

Glatton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on 12th May 2017

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)

Paul Cole (PC)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Carl Stretton (CS)

Neil Mundell-Phipps (NMP)

The meeting was attended by

2 residents of Glatton

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

1. Welcome

PW thanked the clerk for her hard work over the past year before standing down. The clerk opened the meeting and invited nominations for chairman.

2. Apologies

No apologies

3. Election of Chairman

PW elected as chairman (proposed by NMP and seconded by PC)

4. Election of Vice Chairman

PC elected as vice chairman (proposed by PW and seconded by SS)

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2017 were signed by the chairman as a true record of the proceedings.

6. Matters Arising

There are no matters arising that are not already on the agenda.

7. Community Speed Watch Report

Speed watch has been quiet and there haven't been any speed watch sessions since the last meeting. PC is looking for someone to help him with the organisation of speed watch sessions. PW thanked PC for all his hard work with speed watch which has had a considerable impact on the speeds of vehicles travelling through the village.

PC has looked into the possibility of ANPR cameras to track vehicles travelling through the village but problems include lack of infrastructure in the village and currently the cost is prohibitive.

8. Finance

i) Approval of Annual Governance Statements

The annual internal audit having been completed, the members reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal control. Approval proposed by PW and seconded by PC. Approval unanimous.

ii) Approval of Annual Accounting Statements

The internal audit having been completed the members considered and approved the accounting statements. Approval proposed by SS and seconded by PW. Approval unanimous.

iii) Finance Report

The balances are current account £321.89 and Business Reserve Account £ 11,597.22. The precept of £4,000 has been received. The only bank charge that is paid is a safe custody hold fee of £25.00 per annum.

iv) Budget

The budget for 2018-2019 has been started.

v) Assets Register

The assets register has been updated. The assets neither increase nor decrease in value. It is a replacement cost. They are currently valued at £10,403 and are insured for £10,000.

vi) Zurich Insurance Policy

The invoice for renewal has been received. The cost is £257.60. Clerk authorised to renew the insurance policy with Zurich and pay the premium.

9. Correspondence

Letter received from Huntingdon District Council concerning the tree strategy adopted in 2015. There is a legal requirement on parish councils to maintain any trees on land belonging to it and suggests that the council appoint a tree officer who would report back to the council on the state of health of any trees concerned and any work that may be required. The only trees that the parish council is responsible for are three trees on land outside Poets Rowe. The legal owner of the village green is Highways and therefore the trees on the green are their responsibility. CS volunteered to be the tree officer and will notify HDC. SS suggested that a notice be put on the web site highlighting the legal responsibilities of all tree owners of their responsibility to maintain the trees on their land.

10. AOB

PC - There is a new safety app “Trygve” that is a digital Neighbourhood Watch and allows users to alert others in the group of an incident that may be occurring in the village. This has already been adopted by Yaxley Neighbourhood Watch. The council agreed that following several incidents in the village that they would like to go ahead and adopt Trygve for Glatton. PC has volunteered to set up and run the group for Glatton and may be downloaded by searching for Trygve in the app store or Google Play or by visiting www.trygve.co.uk Any questions can be directed to PC at Paul.Cole@Glatton.org.uk It will be advertised via the web site.

PC has located “30 mile per hour” speed signs which can be attached to the side of the wheelie bin and are an extra alert to drivers travelling through the village on wheelie bin days. However on HDC waste policy it states that stickers cannot be attached to the wheelie bin. PC to make further investigations.

Residents are leaving their wheelie bins outside their properties which look unsightly. Residents to be encouraged to put away their wheelie bins after they have been emptied. Notice to be put onto the web site.

SS - Use of Parish funds to enhance the village, possibility of gated effect entrances to the village. Clerk to make enquiries with Highways.

PW - Hedgehog initiative will be headed up by Georgia Anderson. She has agreed to lead a group to convert Glatton into a hedgehog friendly zone. She is going to visit the hedgehog rescue centre at Shepreth to find out about the possibility of re introducing hedgehogs into Glatton subject to an assessment of the locations. The bird box initiative organised and coordinated by Terry Brignall has been a success with several of the bird boxes now inhabited by new residents.

Open Meeting

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

i) The property at 4 Sawtry Road is in a terrible mess and asked is there any possibility of it being tidied up? Planning application has not yet been received from HDC. It is probably a case of just being patient.

ii) There was an attempted burglary at a resident's property recently. The police arrived very quickly. They have now installed security cameras, but supports the Trygve initiative as a great idea and an extra line of support. Who is going to respond to any call is something to be thought about and to be investigated further, however if the emergency button is pressed then the first reaction must be to call 999.

11. Date of next meeting

Friday 8th September at 7pm

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

