

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL met on 28 January 2019 at 7.00pm in The Memorial Hall, Glanton.

Present:

Parish Councillors Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Mrs Susan 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

1: Introduction

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

All Parish Councillors were present.

1.2 Public Questions

There were no members of the public present.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 November 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of 26 November 2018

1.4.1 The advance Give Way warning sign was still down, and the West Turnpike salt bin still has a faulty lid. **Action SER**

1.4.2 A Christmas Tree had been kindly donated by Peter Lake, who had also decorated the Tree. All Councillors were very grateful and it was agreed that the Chairman should write a formal letter of thanks and appreciation. **Action JR**

1.4.3 The Chairman had spoken to a helpful officer from the County Council regarding the ongoing issue of dog fouling within the village. The County Council are only able to issue penalties if there is for a witness to identify the miscreant dog-owner to the dog wardens. She did suggest using a non-permanent spray or asking children to design a poster, both to draw attention and perhaps shame offenders. Councillors agreed there seem to be several culpable owners. It was agreed that the Chairman would write a piece for the newsletter. **Action JR**

1.4.4 The Chairman was pleased to report that the County Council had cut the bank by the old phone box as had been agreed.

1.4.5 The Council was advised that Mike Paice is to leave the village. He was thanked not only for looking after the two planters on West Turnpike, but also for his work on other areas within the village. Councillors appreciated his work and agreed that the Chairman should write to formally express their gratitude.

Action JR

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Reports from the County Councillor and the Police

No reports had been received by the time of the meeting.

2.2 Planning

2.2.1 There were no current applications to consider

2.2.2 The draft Northumberland Local Plan had been delivered to the Clerk that day. It is a formal stage prior to the draft becoming examined by an inspector for "soundness".

2.3 A Fingerpost Sign

There was no further information to report and Councillor Mrs Susan Rogers agreed to see if progress can be made. **Action SueR**

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming Village activities

There was to be a Race Night in the Memorial hall on Friday 8 February 2019, the money raised being divided between the Show and the Hall.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

3.2.1 The Chairman reported attending a meeting to consider the future of the clock on the URC Church. At the present time it requires manually winding each week. It was estimated that it would cost £10,000 to automate and fund-raising is in hand. The real issue was the declining numbers in the congregation with the potential for the Church to close and be sold.

3.2.2 The Church is a listed building, which includes its interior, and any sale may well be problematic.

3.2.3 The fund-raising group are tentatively considering approaching the URC to see if there may be the potential for a right of access to be given to the Parish

Council if the Council were to accept responsibility for maintaining the clock in its present location, once it has been automated.

3.2.4 The Chairman asked for views from his fellow Councillors

- There was general support for trying to retain the clock and Councillors were not averse to the concept of the Council taking on responsibility for the clock.
- There was concern that such a responsibility could extend to the fabric of the Tower.
- There was debated on whether the clock could be installed at another location in the village, but this too could cause difficulties.

3.2.5 It was agreed that the Chairman could continue with the exploratory discussions. **Action JR**

3.3 Correspondence received

3.3.1 The clerk is circulating anything of apparent importance; a stance appreciated by Councillors and tabled some advertising material.

3.3.2 The clerk also reported that NALC were seeking details of any door-to-door salesman using aggressive techniques, especially on the isolated and elderly. Councillors reported an incident a few years ago when such a vulnerable parishioner had been pressured into buying fish but fortunately had paid by a cheque which was subsequently cancelled. **Action SER**

4: Administration

4.1 To note the current accounts for 2018/2019 and to authorise any payments

The accounts were noted [A copy is attached to the signed minutes] and the following payments authorised

> SE Rickitt (the clerk) – Admin Expenses for calendar year 2018 - £104.34

> Thropton Parish Council - Contribution towards the Cluster costs - £9.45

> Hammer Services – mowing the footpath to Whittingham - £60.00 (when payment was received from the County Council)

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

None

4.3 Date of Next Meetings

The Council noted the schedule of forthcoming meetings as

- Monday 25 March 2019
- Monday 20 May 2019 – preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting – and brought forward because of the Bank Holiday
- Monday 29 July 2019
- Monday 23 September 2019
- Monday 25 November 2019

Confirmed as a true record
and signed by the Chairman

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