

# **Minutes of Meeting of Glatton Parish Council Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)

Paul Cole (PC)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Carl Stretton (CS)

Neil Mundell-Phipps (NMP)

The meeting was attended by

17 Glatton residents

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

Dick Tuplin (District Councillor)

Prior to the meeting there was a presentation by two representatives from Larkfleet Homes concerning the proposed development on land at Glatton Road, Sawtry.

The meeting began at 7.35pm

1. Apologies

No apologies

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were signed by the chairman as a true record of the proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

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

4. Community Speed Watch Report

Several of the planned sessions of speed watch did not go ahead because of the weather. There are 5 sessions planned for March.

Depending on the time of day the amount of cars exceeding the speed limit remains at around 10 – 12%.

## 5. LHI Bid

A bid has been submitted for white verge gates at the four entrances to Glatton. The exact measurement and location of any potential gates has been considered as there had been some concerns. The bid was presented at the beginning of February and the result of whether funding has been granted is expected in mid March.

## 6. Planning

i) Tea Kettle Barn - development of agricultural building as a dwelling. Unanimous recommendation of acceptance with no objections. Developing a building that has fallen into a state of disrepair.

ii) Church Cottage – Internal development on barn at the rear of Church Cottage. Unanimous acceptance of this proposal with no objections. The work is all internal and will not affect the external appearance of the building.

iii) Tree Application Ref 18/00280/TREE at School House, Church Rd  
Unanimous acceptance of this proposal.

iv) Tree Application Ref 18/00294/TREE at The Grange, Infield Rd  
Unanimous acceptance of this proposal.

## 7. Hedgehog Report

A funding request has been submitted to the Peterborough and District Biodiversity Fund, for funds to purchase 25 hedgehog houses/hibernation boxes, and a trail cam to monitor the boxes. A decision is expected mid March. Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital will be visiting Glatton at the beginning of March to assess Glatton as a release site. Hoping to organise a youth team to lead the project. There will also be an interactive map set up to monitor the hedgehogs via the trail cam. The aim is to increase hedgehog numbers in the area.

## 8. District and Town/Parish Council Elections

The elections will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The clerk has the nomination packs which will be given to all the current councillors. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor a nomination pack is available from the clerk and this will be advertised on the web site. The deadline for nominations is 4pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

## 9. Finance Report

The balance in the current account is £841.13 and the balance in the Business Reserve account is £8,098.70. We are still waiting for an invoice for the defibrillator training, and also an invoice from Cambridgeshire Highways for the horse signs. The budget for 2018-2019 is £6,758.25, which includes £760 in the event of a contested election and £2,400 contribution towards white gates.

## 10. Precept

The precept of £4,000 has been approved and it equates to a band D charge of £30.77. The precept will be paid on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

## 11. Correspondence

Letter from Connecting Cambridgeshire regarding a meeting to be held in Stilton Primary school on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm. It is an opportunity to highlight poor broadband/ mobile phone coverage in the area. It will be advertised on the web site and if you would like to attend please e mail Tim Alban or Simon Bywater.

## Open Meeting

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

- i) Street lighting on the intersection of Sawtry Road and Infield Road. This would not be popular with the entire village and is also very expensive so currently beyond the means of the Parish Council.
- ii) The District Council have had their budget meeting and the increase on the contribution to the District Council on the council tax is 2% which equates to approximately £5.00 per annum.
- iii) Glatton Hall  
Berkley Care Homes have held a consultation meeting and are proposing to demolish the current house and build a purpose built care home with 70 beds. The planning application has not yet been received. Issues that arose from the consultation meeting:
  - a) Parking – There is not enough car parking provision with only 17 car parking spaces for the 70 bed home. Although Berkley have said that staff will have the use of a shuttle mini bus there is likely to be parking issues which will result in overflow cars parking in front of the village hall and around the village.

- b) The proposed development is too big, taking up too much of the current site and located too close to the boundary on the left hand side thereby restricting the light into the neighbouring properties.
- c) The proposed development is a large three storey building the design of which is not in keeping with the conservation area in which it sits.
- d) There has been an indication from Berkley Care that they would wish the new care home to be integrated into and play an active part in the community of Glatton and to that end there is a possibility that there may be a contribution towards building a desperately needed new village hall. However we have heard that planners will not allow planning permission to be purchased and any contribution would have to be proportionate.
- e) Generally people in the village are not unhappy with the idea of a new building. The current house although parts of it are at least 150 years old, other parts are very modern and it is not a particularly pretty building and has no particular history attached to it. However the conservation area must be preserved and any new building must be smaller, taking up less of the open space which is important to keep the appearance of the conservation area.
- f) Once the planning application is received then every person individually should send in their objections/comments via the planning portal as well as writing to the Parish Council.
- h) Would it be appropriate to apply to register the house as a grade II listed building?

## 12. AOB

We have received information from the East of England Ambulance Service that the defibrillator (which was acquired from Glatton Hall) belongs to the ambulance service and that in future they will pay for any new pads/batteries that may be required.

Extension of the path from the crossroads to the Church – you can only make one application for LHI money each session and this time white gates were applied for. There is a possibility of applying for footpath funds in the next session at the end of the year.

## 13. Date of Next Meeting - TBA

Meeting closed at 8.35pm