

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL held its Annual Meeting on 23 May 2016 at 7.15pm (on the rising of the Annual Parish Meeting) in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

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

SE Rickitt – Clerk.

No members of the public were present

1: Statutory Business

1.1 Councillor Radgick was elected the Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

1.2 As Councillor Radgick was away, the Council agreed to extend the time for his declaration of acceptance of office to the next meeting of the Council.

1.3 Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron was elected the Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

2: Introduction

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

(1) Councillor Jon Radgick had presented his apologies

(2) No declarations were made at this point

2.2 Public Questions

None

2.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 23 March 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 23 March 2016

(1) The meeting was advised that Sgt Vickers was no longer stationed at the Rothbury Police Station

(2) The clerk was asked to remind the Highways Dept. that the warning sign on the main road to the A697 was missing and needs replacing. **Action SER**

(3) The Clerk will chase up the question as to whether individual LED street lights can be dimmed. **Action SER**

(4) The Council was pleased to note the success of the beacon and subsequent supper marking Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday. Thanks were given to John Guiry and Jon Radgick for their work in organising the event.

3: Items for discussion and potential decisions

3.1 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

County Councillor Bridgett was absent. No report had been received from the Police (see also item 2.4 (1) above)

3.2 The Millennium Oak Avenue

In the absence of Councillor Radgick, substantive discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.

3.3 Planning

(1) There were no current planning applications to consider but the Council noted the Chairman's response to application 16/00945/FUL - Proposed two dwellings - Land West of Heather Cottage Front Street.

We neither support nor object to the application in principle but we do ask that if permission is to be granted that a condition is attached to ensure that appropriate and permanent screening is required on top of the banks facing the road frontages to ensure that the properties do not dominate this end of the village and do not directly overlook the neighbouring houses.

(2) Attention was drawn to the recent publication of the proposed draft Core Strategy on the County Council's website

3.4 Bank Planting

(1) The Council was grateful for the efforts put in by parishioners and councillors in clearing and planting the bank. Although there had been some soil disturbance around some areas of seedlings, these should recover. Councillors agreed that appropriate signs could be useful. Councillor Dronsfield agreed to produce a suitable wording. **Action JD**

4: Items for Information

4.1 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 the second Tuesday each month and the lunch club between noon and 2.00pm on the fourth Wednesday each month.

(2) There will be a commemoration of the opening of the Memorial Hall on 12 June, with some slides of Glanton through the years

4.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

Councillor Angus Collingwood-Cameron had attended the meeting of the County Council's area committee. He felt the "speed-dating" format worked well and he had been able to draw attention to a number of issues within the parish.

4.3 Correspondence received

(1) The Vice-Chairman read out a letter from secretary of the Memorial Hall Committee seeking a new trustee. Councillor Easton explained the role of the trustees and that as he became a trustee in 1970; he believed the time had come to stand-down. Councillors were asked to consider whether they could assist and, if so, to contact the Hall Committee outside the meeting. **Action All Cllrs**

(2) Councillor Mrs Rogers briefly informed the Council of a meeting she attended regarding plans to upgrade the A1. She suggested to the Highways Agency that consultations are held with parishes along the A697, given that traffic will undoubtedly divert onto the A697 whilst construction is underway. Current programming is for a start circa 2020.

(3) Councillor Mrs Rogers also passed on a comment that the website needed updating.

(3)The clerk circulated a list of emails received.

5: Administration

5.1 The final accounts for 2015/2016

(1) The Council considered the Internal Auditor’s report [A copy is attached to the signed minutes] and agreed the *Governance Statement*. [A copy is attached to the signed minutes]

(2) The final accounts for 2015/2016 were agreed and noted. The Council resolved to agree the *Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances* for 2015 [Copies are attached to the signed minutes]

5.2 To note the current accounts for 2016/2017 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

- > HMRC – PAYE Q1 - £33.00 (by BACS)
- > Jerry Dronsfield – seed for the bank - £87.50 (by BACS)

5.3 Details of Items Councillors wish to raise at the next meeting

Councillor Lang raised the vexed subject of dog excrement. The clerk believed that NCC Enforcement officers might be able to identify the type of dog, if sent photographs of the offending matter. That might assist in locating the owners so they could be approached. Councillors did not think that such owners would pay any heed to warning signs.

Date of Next Meeting

To note the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 25 July 2016 at 7.00pm

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman Date