

GLANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Glanton Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at the Glanton Memorial Institute Hall.

Present:

Councillors: John Gruiry (Chair) Andrew McKendrick, Glenn Martin, Sue Rogers, Susan Collingwood-Cameron

Clerk: Sarah Trushell

Members of the public: 4

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs A. Collingwood-Cameron and Jerry Dronsfield

2. Election of Chair

Cllr Gruiry was elected Chair of the Council for the 2026/27 municipal year.

3. Signing of Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Gruiry signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.

4. Election of the Vice Chair

Cllr A. Collingwood-Cameron was elected Vice Chair of the Council for the 2026/27 municipal year.

5. Appointments to Working Groups and Committees

The Council noted that it does not currently have any committees or working groups.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Glanton Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at the Glanton Memorial Institute Hall.

Present:

Councillors: John Gruiry (Chair) Andrew McKendrick, Glenn Martin, Sue Rogers, Susan Collingwood-Cameron

Clerk: Sarah Trushell

1/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs A. Collingwood-Cameron and Jerry Dronsfield

2/26 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

3/26 Public Participation

The Council received comments regarding village planting proposals, traffic concerns and other parish matters.

4/26 Minutes of the Meeting of 25th March 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2026 were unanimously agreed as a true record. The Chair signed the minutes.

Signed as a true record _____ Dated _____

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5/26 Matters Arising

The Council noted that the new Parish Council website was now live. It was also noted that discussions were ongoing with Highways regarding traffic calming measures in the village.

6/26 Community Matters

a) Grass Strimming / Weed Spraying

It was agreed to ask Northumberland County Council whether verge spraying could be avoided and whether strimming could be used instead. Cllr Gruiry agreed to make enquiries regarding verge cutting and overhanging trees and hedges, and to report back.

b) Queens Head Public House

The Council considered the closure of the Queens Head public house and the potential nomination of the property as an Asset of Community Value. It was resolved in principle to submit an ACV nomination, but to allow the owner a short opportunity to sell the pub as a going concern before doing so. Cllr Gruiry agreed to speak to the owner.

7/26 Parish Council Administration Matters

a) AGAR 2025/26 Certificate of Exemption

It was resolved to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the year ended 31 March 2026.

b) Governance Documents

Consideration of the governance documents was deferred to the next meeting.

8/26 Financial Matters

a) Transaction Report

The list of transactions for the period was noted

b) Bank Reconciliation

The bank balance of £16,899.39 was noted.

c) Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were authorised:

Clerk's Wages (amount redacted)

NALC Subscription

9/26 Date of Next and Future Meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **15 July 2026**.

The Council agreed to leave arrangements for a September meeting to be considered later.