

Glanton Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall, Glanton following the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 19th May 2025.

Present:

Parish Councillors: John Guiry (Chairman); Mrs Susan Collingwood-Cameron; Ms Lisa Chisholm; Glenn Martin; Jerry Dronsfield and Angus Collingwood Cameron.

Minutes: Wendy Gains

Members of Public: Ray Huntly; Caroline Chandler; Norman Wright; & Gill Whiting.

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 Mrs Susan Rogers.

No declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

Angus Collingwood Cameron was co-opted to the vacancy.

1.2 Parishioners' Questions

1.2.1. Norman Wright noted that the area around the flagpole was very weedy, the stone work needs cleaning, the area looks dilapidated and uncared for.

John Guiry agreed and said he wanted to look at tidying the whole area, to get it back under control.

Gill Whiting noted that the various flowerbeds around the village were cared for by different individuals. Could the volunteers meet up with other interested persons with a view to co-ordinating their activities and include the area around the flagpole?

John Guiry to approach the volunteers and put an article in the Gleaner.

1.2.2. Caroline Chandler, a Trustee of the Memorial Hall, said that the trustees will be reapplying for planning permission for solar panels on the hall roof. A bat survey had been undertaken the previous week.

1.2.3. Caroline Chandler said the footpath down the side of the new houses towards Whittingham needs mowing – it is mown periodically as required.

Gill Whiting noted that the public right of way sign needs replacing and a stile further down the path needed repair. This was reported on Fix My Street. John Guiry will raise issue with NCC.

1.2.4. Dog Poo is again an issue around the village, especially on Playwell Road. A reminder to dog owners to pick up after their dogs to be issued in the Gleaner.

1.2.5. Norman Wright noted that no one had come forward in response to an article in the Gleaner to have an Open Gardens Day in the village.

1.2.6 Norman Wright had collected names on a petition for street lights to be turned off for a few hours each night. He read a statement on the proposed benefits and asked the Parish Council to take the matter to NCC.

Angus Collingwood-Cameron recalled there were technical issues preventing this. Jerry Dronsfield added that the cost of installing timers outweighed the potential savings.

To be added to agenda of next meeting.

1.2.7. Caroline Chandler said she had not been reimbursed for the cost of the VE/VJ80 Flags. Payment will be made on submission of the invoice.

1.2.8. Gill Whiting raised the issue of speeding traffic in the village, especially on West Turnpike where she believed the 30ph limit was often exceeded; and on the bank down from Powburn.

The builder of St Margaret's Place is to instal an electronic speed sign on the bank. Highways have been asked where it should be positioned.

Highways had conducted a speed survey on all access routes which showed high compliance to the 30mph limit. Gill Whiting noted that the raised stone flower bed outside her house has been hit twice by vehicles entering the village. She will contact Highways direct.

Jerry Dronsfield noted that a GPC request to move the 30mph signs further out from the village had been declined and even the police had not approved.

1.2.9. Gill Whiting asked if there was a limitation on the working hours of the logging lorries that drive through the village day and night. Not known. She will take this to Highways.

1.2.10. The condition of the footpath on West Turnpike was raised. This had been one of GPC's priorities sent to Highways but there had been no indication on when or if they will carry out repairs.

1.2.11. Gill Whiting asked if police, etc were invited to the GPC meetings. Police are invited. NCC Cllr Steven Bridgett is invited but has only attended once.

1.2.12. Ray Huntly asked when the precept is set. GPC could apply for more money to undertake projects.

Jerry Dronsfield noted that this would put a higher financial burden on parishioners.

It was also noted that maintenance of infrastructure such as drainage was insufficient as silt traps are frequently blocked.

1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting

1.3.1 The draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31st March 2025 were agreed as a true record.

1.4 An update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 31st March 2025

No matters raised.

2: Items for discussion and potential decisions

2.1 Planning

2.1.1 No new applications.

2.2 Highway Issues

2.2.1 Drainage on Powburn Road needs clearing. John Guiry to report.

2.2.2 Damaged sign on Powburn Road – Still not repaired.

2.3 Environmental Issues

To consider any environmental improvements needed within the parish.

2.3.1 Proposal for trees on Playwell Road – John Guiry will talk to the landowner, Artie Hunter, to plan where to plant trees in the planting season Nov – March avoiding any area that may affect drains.

2.3.2 Wildflower bank on Powburn Road – a lot of weed and briar coming through. Jerry Dronsfield noted that it shouldn't be cut until August.

Jerry Dronsfield noted that the area around the flagpole could be improved by removing some of the shrubs but suggested the wildflower banks should be maintained.

John Guiry suggested that, following the earlier discussion under 1.2.1. a site meeting with interested volunteers be arranged. Lisa Chisholm proposed a Gleaner article inviting people to a meeting. Jerry Dronsfield offered to lead and will propose a Saturday or Sunday morning meeting.

3: Items for Information

3.1 Forthcoming village activities.

Glanton Memorial Hall:

VE Day 80 Commemoration at Flag Pole followed by refreshments at hall was well attended, as was the evening pooled supper. A display of WWII related items was set up in the Johnston Room. The proposed beacon on Glanton Hill was cancelled due to the dry weather and high wild fire risk.

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

Fri 15th August, VJ Day 80 Commemoration – meeting on 20th May which John Guiry will attend.

Remembrance Day: John Guiry suggested the flagpole/memorial area be decorated with poppies, soldier silhouettes, etc. To be discussed at next meeting.

3.2 Details of any meetings attended by Councillors or the clerk

3.2.1 No meetings attended.

3.3 Correspondence received

None to discuss.

4: Administration

4.1 Finance

4.1.1 To note the current accounts for FY 2025/2026 and to authorise any payments.
Deferred to next meeting.

4.2 Annual Governance and Accountability return for 2024/2025

4.2.1 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the Internal Auditor (to follow).

A couple of minor errors identified had been corrected. Otherwise, all was ok.

4.2.2. To approve the Annual Governance Statement (draft copy attached).
Agreed by email post meeting.

4.2.3. To approve the draft annual accounts for 2025/2026 (draft copy attached).
Agreed by email post meeting.

4.2.4 To approve the Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances (draft copies attached).
Agreed by email post meeting.

4.2.5 To approve the Certificate of Exemption (draft copy attached).
Agreed by email post meeting.

4.3 Policies - To review and adopt the Risk Register and Assets Register.

Reviewed – no update required.

4.4 Use of funds for village improvements

Review at precept time.

4.5 Retirement of the clerk

John Guiry has a possible candidate.

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

None other than those identified above.

4.7 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings – all commencing at 7.00pm

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

Meeting ended 8.20pm.

Signed

Chairman, Glanton Parish Council

Date

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