

Minutes of the Meeting of Glatton Parish Council  
Held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)  
Stephen Smith (SS)  
Gill Denton (GD)  
Lynette Prain (LP)

10 residents of Glatton attended the meeting  
Dick Tuplin, District Councillor attended the meeting.

Paul Williams (Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting

1. Apologies

Brian Hackman sent his apologies.

2. Minutes

It was recorded that LP is not the Highways Warden (6 (iv)).  
Following amendment the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
were signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record of proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

i) Defibulator – Now that the web site is fully operational it was  
decided to ascertain through the web site the opinions of the whole  
community regarding the purchase and training in the use of a  
defibulator. There may be funding available through the British Heart  
Foundation.

ii) It was agreed with SS that the responsibility for footpaths and  
highways would pass from LP to SS.

4. Nene and Ouse Community Transport

Lorna McGoldrick sent her apologies, although she would like to  
attend a future meeting. Nene and Ouse is a charity providing transport in  
rural communities. Further details will be available on the Glatton web  
site.

## 5. Trees at Poet Rowe's House

Originally the council had asked three contractors for advice and a quotation for work to be carried out to two crack willow trees. The quotation from Manor Farm Tree Services was accepted. The quotation was to pollard the trees by 50%. Following recommendations from Huntingdonshire District Council the trees require pollarding to 2.5 - 3.0 metres from the ground. The work cannot be carried out until the leaves have fallen from the trees at the end of October. It was decided to retender the work to the original three contractors and to hold a meeting at the beginning of September so that the work can be carried out without further delay this autumn.

## 6. New Standards Regime and Code of Conduct

As not all members present it was not deemed appropriate to go ahead with a decision at this meeting. It will be dealt with at a meeting to be held at the beginning of September.

## 7. Glatton Community Led Plan

We have been sent information from Cambridgeshire ACRE. A community led plan is a vision for how the community wants to develop and the action needed to achieve this. There is also an invitation to Cambridgeshire ACRE AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> September which involves the chance to attend one of three seminars. We will invite Mr Barnes to the next meeting to discuss community led plans and how to get started.

## 8. Speed Watch Initiative

Residents feel that speeding is an issue in the 30 mile an hour limit along Sawtry Road. Speed Watch would require three volunteers to be trained with a radar gun to monitor the speeding situation. The Police do not prosecute but will send a letter to any offender driving faster than 36 miles an hour. Members felt that a better way to monitor the situation and obtain evidence would be a wire to obtain data across the road. Clerk to go back to the Police to find out whether this option would be available.

## 9. Bank Balances

Clerk presented the accounts. The balance in the current account is £1,604.88 with £606.05 in outstanding cheques and in the Business Reserve account is £6,148.58. It was decided to leave any transfer between accounts (to pay for the tree work) until nearer the time of payment. Clerk to enquire with the bank as to charges if any applied to the business reserve account.

#### 10. Bank Mandate

It was resolved that the current signing mandate be altered to two authorised signatories for unlimited amounts and that Hugh Appleby (retired clerk) signing authority be removed to be replaced with authority for the new clerk (Helen Ford) to sign. The other authorised signatories will remain unchanged and are BH, PW and GD.

#### 11. Planning Application at 12, High Haden Road

Members recommended approval of the planning application.

#### 12. Planning Application at Butt House

GD -The proposed house fits in reasonably well but concerns regarding over crowding and therefore abstaining.

LP- The proposed building is well designed to link with the existing barn and will enhance the area. There is an issue with the drainage which is also a concern of the adjoining neighbours, but this is an issue for the building inspectors. Therefore recommends approval.

SS- It is a tasteful development. Understands and is sympathetic to the concerns of the adjoining neighbours. Drainage issues and light and privacy issues, but believes that the Council will resolve these issues. Therefore recommends approval.

PW – Opportunity to resolve the drainage problem. The plan is to reverse the flow of the water and send it around the back of the barn towards the brook at the back using soak ways. Privacy issue isn't a problem at the moment as the link building is only a single storey. There could be a problem with the roof height which is marked on the plans at 6m to the pitch. On balance recommends approval.

Therefore the Parish Council recommends approval of the planning application.

PW leaves the meeting at 7.50pm and the chair is taken by LP.

#### 13. Planning Application at Manor Farm

The Parish Council has previously recommended approval of these plans. There are now some minor alterations mainly concerning the type of bricks. There is no alteration to the size or shape of the proposed building, therefore approval is recommended.

#### 14. Correspondence

i) Question raised as to the possibility of making the brochures which we receive available to the community. It has been decided to make them available through the Village Hall and through the Church. The information will also be put on the web site with the necessary links. Currently we have information about Huntingdonshire Health Walks, Faster broadband in Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire matters postcards which will be made available through these outlets. It was decided not to use the telephone box because of the possibility of litter and vandalism. We would also like to deliver such brochures personally to those in our community who do not have internet access.

ii) Funding Opportunities for Flood Risk Management – the flood risk area in Glatton is on B660 outside the Crofton residence. BH to investigate whether this is something that Glatton could benefit from.

iii) Luminus Street Representative Conference – To be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in Huntingdon. GD unable to attend. LP will attend if she is able to.

#### Open Meeting

LP opened the meeting for those in attendance to raise matters of concern.

i) Nene and Ouse Community transport - The Stagecoach decision regarding the bus service through Glatton was a purely commercial decision over which the Council had very little influence as they did not provide any subsidies. The Council does provide a subsidy to Nene and Ouse who provide a good efficient service.

ii) Speeding Issues – There are speeding problems on all the roads through Glatton and the council should be looking at the speeding problems on High Haden Road and B660 rather than concentrating on Sawtry Road. High Haden has more children and no footpaths. It is felt that Sawtry Road has a higher volume of traffic and therefore will be prioritised before moving on to look at speeding in other parts of the village. Question raised as to whether volunteers should be trained in the Speed Watch initiative to act as a deterrent as well as monitoring wires, but it was decided to have monitoring wires in the first instance.

iii) Pot Holes and Subsidence – SS to take on the responsibility of approaching HDC regarding potholes and subsidence on High Haden Road.

15. AOB

Posts have been concreted into the verge outside Ganymede. Does this verge belong to the house or to the Highways Authority? It is a traffic hazard. SS to ascertain the legal position regarding the posts and if necessary approach the owner.

16. Date of next meeting – TBA

Meeting closed at 8.30pm