

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00pm on Monday 29th July 2024.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Jon Radgick (Chairman); Andrew McKendrick; Jerry Dronsfield; Craig Auchenachie; Mrs Susan Rogers and Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron.

Minutes: Wendy Gains

Members of Public: 4 members of the public

1: Introduction

1.1: 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 Angus Collingwood-Cameron.

No declarations of interest/grants of dispensation/co-option to the vacancies.

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

1.2.1 Norman Wright had submitted the completed street audit and it had been distributed to Members. Some Members reported that they could not open the report. Jon Radgick will resend as a pdf.

Norman outlined some of the main points:

- No drains had been cleared prior to the audit but 2/3rds had been done since. Mess had been left around drains on the road down towards the A697.
- Footpaths – the main hazards were gravel spilling from gardens and rainwater from downpipes that spills across the path (risk of winter ice).
- Donations from various organisations are available for a lot of identified works.

Members thanked Norman for his work. The survey will be further discussed at the next meeting when Members will have had a chance to read it.

1.2.2 Connie Felger from Mount View noted that parking pressures in Mount View were getting worse. It was noted that the road and properties were not built with car ownership in mind. Jerry Dronsfield noted that there was more available parking in Glanton than in many equivalent communities.

No other matters were raised by parishioners.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd June 2024 were agreed as a true record.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd June 2024

1.4.1 The Causeway development site – Jon Radgick had sent a strong protest at the way the application had been processed. No response received.

1.4.2 Jon Radgick had written to Highways expressing the PC's support for the stones on the grass verges in the absence of footways in that area. No reply received. Jerry Dronsfield suggested writing to the CEO to complain about the lack of replies.

1.4.3 Parish Plan Survey – Postpone until New Year.

1.4.4 Jon Radgick had chased the repairs on footpath 3. They are on the list to be done but with no timescale.

1.4.5 The damaged sign on the Powburn Road has still not been repaired.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Planning

2.1.1 Current planning applications.

2.1.1.1 24/02246/LBC Town Farm 20 Front Street: 3 matters including improving vehicle entrance. No objections from PC.

2.1.2 Review of the Parish Plan:

2.1.2.1 Proposed footpath to Powburn: Jon Radgick had spoken to May Wilson, Chair of Hedgeley Parish Council. She agreed a footpath was a good idea. Jon had emailed Cllr Steven Bridgett about how to proceed. No reply received. Susan Rogers reported that Funding for Farmers had just come out which could pay £77 per 100 metres to provide and maintain a footpath for 5 years, or £158 for a route for cycles and horses. This could apply if a path was constructed inside the hedge. It is an aspiration that all villages should be connected to the next village by paths.

2.1.2.2 Prescriptions from Wooler Health – impracticable to have them delivered to the shop at present. They are dropped off at Hedgeley garage by a member of staff on their way home.

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. Jon Radgick to chase.

2.2.2 Interactive speed sign – As part of the St Margaret's Place development, there is a requirement to erect a sign. Jon Radgick proposed that it should be sited approaching the

village on the Powburn Road. It would require Planning approval. The PC would be responsible for it after 2 years.

2.2.3 Intrusion onto the village green by developer's materials – more and more of the village green is being spoilt. Jon Radgick will write to the developer requiring him to restore the area.

2.2.4 The new steps have been installed at 9 Front St and Jackie Doxford had offered the old stones for another seat. The offer was declined as the seats already located on the approaches to the village are rarely used.

2.3 Environmental Issues

2.3.1 Removal of gate on footpath to Whittingham – Highways had no objections. Brian Wood also approved and removed the gate.

2.3.2 Further planting on West Turnpike bank – Jerry Dronsfield will plant bulbs in October. He will bring his proposal to the September meeting.

2.3.3 Village Clean Up – Sweeper will come round on 6th August. Village Clean Up on weekend of 3rd-4th August to be advertised in the Gleaner.

2.4 Shawdon Hall Estate Permissive Footpath

No response from Shawdon Hall Estate to follow up reminder from Jon Radgick.

2.5 Local Transport Plan Bids

It's time to put in the Parish bids. Last year we requested village gateways, this was not approved. One was installed as a replacement when the 30mph limit was relocated.

Angus Collingwood-Cameron has investigated the cost – approx. £600 each. Highways permission would be required.

Jerry Dronsfield suggested we may get a gateway as a replacement for the damaged Powburn Road sign.

It was agreed that the footways within the village were the highest priority as many of the surfaces were breaking up, are uneven or have steep cambers.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming village activities.

3.1.1 The Glanton Show, 10th August. New site. Pay gate will be for pedestrians. Cars will be parked first. More volunteers needed for car parking and pay gates.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

Jon Radgick had visited the BT exhibition trailer regarding the withdrawal of copper wire phone lines. BT have realised they cannot achieve full copper removal and maintain emergency communications for isolated and vulnerable persons. BT will now make changes at the exchange and existing copper lines to houses will still be used where there is no

Broadband connection to the property. Those phones will still work during a powercut as long as the exchange has power. Implementation due in Spring next year.

3.3 Correspondence received

3.3.1 The street audit received from Norman Wright was discussed under item 1.2

3.3.2 NALC civility and respect pledge – a 16 page code of conduct for Councillors. All agreed that everyone should be treated with civility and respect. Jon Radgick proposed that the PC adopt the pledge. Agreed.

3.3.3 Defibrillator – Peter Lake is trying to source a replacement defibrillator and cabinet from the ambulance service. If not available, Glenn Martin can obtain one through a charity for a donation.

3.3.4 County have sent a review on Public Rights of Way. Jon Radgick will circulate by email for comment. This covers public footpaths but not village pavements/footways. Sue Rogers noted that Public Rights of Way including footpaths are shown on the definitive map.

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

4.1.1 The current accounts were noted.

4.1.2 The Gleaner – Ray Hunt has been producing the Gleaner free of charge but is no longer able to do so. Cost will now be £60 per issue. Agreed.

4.1.3 The insurance premium will be due soon. The invoice has not been received yet.

4.1.4 The Internal audit and AGAR reporting requirements were accepted and approved.

4.2 Use of funds for village improvements

No suggestions received following request in the Gleaner. Reminder to go in this month's Gleaner.

Suggestions so far – Defibrillator and cabinet, village gateways, and electric vehicle chargers.

Angus Collingwood-Cameron has suggested planting oak trees along the Whittingham Road. John Radgick has spoken to Brian Wood, the landowner. He has no objections but noted the trees may sustain damage during hedge cutting. Sue Rogers noted there may be funding available for trees.

Jon requested help with delivery of the Gleaner. Andrew McKendrick and Jerry Dronsfield volunteered to assist.

4.3 Retirement of the clerk

Nothing to report.

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

No new items raised.

4.5 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings – all commencing at 7.00pm

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

Signed

Chairman, Glanton Parish Council

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