

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00pm on Monday 29th November 2024.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Jon Radgick (Chairman); John Guiry; Mrs Susan Rogers; Jerry Dronsfield; John Lang; Craig Auchinachie; Angus Collingwood-Cameron; and Andrew McKendrick

Minutes: Wendy Gains

Members of Public: Norman Wright.

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 Collinwood-Cameron.

No declarations of interest.

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

1.2.1 Norman Wright stated that he had litter picked along The Causeway several times and collected a lot of rubbish. He said that litter picking equipment could be obtained by groups from Northumberland County Council (NCC). Mr Wright was asked to request 6 kits on behalf of Glanton PC.

1.2.2 Norman Wright had read the Glanton Conservation Area public area audit. He had also found Historic England's Street Audit Plan on their website. He proposed undertaking a street audit with 6-8 others if GPC approved. The audit would cover drains, lamp posts, pavements, etc. The results would be sent to GPC, NCC and other bodies responsible for street furniture, etc. Agreed that this was a laudible project.

Sue Rogers had read the Hedgeley Parish Plan Review and suggested the Glanton Parish Plan should be reviewed this year. John Radgick said a sub-group should undertake the review which should then go to residents for consultation. Sue Rogers, Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Craig Auchinachie and Andrew McKendrick volunteered. Agreed.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th December 2023 were agreed as a true record.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th December 2023

1.4.1 St Peters Close planning enforcement – NCC planning enforcement refused to update Jon Radgick and will only advise him of any eventual outcome. Jerry Dronsfield thought this a poor response and suggested using NCC complaints procedure. JR to investigate complaints process.

1.4.2 The grass bank on West Turnpike had been strimmed and tidied.

1.4.3 Jon Radgick had investigated moving GPC funds to a deposit account. Interest available on such accounts was so low to be not worthwhile. Agreed.

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.

23/03735/FUL	Red Cross Sheds – Granted
23/03490/FUL	Access track Town Farm - Granted
23/03013/FUL	Mile End Farmhouse – Granted
23/03736/FUL	Land to North East of Cross Cottage Whittingham Road – Granted

2.3 Highway Issues

2.3.1 Leak on West Turnpike west of Old School.

NCC had told Angus Collingwood-Cameron repairs would be in budget for new financial year in April. As the risk of an accident is deemed high, Jon Radgick is pressing for earlier action.

2.4 Environmental Issues

2.4.1 Residents of Mount View had been consulted regarding positioning planters to prevent parking on corners of the road. 13 had responded: 1 was in favour and 12 against (due to potential loss of much needed parking spaces). GPC will not carry proposal forward.

2.4.2 The defibrillator box is rusting. Peter Lake had volunteered to paint it. It will need replacing in a couple of years.

2.4.3 The village Christmas tree was kindly donated by Mr AW Henfrey. Mr and Mrs Swanson kindly supplied electricity for the lights. Angus Collingwood-Cameron offered to dispose of the tree.

2.4.4 Distribution of the Glanton Gleaner: Craig Auchinachie, Angus Collingwood-Cameron and Jerry Dronsfield volunteered.

2.4.5 John Lang suggested an additional noticeboard near the Memorial Hall. He also noted the GPC noticeboard outside Town Farm was deteriorating. The noticeboard outside the building site and other potential sites were discussed. Agreed that notices could be posted in the windows of the phone box.

2.5 The former St Peter's Chapel Site

Nothing new to report. Planning application has not appeared on North Area Planning Committee agenda yet.

2.6 Shawdon Hall Estate / Northfield Farm Permissive Footpath

Nothing new to report. Shawdon Hall Estate to consider footpath at the next board meeting of trustees. Jon Radgick to follow up in a month or so. Sue Rogers advised that funds are available for permissive access projects. JR will remind Shawdon.

2.7 Update on a possible location for children's playground

A plan of an L shaped piece of land behind The Juries and Mount View had been circulated. It isn't large and has been neglected for years. It's mostly surrounded by hedge and would need fencing at one end. Pedestrian access only from Mount View. It is backed onto by 7 properties. Possible noise issue? Build access may be possible via adjacent farm track if owner permits it. A community group would need to run it to take best advantage of available grants and funding.

Agreed that all should view site within a week of this meeting, followed by email discussion. Next stage would be a feasibility study prior to a Planning Application if the project is thought to be viable.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming village activities.

None known.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

None attended.

3.3 Correspondence received

Nothing to note.

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

4.1.1 The current accounts for Financial Year 2023/2024 were noted. Payment to Glyn Williams of £250 for grounds maintenance of the bank was authorised retrospectively. Bill for subscription fee of £17.87 for Rothbury Paris Cluster was noted payment approved.

4.2 Retirement of the clerk

No new applicants.

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

Andrew McKendrick wishes to discuss the Coquetdale Food Bank.

4.4 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings – all commencing at 7.00pm

- Monday 25th March 2024
- Monday 3rd June 2024
- Monday 29th July 2024
- Monday 30th September 2024
- Monday 25th November 2024

Signed

Chairman, Glanton Parish Council

Date