

Minutes of the Meeting of Glatton Parish Council Held on 26th February 2016

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Paul Cole (PC)

Brian Hackman (BH)

Gill Denton (GD)

8 residents of Glatton attended the meeting. Councillor Darren Tysoe attended the meeting (arriving at 7.25pm)

1. Apologies

There are no apologies

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2016 were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

7) The debris behind the metal grill in the culvert on the B660 has been cleared.

4. Speed Calming and Community Speed Watch

Speed Watch has been quiet during the winter months, but it will re commence now that spring is here to once or twice per week. It has been noticed that speeding vehicles have been on the increase during the winter months and the only way to reinforce the speed limits is by getting out with the speed watch equipment.

BH commented that the speed signs might be more effective with the pseudo gate effect (as in Holme) but the verges in Glatton are probably not wide enough to accommodate this.

5. National Lottery Funding for Speed Watch Equipment

Currently the speed watch equipment is shared between Glatton and two other villages and this may change so that we would only have the use of the equipment once in every six weeks. National Lottery funding is available to purchase speed watch equipment. Lottery funding allows applications for up to £10,000. Any Lottery money would have to be paid into the Parish bank account. The Parish would not own the equipment and would still share it with other villages. It may be possible to charge a small rental fee to cover any extra insurance cost incurred as a result. Councillors happy in principle. PC to go ahead with the application.

6. Defibrillator

An application was made to the British Heart Foundation for a grant to purchase a defibrillator for the village. Unfortunately the funding has run out and we were advised that we can apply again in April. However as a result of the investigation it became apparent that St. Georges owned a defibrillator that was not being used and with the permission of the ambulance service it was agreed that this would be made available for the use of the whole community by placing it outside the village hall. PW surprised BH by presenting the defibrillator to him and local photographer Terry Brignall was on hand to take a photograph to mark the occasion. The Council agreed to purchase the necessary coded box so that the defibrillator can be located outside the village hall at a cost of £660. Possibility of National Lottery funding being available for this but decided to go ahead with the purchase. The box uses a small amount of electricity to keep the battery charged and PW had previously agreed with the village hall committee that a hole can be drilled through the wall and plugged into the village hall electricity supply.

7. Queen's Birthday Celebration

National celebrations to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday will be taking place on 12th June. To celebrate the occasion in Glatton it has been proposed that a low key gathering of residents take place either on the Village Green. The bunting will be hung and anyone that would like to attend brings their own picnic. The event will be advertised via the Glatton web site and around the village. Keep Britain Tidy has launched a Clean for the Queen campaign to take place in March. Glatton does not have a litter problem so will not be organising any specific litter pick.

8. Glatton Village Fete

The annual Glatton Village Fete will be taking place on 18th June to be held on the lawn at St. Georges. Proceeds raised are divided between the Glatton Village Hall committee and St. Nichols Church. The council agreed to support the event by donating £25.00 towards a prize for the event.

9. Litter Bins

We have been notified by HDC that the two litter bins (by the bus stop and on the Green) are owned by the Parish Council and that from April 1st the responsibility for emptying the bins will become the Parish Councils. If we wish HDC to continue to empty the bins then the cost will be £252.64 per bin per year. No further action at this time.

10. Planning Applications

i) Change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house at Glatton Lodge Farm, Infield Road.

This is at barn conversion on a farm off the B660. There are no objections and the Council recommended approval.

ii) Double garage at Mill Cottage, Mill Hill.

Council require further clarification of the plans concerning the single storey link "orangery" between the house and the proposed garage. Clerk to contact HDC for clarification.

11. Finance Report

The balance in the current account is £762.93 and in the Business Reserve Account is £7,593.08.

12. Precept

The requested precept of £4,000 has been agreed and will be paid on 30th April. The Band D charge to cover the precept is £31.01.

13. Correspondence

i) Caresco have sent a letter of thanks for the £30 donation and have extended their invitation to have a guided tour of the Caresco centre and to join some of the clients for a cup of tea.

ii) The Local Government Boundary Commission has completed its review of Cambridgeshire County Council. A full copy of the report is available on the web site at www.lgbce.org.uk. The proposed changes will now be implemented subject to Parliamentary scrutiny and will provide for new electoral arrangements at the local elections in 2017.

Open Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting for those in attendance to raise any matters of concern.

i) Litter Bins – If the council are going to have to pay for the emptying of the bins then a larger covered bin should be considered to replace the bin on the Village Green.

Mr Tysoe suggested that the commercial services for emptying bins are fairly affordable.

ii) The District Council have frozen council tax again. They are re organising internally to cut unnecessary costs.

iii) Mr Tysoe to investigate whether the free bags of fertiliser are still available.

14. AOB

BH and GD will not be standing for re election and this is therefore their last meeting. BH thanked the village for all the kindness and presented a gavel and hammer to PW as a parting gift.

PW thanked BH and GD for their long service on the Parish Council and presented a memento to each of them. Terry Brignall marked the occasion with photographs which are available to view on the Glatton web site.

15. Date of Next Meeting - TBA

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

