

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Glanton Parish Council was held on Monday, 30th January, 2012 in the Memorial Hall. The following councillors were present: Mr J Radgick (chairman), Mr N Dunn (clerk), Mrs S Collingwood-Cameron, Mr J Guiry, Mr J Lang, Mr G Dodds, Mr A Collingwood-Cameron, Mrs S Rogers, Mr J Easton.

Members of the public present: Mr M Mason, Miss N Frater (newsletter editor).

The meeting was opened to the public to discuss the possibility of accepting advertising for the newsletter as a result of an approach from a commercial operator. Various possible uses of an income stream from advertising were discussed but it was agreed that everyone was satisfied with the newsletter and that there was no need for change at the moment unless the editor asked for one to be considered.

The public meeting was closed and the parish council meeting began.

1. **Public questions:** there were no questions from the public.
2. **Apologies for absence:** there were no apologies for absence.
3. **Declaration of interests:** there were no declarations of interest.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** the minutes were agreed and signed as an accurate record.
5. **Matters arising:**
 - *Speeding* – Cllr Bridgett is hopeful that he may be able to buy an interactive speed warning sign . Glanton would get a turn of using it and would contribute to the running costs. John Lang suggested that the 30mph limit should be extended further along West Turnpike so that all the houses were within the zone. This request had been made in the past and the police had turned it down.
 - *Tender for public footpath maintenance* – no action possible as awaiting response from the insurance company.
 - *Wooden seat* – John Radgick reported that this will fit in front of the shop. Robert has agreed to it being placed there, attached by chains to the vent pipes. The flower trough can be painted and the plinth on which it stands can be repaired.
 - *Stone seat on Playwell Road* – John Guiry has found the stone used as the bench, part of it has broken off but it is still long enough to be used. He will put it back on. John Radgick offered to strim around this seat when he does the others.
 - *Posts marking the village green* – Two posts have been put up.
6. **Council Communications:** a full list had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

7. **Jubilee:** The following proposals were discussed:

- *An avenue of trees down Playwell Road* – George Dodds said there was insufficient space for an avenue but he believes that 15-20 trees could be planted between the 30mph sign and the sheep shed. He would investigate costs.

Action George Dodds

- *A planter on the wide verge opposite The Juries.* Sheila Hunter and Pat Graves have offered to maintain this. A stone trough or a small enclosing wall were considered, and a quote is needed.

Action Jon Radgick

- *Replace the pole on Glanton Hill* – it was agreed that a thick telegraph or electricity pole should be put up and that a brass plate made to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. This would be fixed to it along with the other two from earlier jubilees. It was agreed to ask NEDL if they would donate a pole.

Action John Guiry and Jon Radgick.

- *A beacon to burn on Glanton Hill to mark the celebrations* - John Guiry, the owner of the land affected, was not keen on a bonfire. A bright light from a mercury vapour moth trap was thought to be more suitable.

Action George Dodds

- *A bell that could be rung on special occasions from the church* – this idea came from Richard Verrill who had found that there was evidence that one of the bells used to be rung with a rope. He offered to re-instate it. This was considered to be appropriate to the Jubilee celebrations but was primarily a matter for the church Elders.

Action Jon Radgick.

- *The party* – it was agreed that a party should be held in the Memorial Hall. Joe Easton offered to help organize it. Angus Collingwood-Cameron and John Lang offered to help in advance of the day as neither would be in Glanton on the day itself. It was hoped that others from the village would help as well.

8. **Bus Shelter Bench:** it was reported that an estimate of £168.69 for a stained wooden bench on the short side of the shelter, facing west so the approach of the bus can be seen, had been received. It was **resolved** that this work should go ahead.

Action Jon Radgick

9. **Risk Assessment:** this had been prepared by Norman Dunn. It was reviewed and found satisfactory. [See appendix]

10. **Spring near Kissing Gate:** an estimate for £365.74 had been received for a 6m long, 2m wide walkway with the decking covered in chicken wire. It would also cover the need to turn around the kissing gate. A non-slip alternative to chicken wire was suggested. As the surface of a ROW is the responsibility of the highway authority, NCC would be asked to contribute a half share. An approach would also be made to the owner and tenant of the field. It was **resolved** to go ahead with this work.

Action Jon Radgick

11. **Meetings attended:** nothing to report.
12. **Finance:** budget variations were approved. [See appendix]
13. **Village Activities:**
 - 24 February Race Night in aid of Glanton Show. 6.30pm Fish & Chips.
7.0pm First race.It is hoped to hold a Northumberland Night later in the year.
14. **Planning:** the application for changes at Dene House has been approved.
15. **AOB:**
 - *Northumbrian Water* – a letter of complaint about the frequency of problems with the water supply to the village would be drafted on behalf of the parish council
Action Angus Collingwood-Cameron
 - *Resignation of Norman Dunn* – Norman Dunn announced that he wants to stand down as a councillor. That can take effect at any convenient time for the council but within six months. If it helps he can continue the temporary clerk role for six months either as a councillor or unpaid clerk. Jon Radgick expressed the gratitude of the parish council for the work that Norman has done in this role. It was agreed that it may be necessary to advertise for a paid clerk.
 - *Thanks from Linda Lazenby* – a letter had been received for the plate and garden vouchers that the parish council had given to Linda as a leaving present.
 - *Bailiffgate* – a letter had been received from Bailiffgate Museum in Alnwick asking Glanton parish council if they would like to be part of a Heritage Lottery Bid that they are preparing. Susan Rogers reported that the Glanton Heritage Group was already working with them. Research on house histories was one idea that had been put forward.

Date of next meeting: Monday 26th March 2012 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall