

Minutes of Meeting of Glatton Parish Council Held on 8th December 2017

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)

Paul Cole (PC)

Carl Stretton (CS)

Neil Mundell-Phipps (NMP)

The meeting was attended by 4 members of Glatton.

1. Apologies

Stephen Smith sent his apologies

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 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.

There have been 16 sessions of speed watch since May at random times and in random places although the two main locations are on the corner of Church Street and Infield Road and on Sawtry Road (south bound). There are going to be more sessions coming up including some Saturday sessions. There will be a timetable going out to the speed watch volunteers. All the glitches with the speed watch kit have now been rectified.

5. Defibrillator Training

12 people attended the defibrillator training on 18th November. The Thursday session was cancelled due to lack of interest. Tom's invoice for the training hasn't been received yet. One set of defibrillator pads were out of date and the second were close to their use by date. The pads have now been replaced, and these are valid until July 2020.

6. LHI Bid

The horse riding signs have been fitted and we have received the donation from High Haden livery. We are still waiting for an invoice from Highways (which is currently going through due process before it can be issued).

A new bid has been submitted to have white gate posts in the verge at each entrance to the village. The application has been accepted and is now being reviewed. The round of sessions to present the bid is 17th/18th January, so would expect to hear at the beginning of January whether we will be invited to present our case. PW will present the case but would like the support of SS at the meeting.

7. Winter Weather Gritting

CS and PW have volunteered to be the community gritting team. The paths that will be gritted are the paths leading up to the church gates and the path outside 2, High Haden Road. The online training has been completed and the gritting equipment has been delivered. Unfortunately grit has not been delivered. Clerk will contact Simon Bywater who may be able to help resolve the grit situation.

8. Finance Report

The balance in the current account is £1,106.27. This figure includes a donation from High Haden livery toward the horse signs. The balance in the business reserve account is £8,097.73.

9. Budget and Precept

There will be an increase in the cost for grass cutting for the next season, in line with inflation, to £2,262.25. It is agreed that we will continue with the same grass cutting provider. We have been advised to include an amount of £760 in case of a contested election. Councillors agreed that the clerk should continue to be a member of SLCC and to pay the annual subscription. Finally there is a payment due to replace the defibrillator pads of £104.00. The total amount in the budget for 2018-2019 is £6,758.25. The precept request should remain at £4,000. Although the estimated budget far exceeds this amount, the voluntary contribution if the council is successful in the LHI bid will be taken from the business reserve account. The clerk authorised to request a precept of £4,000.

10. Planning Matters

Upper Glebe Farm – change of use to a livery. The council recommended approval.

11, High Haden Road – demolish property and rebuild. The council recommended approval.

Put on notice of a feasibility study to build industrial units and houses on either side of Glatton Road leaving Sawtry. Comments objecting to any proposed development have been registered. Main

objection is the potential increase of especially heavy traffic through Glatton.

Tree house has been erected on the boundary between Mill Cottage and the Denton track. HDC were notified and have met with the owners of the property. The enforcement officer has confirmed that planning permission is required for the tree house and that the owners have been advised. However no further action will be taken as there are no overlooking issues.

Log cabin is in the process of being erected behind High Haden Farm. This was reported to HDC, who have met with the owners of the property. The enforcement officer has confirmed that planning permission is required for the building. All works have stopped on site and a planning application has been requested.

11. Correspondence

Cambridgeshire Annual Health report 2017 – available to inspect.

Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council advertising winter health packs available for vulnerable people in the community. There isn't any charge. Probably not necessary in Glatton but will advertise on the web site.

Letter from Una Miller confirming that if she were notified of any big events at the church she would put out "please do not park on the grass" signs.

Received e mail from Cambridgeshire Highways in response to our communication concerning the unsafe condition of footpaths along side the Village Green on Infield Road. Highways confirm that they have been to inspect the footpaths and it is in there schedule of work.

Open Meeting

Resident enquired whether the salt in the salt bin maybe taken by residents to put on their own drives and pathways.

Carol Green confirmed that she would advertise the hedgehog initiative on the web site in the spring when the hedgehogs were active again.

Resident thanked the council for the hard work that everyone does.

12 AOB

i) Concerns regarding the change to the bus route and the cancelled service 46 through Glatton. Stagecoach has confirmed that it is not financially viable to continue with this route. The 46A continues to serve Glatton.

ii) CS is developing a plan of Glatton showing the house names of the properties. This will be especially useful to delivery drivers.

iii) If Glatton is successful in the LHI bid to install gateways in the verges at the entrances to the village then questions would be raised regarding the positioning of the gates. This will be addressed if and when the bid is successful.

iv) There is a problem with vehicles using the road alongside the village green as a cut through. Speed bumps to slow or deter vehicles cannot be installed because there isn't any lighting. Other possibilities will be investigated.

v) A former famous resident of "Allways" in Glatton, Beverley Nichols, would have been 120 years old on 9th September 2018. Terry Brignall is proposing a weekend of events to celebrate the anniversary and has asked for support from the Parish Council. The Parish Council is happy that Terry should organise the event and will provide whatever support is required.

vi) Despite a leaflet drop there have not been any additional volunteers for Speed Watch.

vii) Councillors have volunteered to take a section of the village each and do a walk around as there are still issues with

- a) wheelie bins being left out at the front of properties
- b) overgrown hedges
- c) dog poo bags being left in the verges

The clerk will report the findings to the relevant authority.

13. Date of next meeting – TBA

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.