £1000 to £20000 for local hubs. Glanton Memorial Hall committee are aware of this.

3.2.2 Andrew McKendrick attended the Memorial Hall meeting last week and is now a Trustee.

- It is hoped Northern Powergrid will install a connection for a generator at the hall and provide a generator as required to allow the hall to be used as a warm hub during power cuts.
- Hall fees are to be raised to reflect rising costs.
- An online booking system is being developed.
- The Trustees are Richard Verrill (Chair), Mark Harrison (Treasurer), Andrew McKendrick, Douglas Reed and Libby Burn. Sarah Whittingham is the non-voting secretary.

3.3 Correspondence received

3.3.1 Notice of Consultation: Proposal to extend the duration of a Public Protection Safety Order for the control of dogs. Noted. No action required.

3.3.2 Tree Council's Branching Out Fund. Not suitable for trees for Playwell Road. No suitable sites identified. No action required.

3.3.3 Information on Parish Councils' Auditor noted.

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

4.1.1 £182 paid to Northumberland C.C. for insurance. £900 redeposited with the Council following the failure of the St Peter's Chapel site purchase.

4.1.2 Parish Council Precept 2023-2024: Jon Radgick proposed precept remains the same. Agreed. **Jon Radgick to respond.**

4.2 Retirement of the clerk

An advert for a replacement clerk on the Indeed website had yielded no responses. An advert has been placed in the Northumberland Gazette and on their website for 2 weeks.

4.3 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings.

No items raised.

4.4 Date of Next Meetings – all commencing at 7.00pm

- Monday 30 January 2023
- Monday 27 March 2023