

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00pm on Monday 27th January 2025.

Present:

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

Minutes: Wendy Gains

Members of Public: Dianne Johnston; Richard Verrill; Caroline Chandler; Elaine Craze; and Norman Wright

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 Jerry Dronsfield and Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron.

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

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

1.2.1. Elaine Craze requested that a grit bin be installed in or near Mount View. The pavements around there have been treacherous of late. There used to be one years ago. Jon Radgick will enquire if NCC would keep it filled if GPC provide a bin.

1.2.2. Elaine Craze asked if visibility could be improved at the junction with the A697. Jon Radgick noted that the hedge that had previously been cut right down had now grown back and was again obscuring the view. George Dodds, who owns the corner field, will be asking NCC if he can remove the hedge and replace it with one inside his fence line.

1.2.3. 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII.

Richard Verrill said the Glanton Memorial Hall Committee intended to do something to mark VE day and VJ day. VE day is generally more widely commemorated but within Glanton, VJ day is more significant to families of those who served. Richard suggested a joint committee with representatives from the hall committee, the Parish Council and other volunteers to steer events. John Guiry will represent the PC. The next GMH committee meeting will take place on 10th February.

Suggested activities include a tea dance to be held on VJ day 15th August or on Saturday 16th August and a WI celebration cake.

Caroline Chandler noted the official suggested VE80 commemorations include a flag raising at 09.00hrs; Singing 'I vow to thee my country'; and a beacon lighting at 21.00hrs.

Richard Verill will arrange a commemoration committee meeting and advertise it to volunteers through the Gleaner.

Jon Radgick proposed the PC provide a sum of money towards the costs of events. Agreed.

Richard Verrill said he is considering another low noise fireworks display.

John Guiry noted he would like the village to have a higher profile Remembrance in November in all years.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th November 2024

No matters raised.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Planning

2.1.1 Current planning applications.

2.1.1.1 24/03849/FUL Glamping Pods at Glanton Pyke – no comment submitted by PC.

2.2 Highway Issues

2.2.1 Leak on West Turnpike west of Old School: Fixed by NCC! Problem was found to be a broken and blocked pipe.

2.2.2 Damaged sign on Powburn Road – Still unrepaired after nearly a year.

2.3 Environmental Issues

2.3.1 The planted Christmas tree on the bank looks a bit scrubby but, with the lights on, looked good. A new set of coloured lights were bought for £44.98. Two sets of white lights were donated.

2.3.2 War Memorial – John Guiry suggested the area around the memorial could be enhanced for the period around Remembrance Day with a display of two or three soldier silhouettes either side of the memorial and a display of poppies. He will take ideas to the VE/VJ 80 commemoration meeting.

2.3.3 Trees on West Turnpike – the large ash tree has been made safe. Angus Collingwood-Cameron reported that others further along the road are scheduled to be dealt with too.

2.3.4 During storm Eowyn, the gable end of one of the new build houses in St Margaret's Place collapsed outwards, sucked out by the wind. Jon Radgick has reported this to NCC Building Control as the damage may suggest a fault in the standard of construction.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming village activities.

None noted. The cancelled ceilidh has not yet been rescheduled.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

No meetings attended.

3.3 Correspondence received

None of interest.

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

4.1.1 The current accounts had been circulated and were noted. The apparent overspend was down to two payments of £400 carried forward from last year.

The following payments were authorised:

Christmas tree lights £44.98

Trimming shrubs on bank below Christmas tree £25

Mowing footpath towards Whittingham for 2024 £100 (reimbursed by NCC)

Coquetdale Cluster fee £11.72

4.2 Retirement of the Chairman

Notes on the roles of Chairman and clerk; and a list of other tasks that can be undertaken by Members had been circulated. Jon is willing to continue mowing the footpath to Whittingham. The Christmas tree needs adding to the list of tasks. Recruiting a new clerk is essential.

John Guiry volunteered to stand as Chairman. He may also know someone who would take the role of Parish Clerk.

New signatories are required for banking purposes as Jon Radgick is retiring as Chairman and John Lang has left the Council. John Guiry, Angus Collingwood-Cameron and Andrew McKendrick all volunteered. Jon Radgick to action.

Sue Rogers asked if Sandra Natrass was willing to continue to keep an eye on planning applications. Jon said that would pass to the new clerk.

4.3 Use of funds for village improvements

4.3.1 Trees – Craig Auchinachie reported that he and Jerry Dronsfield had considered sites along Playwell Road. The wide verge on the right on the way out of the village was suitable. A mix of beech and oak trees was suggested. A big tree that had come down near the stone bench could be replaced. There were other sites down towards the Play Well. Jon Radgick noted that the copse above the Play Well is owned by George Dodds.

Angus Collingwood-Cameron suggested that as an Oak features on the village flag and the trees on the Causeway are Oaks, any new trees should be oaks. John Guiry thought the new trees should be oaks or multiple species.

Craig Auchinachie said no viable sites had been found on Whittingham Road.

Jon Radgick will contact NCC Highways and George Dodds regarding potential sites.

4.4 Retirement of the clerk

Discussed above.

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

No new items.

4.6 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings – all commencing at 7.00pm

- Monday 31st March 2025
- Monday 19th May 2025
- Monday 28th July 2025
- Monday 29th September 2025
- Monday 24th November 2025

Signed

Chairman, Glanton Parish Council

Date