

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00pm on Monday 3rd June 2024 .

Present:

Parish Councillors: Jon Radgick (Chairman); Andrew McKendrick; John Guiry; Angus Collingwood-Cameron; Craig Auchnachie; and Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron.

Minutes: Wendy Gains

Members of Public: Elaine Craze and Wendy Black. Sandra Natrass was present until after item 2.5.

1: Introduction

1.1: Election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman

Susan Collingwood-Cameron proposed Jon Radgick for Chairman. Jon Radgick proposed Angus Collingwood-Cameron for Vice Chairman. Both were elected unopposed.

1.2: Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest/grant of any dispensations/co-option to the vacancies

All were welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies for absence received from Jerry Dronsfield and John Lang.

No declarations of interest.

1.3 Parishioners' Questions

As the main interest of the members of the public was item **2.5 Update on a possible location for a children's playground**, the item was brought forward for discussion:

- Parishioners had been consulted through an article in The Gleaner about siting a small children's playground on available land behind houses on The Causeway and Mount View.
- Six letters of objection and one letter in favour had been received.
- A petition objecting had been signed by 186 persons within the parish.
- Wendy Black said the petition had been taken around the village with the plan and 186 persons had signed. 1 villager suggested there was an alternative site but the details of this were not disclosed.
- Elaine Craze said there had been a suggestion that the funding available for a playground be given to the Memorial hall for the purchase of children's play equipment. There are currently circa 25-30 children resident in the village. Jon Radgick noted that provision of children's play sessions would be a matter for the hall committee but the Parish Council could support an initiative.
- Sandra Natrass, who monitors the Parish Council email account, was disappointed with the tone of some of the emails received on the subject which were less than

polite. She also thanked the Council for their efforts to try and progress a playground initiative

It was agreed that all avenues had been explored and no further action be taken to provide a children's playground.

No other matters were raised by parishioners

1.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

1.4.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th March 2024 were agreed as a true record.

1.5 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th January 2024

1.5.1 The Causeway development site – Jon Radgick had sent a strong protest at the way the application had been processed

1.5.2 June 6th D-Day commemoration – No interest received to mark the event.

1.5.3 The official portrait of the King had been received and passed on to the Memorial Hall.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Planning

2.1.1 Current planning applications.

2.1.1.1 24/01021/COU Change of use to garden of a piece of land adjoining 7 Mount View - granted.

2.1.1.2 Enforcement notices have been served by Highways on residents at the south eastern end of The Causeway to remove large stones placed on the verge outside their properties. As the stones were placed to protect the verge and pedestrians from vehicles, Jon Radgick suggested the Parish Council write to Highways in support of the stones, requesting a kerb and footway to replace the verge if the stones must be removed. JR to action.

2.1.2 Review of the Parish Plan:

2.1.2.1 Is there benefit in a full consultation with all households? Angus Collingwood-Cameron said a new survey would be of considerable interest but would involve a lot of work. John Radgick said that if the project group would produce a survey, he would arrange delivery.

2.1.2.2 Footpath FP3, Mile End to Howbalk: NCC had been asked to repair the footbridge over the stream but had not done so. John Radgick to chase.

2.1.2.3 Lack of safe walking route: Glanton to Powburn. Jon Radgick will consult with Hedgeley PC regarding creating a footpath link between Glanton and Powburn.

2.1.2.4 West end bank: Should more spring bulbs be planted on the bank? It was agreed that more bulbs should be planted. Jon Radgick will consult with Jerry Dronsfield.

2.1.2.5 Parish Website: Parish Council section is maintained by Jon Radgick but the rest is out of date. Craig Auchinachie volunteered to update it. Jon will show Craig the program used.

2.1.2.6 Village entrance signage: It was agreed that improved village entrance signage would be worthwhile, with the entrance along The Causeway from the A697 being the most important. Angus Collingwood-Cameron to investigate village gateway signs.

2.1.3 Should the Parish Council have a policy on external lighting (such as domestic security lights): The PC has no regulatory powers regarding such lights, so no policy is required.

2.1.4 Prescription deliveries to Glanton Post Office: Alnwick GP surgery already deliver to the PO. John Radgick will ask Wooler Health if they would deliver (they already deliver to Hedgeley PO).

2.2 Highway Issues

2.2.1 Leak on West Turnpike west of Old School: It was noted that the leak was currently dry but was still awaiting repair.

2.2.2 Accident damage to sign on Powburn Road – still awaiting repair.

2.3 Environmental Issues

2.3.1 Angus Collingwood-Cameron asked if the PC was notified when the street sweeper is scheduled. The PC is only notified of the August visit for the village clear up.

2.3.2 Weeds on NCC maintained footways: NCC does not have the manpower or the budget for sufficient weed control. Residents to be asked to deal with weeds outside their property.

2.4 Shawdon Hall Estate Permissive Footpath

No update from Shawdon Hall Estate.

2.5 Update on a possible location for children's playground

Covered under item 1.3 above.

2.6 Coquetdale Foodbank

Andrew McKendrick advised that the foodbank was available to parishioners in need. The details of anyone in need should be given to Andrew or to Alnwick Foodbank.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming village activities.

3.1.1 A Ceilidh will be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 6th July.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

None attended.

3.3 Correspondence received

3.3.1 NALC draft policy on respect, etc. To be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

4.1.1 The appointment of Sarah Howard as the Internal Auditor was approved.

4.1.2 The draft Annual Governance Statement was approved.

4.1.3 The draft Annual Accounts were approved. It was noted that due to an oversight, donations of £200 had not been sent to the Memorial Hall or the Churchyard.

4.1.4 The draft Accounting Statement was approved.

4.1.5 The draft Explanation of Variances was approved.

4.1.6 The draft Certificate of Exemption was approved.

4.1.7 The current accounts for FY 2023/2024 were noted.

The following payments were approved:

NALC subscription £86.57

Increased hall hire fee £15 per hour

New village flag £289 +vat

4.2 To consider how to spend the recently donated sums amounting to £10,000

Suggestions from Members were: To fund repairs to village pavements; to install an electric vehicle charging point; and to replace the outdated defibrillator. Jon Radgick will ask for other suggestions through an article in the Gleaner.

4.3 To Review the Risk Assessment and the Asset Register

The Risk Assessment remains unchanged from last year.

The Defibrillator to be added to the Asset Register as it is to be the PC's responsibility.

4.4 Retirement of the clerk

No new applicants. Tasks are falling between the cracks. Minutes are being compiled well by Wendy Gains and accounts are being competently handled by Sandra Natrass but someone is needed for other functions.

4.5 Details of items Councillors wish to raise at forthcoming meetings.

No new items raised.

4.4 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings – all commencing at 7.00pm

- Monday 29th July 2024
- Monday 30th September 2024
- Monday 25th November 2024

Signed

Chairman, Glanton Parish Council

Date

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