

Minutes of the Meeting of Glatton Parish Council Held on 23rd February 2017

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)

Paul Cole (PC)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Carl Stretton (CS)

Neil Mundell-Phipps (NMP)

The meeting was attended by

6 residents of Glatton

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

1. Apologies

No Apologies

2. HACT Community transport

Unfortunately the representative from HACT was unable to attend the meeting. Clerk to either re book/ obtain HACT information to distribute. Information is also available on the HACT web site.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2016 were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.

4. Speed Calming and Community Speed Watch Report

Due to weather conditions, there have only been a couple of sessions so far this year. There have been a couple of changes to the rules and regulations and we are now able to report drivers at 35 miles an hour. Based on the sessions that we have had speeding has been reduced to around 10%.

Planning

i) Land at junction of Bullock Road

PW and NMP represented the Parish Council at the planning meeting held at Huntingdon District Council. The Parish Council proposed refusal of this application based on several inaccuracies in the original planning application, naively believing that the application would be amended with

corrections. However this was not the case. The planners did not consider the inaccuracies as detrimental to the planning application. The planning application has been passed. The lesson to be learnt is that as a Parish Council we need to list all the material objections to the application at the first opportunity because by the time it reaches HDC it would appear to be a fait accompli. The councillors did not appear to consider any of the material planning objections raised by PW. The comments and attitude of some of the district councillors was in fact totally out of order. SS of the view that this should be reported to HDC as a formal complaint.

ii) 9A Sawtry Road

Application is for a first floor extension over the existing bungalow, a single storey extension at the rear of the property and a garage at the front. The Parish Council recommended approval. The planning application has been passed with several conditions one of which is that there should be no development above slab level until the material to be used in the external surfaces of the extension has been submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

iii) 4 Sawtry Road

No planning application has yet been submitted. In December trees were cut down without permission and a cessation order was put on the property. The new owner of the property had employed a demolition company to clear the property. The new owner was not aware that the property is in a conservation area and the demolition company were over zealous in the clearing, cutting down the majority of the trees at the property. The trees have been examined and were deemed to have been of little value. It has been agreed that as part of the redevelopment of the property that the plot will be landscaped and the trees replaced.

6. Highway Issues

i) Church Path

Clerk reported the bad state of repair of the path which leads across the verge to the Church gate. The work to address the issue has been ordered and should be carried out within the next 4-6 weeks, depending on the weather conditions.

ii) The sign coming into the village and the sign at the corner of the cross roads have both been repaired. The Sawtry Road sign has been removed.

iii) Fly Tipping

Tyrone Mundell-Phipps (Glatton resident) reported the fly tipping around the village via the littergram app and all the items have now been collected. There is also another app that can be used called “fixmystreet”.

7. Telephone Box

Brian Hackman (Glatton resident) proposes that the telephone box on the village green could be put to good use as a book exchange and is happy to set it up and pay for any work that may be required. Parish Council unanimous in their agreement that Brian should organise this work and set the telephone box up as a book exchange.

8. Glatton Village Fete

Glatton Village fete will be on Saturday 3rd June 12pm-4pm. Parish Council agreed to donate £25.00 to buy a hamper as a raffle prize. Agreed that a figure of £100 will be put into the budget for 2017 to donate to good causes.

9. Finance report

The balance in the current account is £321.89 and in the Business Reserve Account is £7,597.97. Payments made include the annual bank charge of £25.00, Glatton Village Hall (hall hire) £90 and SLCC subs £48.00.

10. Precept

The requested precept of £4,000 has been agreed and will be paid on 30th April. The Council band charge is to cover the precept in Band D is £30.30.

11. Correspondence

The waste collection dates are changing from 27th February.

Open Meeting

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

The hedge on the corner of Infield Road and Sawtry Road is overgrown so much so that it is preventing access along the pavement. PW will deal with this.

Community transport – Disappointed that the HACT lady was unable to attend the meeting. We will obtain some information leaflets for distribution.

Potholes – Large potholes outside St Georges. Clerk to report potholes to Highways.

AOB

Hedgehogs – PW would like to propose a hedgehog task force headed up by youngsters from the village. Parish Council happy to support this idea and provide funds to subsidise the purchase of hedgehog houses. PC to approach Terry Brignall (Glatton resident) to advertise this on the Glatton Face Book page. PW to organise.

Date of next meeting – TBA

The meeting is closed at 7.50pm