

**GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 25 January 2016 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

Parish Councillors Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Jerry Dronsfield, Joe Easton, John Guiry, Iain Hedley, John Lang, Jon Radgick (Chairman in the Chair) and Mrs Susan Rogers

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

No members of the public were present

**1: Introduction**

**1.1 Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of any dispensations and possible co-option**

(1) Councillor Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron had presented her apologies

(2) No declarations were made at this point. During item 2.2 Councillors Collingwood-Cameron and Dronsfield declared past and current interests in application 15/04132/FUL being reported to the Council.

**1.2 Public Questions**

None

**1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 30 November 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 30 November 2015**

(1) The Chairman reported that the work to widen the footpath had not yet been commenced because of the very wet conditions.

Councillor Mrs Rogers informed the Council that she had reported the path as being ploughed out and this would be among those brought to the *Rights of Way Liaison Group*.

(2) Councillor Guiry has removed the wooden poppy and is letting it dry out before considering whether it is reusable.

(3) Councillor Mrs Rogers reported that Red Champion seed was readily available but advice suggested seedlings should be planted to get the best effect. There followed a discussion on the bank, including the parishioner's suggestion of a hedge. Whilst Councillors could potentially see the benefit of a short hedge immediately behind the well, the Council concluded that an extensive hedge along the bottom of the bank was out of keeping in the village. The Chairman will inform the parishioner. **Action JR**

(4) It was agreed that the Chairman would convene a group consisting of Susan Williams and Councillors Dronsfield, Easton, Lang, Mrs Rogers and himself to plan a scheme to present to the next meeting of the Council with an indicative cost ceiling of £150.00. **Action JR**

(5) The Chairman reported that Mr & Mrs Swanson had been unable to supply a suitable Christmas Tree but the Callaly Estate had kindly provided one, with power being supplied by the URC Church. The

Council unanimously resolved to record their formal thanks to Mr & Mrs Swanson for having their gardeners collect and erect the Tree, The Callaly Estate and the URC Church for their help.

(6) The Highway signs need attention. The clerk was asked to speak to relevant officers on the phone.

**Action SER**

*Note: It was confirmed after the meeting that the stump of the light column has been removed.*

**2: Items for discussion and potential decisions**

**2.1 Reports from the County Councillor**

County Councillor Bridgett was absent.

**2.2 Planning**

There were no current planning applications to consider but Councillor Radgick reported on the responses given to two applications following consultation with Councillors.

- 15/03916/FUL - Proposed two dwellings - Land West Of Heather Cottage Front Street - no objection but requested a screening condition
- 15/04132/FUL - Proposed new dwelling to land west of No. 21 West Turnpike – no objection

**2.3 The Snow Squad**

(1) The Council endorsed the Chairman's decision to abandon the three separate groups. There are about a dozen volunteers to help with lifts and shopping. Councillor Radgick will act as the coordinator.

(2) Once the winter is over, the Council will seek consent to move the grit bin on West Turnpike to the southern side of the road. The clerk requested that he be provided with the reference number so he could contact the Highways Dept. **Action JL**

*Note: After the meeting it was confirmed that the grit bins in the village are full.*

**2.4 Highway Drainage**

The Chairman drew attention to a parishioner's concerns about the capacity of the drains to cope in the recent heavy rain. Councillor Guiry reported that the water table was probably the highest he had known as springs were emerging in locations where no springs had been in the past. He advised Highways of the problem; Councillor Collingwood-Cameron endorsed those comments and reported that earth banking had been used to direct the flow under the stone wall and into his field, potentially undermining the wall as well as crating a bog in the field. The drains, especially outside The Smithy, require attention. The clerk was asked to speak to relevant highway officers on the phone. **Action SER**

**3: Items for Information**

**3.1 Forthcoming Village activities**

(1) Councillor Easton reported that the coffee mornings and lunch clubs were continuing, the coffee morning between 10.00am and noon on Wednesdays 10 February and 9 March. The lunch club was to be held between noon and 2.00pm on Wednesdays 27 January, 24 February and 23 March.

(2) There will be a Race Night in aid of the Hall and the Show on Friday 26 February.

**3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk**

Councillor Hedley had been unable to attend the Cluster Meeting on 1 December.

**3.3 Correspondence received**

The clerk circulated a list of emails received.

**4: Administration**

**4.1 Risk Assessments**

The Council considered the risk assessments and agreed changes. [Copies are attached to the signed minutes]

**4.2 To note the current accounts for 2015/2016 and to authorise any payments**

The current accounts were noted (a copy is attached to the signed minutes) and approval given for the following payments

- > SE Rickitt – Admin Expenses for 2015 - £87.05
- > Hammer Services Ltd – Mowing the public footpath - £120.00 (by BACS when funds received from the County Council)

**4.3 Forthcoming changes to the external audit arrangements**

The clerk had circulated papers from NALC explaining the position. The Council agreed to adopt the national default position and not to seek to make its own arrangements.

**4.4 Details of Items Councillors wish to raise at the next meeting**

Councillor Dronsfield will be raising the Millennium Oak Avenue. **Action JD**

**Date of Next Meeting**

To note the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 21 March 2016 at 7.00pm.

*Note: This has been brought forward to avoid the Easter Bank Holiday.*

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman ..... Date .....