

Draft: Subject to ratification by the Parish Council

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00pm on Monday 27th March 2023.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Jon Radgick (Chairman in the chair); John Lang; John Guiry; Mrs Susan Rogers; Jerry Dronsfield

Acting Parish Clerk: Wendy Gains

Members of Public: Mrs Susan Williams and Peter Lake.

1: Introduction

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

All were welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies for absence received from Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron; Angus Collingwood-Cameron; and Andrew McKendrick.

Post meeting note: In light of the repeated absence from meetings of Cllr Jonathan Scott, Jon Radgick contacted him. Jonathan Scott has resigned from the Council.

No declarations of interest were received.

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

1.2.1 Peter Lake: Should multi-species hedges have been planted around the St Peter's Close development? Jon Radgick advised that a double fence was to be erected to two sides of the boundary with 6 trees to each side plus hedging. A consultant report regarding the remaining mature trees has been submitted to the County Council.

1.2.2 Peter Lake expressed concern that the proposed decommissioning of copper phone lines by the end of 2025 may leave vulnerable residents without telephone comms. Providers should contact customers regarding options. Jon Radgick will write an article for a future Glanton Gleaner to raise awareness.

1.2.3 Peter Lake: The Oak Avenue hedge (north side) is in need of cutting behind the oak trees. Jon Radgick will seek quotes for a contractor to undertake the work on behalf of the Parish Council.

Peter Lake left the meeting.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd January 2023 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 23rd January 2023

1.4.1 Jon Radgick had been in touch with Highways regarding the branch overhanging The Causeway. The responsible officer is currently away and no feedback was available.

Post meeting note: Highways reported that the branch is alive and no action is currently required.

1.4.2 Jon Radgick reported that the speed survey on the access roads to the village recorded high compliance with the 30mph limit. Members expressed surprise that more incidents of speeding were not recorded. JR has asked what actions would result from the survey.

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 Land east of Cross Cottage: No comments.

2.2.1.2 Glanton Pyke Holiday units: The water supply was noted as a possible problem for Glanton Pyke and neighbouring properties but not an issue for the Parish Council.

2.3 Highway Issues

2.3.1 Works along The Causeway associated with the St Peter's Close site: Reinstatement of the cobbles had taken place. Reinstatement of the bin and grass verge hadn't.

Post meeting note: Jon Radgick referred the issue back to the County Council.

2.3.2 Susan Rogers reported that the Give Way sign at the top of Whittingham Road needed cleaning and clearing of overgrowing vegetation. **Susan Rogers to report issue to NCC Highways.**

2.4 Environmental Issues

2.4.1 Jon Radgick reported that substantial work was being done to the old Red Lion barn. Associated materials & equipment are being stored on the village green. Jon Radgick has advised the owner that reinstatement of the Green would be required.

2.4.2 2 Garden Terrace: A dumpy bag of rubbish has sat outside for some time. Jon Radgick has contacted the owner and asked them to arrange its removal.

2.4.3 Playwell Road: A skip has been sited there a long time. It is believed to be related to the building of a conservatory on a property in The Lane.

2.5 The former St Peter's Chapel Site

2.5.1 Wendy Gains to send Parish Council account details to owner to allow transfer of money for playground.

2.6 Shawdon Hall Estate – Potential Alternative Permissive Footpath Routes to replace the Northfield Farm Route that is no longer available.

- a) 2.6.1 A possible circular route down to Rothill, returning along field boundaries to The Causeway looks good on the map but needs walking to see if it is feasible. **Sue Rogers and Jon Radgick to try the route when ground conditions allow.**

2.7 Glanton Heritage Group signpost for the junction of Front Street and West Turnpike.

Glanton Heritage Group (GHG) had met with an NCC Highways Officer to ask if the signpost could be located on the bank side of the junction instead of the previously agreed location replacing the existing modern sign. The Highways Officer had agreed that it could.

Susan Rogers had circulated notes to the Parish Council explaining that GHG's reasons for this were:

- a) To reduce the cost of installation. Due to the presence of underground services NCC would have to instal the sign in replacement of the modern sign whereas GHG could instal the sign on the bank corner.
- b) To site the sign post with the other historical elements such as the roller, war memorial, telephone box, etc.
- c) To site the sign where it had been historically when the cottages existed on the bank corner of West Turnpike.

All other Members present expressed their disquiet that the Parish Council had not been advised of, or invited to, the meeting with the Highways Officer. The consensus views of all the other Members present were that:

- a) The bank corner was already very cluttered and adding the sign would be detrimental to the overall appearance.
- b) As the cottages no longer existed on the bank corner, the historical siting was irrelevant.
- c) The Millenium time capsule was buried on the bank corner and may be affected by siting the sign there.
- d) The sign should replace the existing sign as previously agreed.

As the Parish Council has no legal rights regarding the positioning of the sign, it was agreed that **Susan Rogers should take the views of the Parish Council back to the GHG and obtain up to date costings for NCC to site the sign in place of the existing sign.** The Parish Council would then consider if it could assist with the cost.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming village activities.

3.1.1 The Glanton Gathering coffee morning will be held in Glanton Memorial Hall on Saturday 15th April as a fundraiser for the Glanton Show. It will be an opportunity for new residents to meet other villagers.

3.1.2 The Glanton Memorial Hall committee is organising an event to mark the King's Coronation. A pooled afternoon tea, activities for children, etc will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 7th May.

The Parish Council will purchase a commemorative plaque for the pole on Glanton Hill. **Jon Radgick to action.**

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

Angus Collingwood Cameron had attended the Net Zero event and had circulated notes to other Members.

3.3 Correspondence received

3.3.1 RHS/Northumbria in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood Awards' – No one identified for nomination.

3.3.2 Parish Council Insurance Renewal – **WG to forward to Jon Radgick for action.**

3.3.3 Coquetdale Cluster Meeting 4th April 2023

3.3.4 Complaint received regarding dog mess on West Turnpike. **Jon Radgick to put a note in the Gleaner asking dog owners to clean up after their pets.**

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

4.1.1 The financial reports were distributed and noted.

4.1.2 The following payments were approved: Support payment of £200 to Glanton Memorial Hall; Support payment of £200 to the Burial Ground at Whittingham Church; £20 printing costs for the Boundary Commission consultation; £52.81 for new defibrillator pads; £50 for grass cutting the path down the tennis court field; £14.65 to the Parish Cluster; and £60 hall hire for Council meetings.

4.1.3 The Council has two authorised signatories for banking: Jon Radgick and Stephen Rickitt. A replacement is required for Stephen Rickitt. John Lang volunteered. **Jon Radgick to arrange change.**

4.2 Retirement of the clerk

No new applicants.

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

4.3.1 Susan Rogers asked if there was an update on a potential electric charging point. No information received.

4.4 Dates of Next Meetings – all commencing at 7.00pm

- Monday 22 May 2023
- Monday 31 July 2023

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