

## GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL was held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

### Present:

Parish Councillors Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Joe Easton, Iain Hedley, John Lang, Chris Livsey (Chairman presiding), Jon Radgick and Mrs Susan Rogers

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

No members of the public

### **1: Public Questions.**

A question had been passed to Councillor Lang regarding responsibility for weeding around the village planters. Although theoretically the County Council's responsibility, the Council agreed that approaches should be made to parishioners for assistance in weed control. **[Action JL]**

### **2: Apologies for Absence.**

Councillors Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron and John Guiry

### **3: Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Councillor Hedley declared he was a locality officer with the County Council and would not participate in discussions regarding the proposed Charter.

### **4: Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **5: Matters arising from the minutes of 27 January 2014** (if not otherwise on the agenda)

None

### **6: Parish Council Vacancy**

No names had emerged as potential candidates since the previous meeting. The clerk raised the idea of a *Community Governance Review* which Councillors declined to pursue.

### **7: Parish Plan.**

The Chairman reported Councillor Mrs Rogers and he will be preparing and circulating a revised draft in the near future. **[Action CL & SR]**

### **8: Safety on the A697**

No substantive issues were reported and the Council agreed this should no longer be a standing item, although if issues arose, they would be added to future agendas.

## **9: Highway and Drainage Issues in the Parish**

9.1 Councillor Collingwood-Cameron reported on the meeting with Northumbrian Water Ltd (NWL). Subject to funding approval, NWL intend to renew the entire main into the village in 2015. Although this will cause disruption while the work is underway, NWL will hold a public meeting about 6/8 weeks before commencement to discuss practical issues. Councillors hoped that the work will include measure to reduce the pressure, caused by the present need to push water to Powburn and beyond by the installation of suitable valves.

9.2 The Chairman reported on the meeting arranged with officers of the Highways Dept. on Friday 11 April. This will be a walk around the entire village to point out the items of work which are needed. The Chairman will carry out a pre-meeting survey but asked that any issues are passed direct to him, especially if they at-re not readily apparent  
**[Action all Cllrs]**

9.3 Councillor Mrs Rogers raised the extension of the 30 mph speed limit which had been put forward as an LTP priority. The clerk will follow this up with the County Council.  
**[Action SER]**

## **10: Council Communications.**

10.1 The Council noted details of uncirculated emails and copies of various unsolicited mail.

10.2 The Council noted the recent publication of plans by ARCH (the County Council's development company) to install high-speed broadband in the village by the end of 2014. Councillor Radgick reported on discussions on this issue at the recent Cluster Meeting and a concern that the fibre-optic cable would only be installed in the Powburn cabinet rather than the underground junction in the village. The clerk is to contact ARCH to seek further information. **[Action SER]**

10.3 The Chairman advised of his response to the proposed revised Northumberland Town and Parish Council Charter, this was endorsed by the Council. The clerk will submit his response which he will circulate to all Councillors for their information. **[Action SER]**

## **11: Meetings attended.**

11.1 Councillor Radgick attended the Rothbury Cluster meeting on 13 March 2014. He gave further information regarding the cessation of the suggestion by BT that hard-to-reach communities would be given cable to lay themselves and DEFRA's delay in approving Phase 2 of the Northumberland Broadband Scheme.

11.2 Councillor Radgick also gave details of a further tranche of funding for projects in the Northumberland Upland Area from 2015, a repeat of the LEADER programme. The Council authorised Councillor Radgick to meet interested parish groups (the Hall, the Church, the Show and the Heritage Group) to encourage potential bids.

## **12: Finance.**

12.1 The Council considered and approved the draft accounts and accounting statement for 2013/2014. These will be audited and formally approved at the next meeting.

12.2 The Council confirmed the appointment of Sandra Natrass as the internal auditor.

12.2 The Council authorised the following expenditure

- HMRC – PAYE Q4 - £30.00
- SE Rickitt – Reimbursement of Contribution to Cluster Meeting Costs (previous cheque cancelled) - £17.00

12.3 The Council agreed to spend up to £150.00 replacing the transformer for the Christmas Lights (to be taken from the Millennium Fund). **[Action CL]**

12.4 The Council considered internet banking and agreed the principle. The clerk is to bring revised draft financial regulations to the next meeting for consideration. **[Action SER]**

### **13: Planning.**

13.1 The Council noted the application for a proposed "cover-all" building at the farm on Playwell Road and decided to raise no objections. **[Action SER]**

13.2 The Clerk reported that Whalton Parish Council had extended an invitation to attend planning training on 20 May; details will be circulated by the clerk. **[Action SER]**

13.3 The Council noted the County Council's intention to publish the draft Core Strategy in April.

### **14: Street Lighting**

14.1 The clerk reported the refurbishment contract was still being negotiated but expectations were for a July 2015 start. **[Action SER to contact NCC]**

### **15: Village Activities.**

The Council noted the forthcoming village activities and particularly wished to encourage attendance at the Pantomime.

- Mondays – Keep Fit
- Wednesdays – Yoga
- Second Wednesday each month – Coffee Morning
- Last Wednesday each month – Lunch Club

### **16: Commemoration of WWI**

The Chairman reported an award of funding from The Three Valleys Trust for the Art and Heritage projects. He envisaged seeking approval from the next meeting for funding teas & scones in the Hall and for planting the shape of a poppy on the bank. **[Action CL]**

### **17: Village Clean-Up**

The Council agreed to change the timing from May to the summer. On the suggestion of Councillor Easton, the weekend of 26/27 July was chosen as the following weekends would be the events to commemorate the start of the First World War, followed by the

Glanton Show. The clerk will contact Highways to ask for a street-sweeper on Monday 28 July. **[Action SER]**

**18: Risk Assessments**

The Council considered the risk assessments and resolved to make no changes to the ones approved in 2013.

**19: Any Other Business.**

19.1 Councillor Mrs Rogers asked if the minutes were yet at Woodhorn. The clerk advised he was still sifting the papers and would be asking for a volunteer later in the year to work through the records held in the Hall. **[Action SER]**

**20: Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday 19 May 2014. It will be preceded by Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 6.30pm. The Council asked that the agenda for the Council meeting be kept to the minimum. **[Action CL & SER]**

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman

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