

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton at 7.00pm on Monday 31st March 2025.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Jon Radgick (Chairman); Craig Auchenachie; John Guiry; Mrs Susan Rogers; Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron; Andrew McKendrick; Ms Lisa Chisholm; and Glenn Martin. Jerry Dronsfield joined the meeting half way through.

Minutes: Wendy Gains

Members of Public: Norman Wright & Karen Weech.

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 or grants of dispensation.

Lisa Chisholm and Glenn Martin were co-opted to the vacancies.

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

1.2.1. Norman Wright thanked the Council for the work undertaken for the Parish.

1.2.2. Norman Wright requested the Council consider entering the village for the Britain in Bloom competition or for those people interested to have a co-ordinated open gardens day where otherwise secluded gardens could be viewed by the public. Jon Radgick to look into it and gauge interest through an article in The Gleaner.

1.2.3. Norman Wright reported that he had counted 18 dead birds (crows) in the two fields either side of the A697 immediately south of The Causeway junction (only the field to the west of the A697 is within the Parish). The birds had been shot and placed in the fields to deter other birds from eating the sown seeds. He said that although this is not illegal, guidelines say landowners should try other methods of bird control before resorting to killing them. He requested the Parish Council write to the land owner – the Shawdon Estate asking them to adopt an alternative bird deterrent.

The ensuing discussion concentrated on the huge losses of crops attributed to birds; the loss of ground nesting bird eggs and chicks to crow predation and the legality of the practice. It was concluded that: crows are a costly nuisance to farmers; the practice is not illegal; and it was not for the Parish Council to object. Individuals should write to the land owner if they felt strongly that the practice should be stopped.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th January 2025 were agreed as a true record.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th January 2025

No matters raised.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Planning

2.1.1 Current planning applications: The application to replace the Memorial Hall roof with solar tiles has been withdrawn. This was due to the additional costs associated with the requirement for a bat survey and the additional fee to resubmit the application.

2.2 Highway Issues

2.2.1 Damaged sign on Powburn Road – Still not repaired.

2.2.2 Temporary tarmac repairs on Front Street – will be properly re-laid after later works completed.

2.3 Environmental Issues

To consider any environmental improvements needed within the parish.

2.3.1 Proposal for trees on Playwell Road – Highways ask that they be planted not within 4m of the road and spaced 10m apart.

Craig Auchinachie noted that this would allow about 8 trees to be planted on the hedge line.

Jon Radgick said there is a long sweep of hedge planted on a 3-4ft high bank. Could trees be planted on the bank almost in the hedge?

John Guiry asked what is the spacing of the oaks along the Causeway? Highways did not object to this, therefore they must consider the spacing to be reasonable.

Susan Collinwood Cameron noted that future maintenance liability would rest with the landowner if the trees were planted within the hedge line and with Highways if planted on the verge.

It was agreed that following discussion with the landowner, Artie Hunter, a plan would be made for the planting season Nov – March avoiding any area that may affect drains.

2.3.2 The damage that occurred during storm Eowyn to the gable end of a house under construction in St Margaret's Place was reported to NCC Building Control who said they would look into it.

2.3.3 Grit bin for Mount View – NCC wont pay for one. They only provide them where there are slopes. A bin would cost £100-£120 +VAT. Cost to fill – approx. £220 +VAT. Lisa Chisolm offered the grit bin currently in front of the pub to Mount View if they want it, but the residents would have to supply their own grit.

2.3.4 The resident in Simonside Cottage was concerned that one of the new houses has been named Simonside, which may lead to confusion. The Post Office is responsible for registering and approving house names.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming village activities.

Glanton Memorial Hall:

Sat 5th April, 7pm, Wild Cloudberry.

Weds 23rd April, 6-8pm, Demonstration of Games – Corn Hole, Soft Archery and others

Thurs 8th May, 9.30am, VE Day 80 Commemoration at Flag Pole

Sat 5th July, 7pm, Ceilidh (rescheduled)

Fri 15th August, VJ Day 80 Commemoration at Flag Pole

Beacon on Glanton Hill tbc

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

3.2.1 No meetings attended.

3.2.2 Online training: Preparing for AGAR. 10am 9th April. Details available from Jon Radgick.

3.3 Correspondence received

None to discuss.

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

4.1.1 The current accounts had been circulated and were noted.

4.1.2 The following payments were authorised:

Two flags for VE and VJ Day 80 Commemorations: £23.96

4.2 Retirement of the Chairman

4.2.1 Arrangements for making bank payments – John Lang is no longer a signatory. Angus Collingwood Cameron, John Guiry and Andrew McKendrick are all signatories. Jon Radgick will continue as a signatory until the completion of the audit.

4.2.2 Handover to new Chairman – Jon Radgick is compiling comprehensive notes for John Guiry and will distribute them to all members.

4.3 Use of funds for village improvements

Nothing new for consideration.

4.4 Retirement of the clerk

John Guiry is hopeful he has a candidate.

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

Signed

Chairman, Glanton Parish Council

Date