

# GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

*A Meeting of Glanton Parish Council* was held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall. The following councillors were present: Mr C Livsey, Mr J Easton, Mr G Dodds, Mr J Guiry, Mr J Radgick, Mrs S Collingwood-Cameron and Mr B Tansy.

**Member of Public** Mr M Mason.

**Apologies for absence:** Mr N Dunn and Mrs S Rogers

**Public Questions** The speed of Broadband, nomination rights for the council for Home Housing properties in Glanton, and Article 4 had been raised and put on the agenda.

**Declaration Of Interest** NONE

**Change of Interest** NONE

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

**Donations** NONE

**Planning Applications** **No A/2009/0319** – Mr T Smith, Greystones, 14 Front Street Glanton Alnwick NE66 4AJ. Felling of 1x Holly and 4x Birch Trees. at 14 Front Street Glanton Alnwick. No Objections were raised by Northumberland County Council. Consent was given. Letter received dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009. The Parish Council does not seem to be consulted on Conservation Area consents – **Action** Mr Radgick to discuss with NCC.

**Millennium Fund** The tree guards etc have been removed down Oak Avenue at a cost of £115, Clerk to pay accordingly. Mr Dodds reported that one of the trees had been knocked over and all that it would take to straighten it was a post to tie it too. **Action** - Mr Guiry offered to supply a tree stake, Mr Dodds and Mr Guiry to re-stake the tree.

**Meetings Attended** **Parish Cluster** - Mr Livsey and Mr Dunn both attended this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council, matters discussed included the Boundary Commission recommendations, Community Forum, Highways issues and the new Parish Cluster which the Glanton Parish Council agreed to participate in.

**Village Activities** Queens Head Leek Club Bingo 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 Village Memorial Hall 7-7.30pm.  
Quiz Night in the Queens Head Hotel in aid of the Air Ambulance, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009.  
Glanton Memorial Hall Bottle Bingo 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009 7-7.30pm.  
NTC 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2010, 6.30pm The Last Snow Rider in Village Hall.

**Parish Plan** Mr Radgick reported that the new gate and stiles on the footpath would be completed soon. The web site is going well which can be viewed at [www.glantononline.net](http://www.glantononline.net). It was agreed that the newsletter would be used to highlight the new site and neighbouring villages encouraged to promote activities and services in addition to Glanton.

**Permissive Footpath** Mrs Cameron reported that she had spoken to Major Cowan with regards to the continued use of the permissive footpath. He had no problems with the status quo as long as dog walkers respect the farmers crops and do not throw sticks. A notice regarding this would be included in the newsletter – **Action** Mr Livsey.

**Broadband** The council agreed to look into the possibilities of increasing the speed of broadband in the parish.

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- Home Housing** Mr Mason (via previous correspondence with the council) raised the question of the council obtaining nomination rights from Home Housing. *Action* Mr Livsey to look into this with Home Housing and report back at the next meeting.
- Village Roads** The village roads have all been repaired. The Clerk reported that unfortunately, there was no surplus tarmac to repair the potholes along the West Turnpike road to Glanton Pyke.
- Article 4** After a discussion the council agreed to stand by their decision not to support an Article 4, but it was agreed that the item be put on the agenda for the Village meeting in May for the residents to debate the issue then.
- Notice Board** No Development to report.
- Xmas Tree** Clerk reported that Mr & Mrs Swanson had very kindly offered the village a Christmas tree again this year, this was gratefully accepted by the council. Clerk to speak Mr & Mrs Swanson re-putting up etc.
- Red Phone Box** Clerk reported that a letter had been received asking if the council would like to adopt the Red Phone Box. There are two options 1) We contribute financially for it to remain in operation with its telephone at a cost of £300 a year + VAT. 2) Adopt it; take it over completely with the phone inside removed at a cost of £1. The council agreed to adopt the Phone Box. *Action* - Mr Livsey to email Mrs Rogers of the council's decision so that she can continue with the adoption process, he is to also ask her to find out what the councils liability would be.
- Precept** Mr Radgick proposed that the precept be reduced to £1500. The council agreed this in principle, however there was some discrepancy over the validity of this action. *Action* - Clerk to check that this proposal is permissible, if not the meeting agreed that the precept remains un-changed at £1935.
- NALC County Committee** No Developments
- Bell View** Lynne Livsey produced a summary topic paper regarding the potential of a Community Neighbouring Scheme in Glanton, Whittingham and Hedgeley parishes. Bell View is currently delivering the scheme in the North West of the county and this proposal would extend it to our area (subject to a funding bid). It is broadly associated with actions arising from the Parish Plan (Access to Services). The council supported this initiative. *Action* - Mr Dunn to provide a progress report at the next meeting.
- AOB**
- Millennium Time Capsule**  
Mr Meikle had advised Mr Radgick that 2010 was the agreed year when the "Millennium Time Capsule" was to be opened (currently buried somewhere in the village!). It was suggested that an event sometime in September should be organised to celebrate the occasion. Mr Tansey to take the lead with request for ideas/help to organise the event.
- Future Council Meetings**  
It was agreed that the meeting night would change from a Wednesday to a Monday starting with the January 2010 meeting
- Finance.** **See Attached.**

The next Meeting of Glanton Parish Council will be held on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010** in the Memorial Hall at **7.00pm**.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.