

Minutes of the Meeting of Glatton Parish Council Held on 15th September 2017

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)

Paul Cole (PC)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Carl Stretton (CS)

Neil Mundell-Phipps (NMP)

The meeting was attended by 4 residents of Glatton

1. Apologies

No apologies

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th May 2017 were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

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

4. Community Speed Watch Report

PC presented the report. NMP has taken over the organisation of the speed watch sessions. After a quiet summer and following the resolution of some speed watch kit issues the speed watch sessions are up and running again. We are looking for more volunteers to be trained to support speed watch. Speed watch report attached showing that when the sessions are running the speeding trend is reduced and when there is a gap in sessions the trend increases. However speeding is definitely lower as a result of the speed watch campaign so consider it to be a success.

5. Planning Applications

17 Infield Road - Extension to join the property to the garage which cannot be seen from the road. No objections recommend approval of the application.

Glatton House – Unanimous decision of the council to recommend refusal to the building of a detached house in the grounds of Glatton House, because of the impact that it would have at the centre of the village on the heart of the conservation area.

6. Hedgehog Report

During the summer PW raised the imitative of attempting to make Glatton a more hedgehog friendly village and hoped that this would be led by the younger generation in the village. Unfortunately there has been very little response, and as it is now coming up to hibernation time there will not be anything happening now until the spring.

7. LHI Bid

Following the last meeting the clerk has looked into the possibility of installing white gates in the verges at the entrances to the village as a further deterrent to speeding. The speed reducing effect is highest when the gates are first installed and the benefit reduces over time. They would become the asset of the Parish council and Cambridgeshire would not be responsible for their maintenance. A road safety audit is also required. The cost for a pair of gates with village welcome signs vary between £4,000 and £6,000. The deadline for the LHI bid is 15th October. PC's research shows that the gates have little if any effect on speeding traffic, however there is also an aesthetic benefit to the village. If several pairs of gates were ordered at the same time one would assume that the cost for the road safety audit and installation would be just one cost not four times the cost. The current speed reduction road markings have worn away and require repainting which can be included in any LHI bid. PC to make application for LHI bid for gates with the offer of 10% contribution from the Parish Council.

8. Finance

The balance in the current account is £1,443.27 and the balance in the business reserve account is £9,597.57. There is £100 in the budget for charitable donations so consideration should be given to which charities the council wish to support. Also NMP is going to organise defibrillator training. The annual return has come back from the external auditors with no comments and will now be published on the notice board and web site.

9. Correspondence

i) Community gritting scheme – volunteers are being offered community gritting training. PW and CS will complete the forms and volunteer to be trained. Parish Council will agree specific routes that are important to be gritted which are the path along Sawtry Road and the paths leading to the Church.

ii) Cambridgeshire Highways Depot open day – 10am-4pm on Tuesday 3rd October at Huntingdon Highways depot. PW will attend on behalf of Glatton.

iii) NMP is going to distribute a leaflet asking for more volunteers for speed watch and also to advertise one or two sessions of CPR/ defibrillator training.

iv) The owner of the property adjacent to the Denton bridleway has started to build a tree house in one of the trees in his boundary. The question has been asked as to whether planning permission is required for this project. The issue has been raised with HDC and have been pointed in the direction of two web sites. Having looked at the web site the view is that planning consent is probably required. Clerk to request HDC to send out the enforcement officer.

v) Letter from Una Miller raising the issue of cars parking on the piece of land outside Glatton House on 4th August and also a suggestion that the footpath on the corner of Infield Road and High Haden Road be continued to join with the footpath leading to the church gate. The date that the cars were parked outside Glatton House was the date of a big wedding in the Church which is not a regular occurrence. White plastic posts which would be the only acceptable deterrent would detract from the aesthetic aspect of a property at the heart of the conservation area. Suggestion that if there is a large event taking place at the Church that no parking signs will be placed on the grass in question. Is there any possibility of an extension to the footpath being included in the LHI bid? PC will investigate. Clerk will respond to Una Miller.

Open Meeting

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

The Church verger has volunteered to place no parking signs on the grass area outside Glatton House when any large event is taking place at the Church.

Regarding the hedgehog initiative Carole Green has volunteered to help by putting items on the Glatton web site.

Resident commented that with regard to any LHI bid application to extend the footpath outside Glatton House, make this a separate application to the application for white gates so that there is a chance of being successful in at least one of the applications.

Resident believes that the village is looking very untidy, the property at 4 Sawtry Road has become an eye sore as well as several properties in Glatton with hedges and trees encroaching up on the footpaths and the footpaths being weedy and unkempt and would ask what the Parish Council intends to do? NMP will initially include a section in the leaflet drop regarding the importance of keeping the boundaries of their property and the village in general tidy.

10. AOB

i) It has been pointed out that a lot of the properties in Glatton have houses with names rather than numbers. CS has volunteered to make a map showing the properties location by name, rather than numbers, to be put on the web site.

ii) Trygve app has had a few more people signed up to it, but fortunately there have been no major alerts. Carole Green receives the neighbourhood watch reports and puts them on the web site.

11. Date of Next Meeting

November 24th at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.15pm