

Minutes of Glatton Parish Council

Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at Glatton Village Hall

Five residents of Glatton attended the meeting.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings.

2. Matters Arising

(a) Bunny Run (footpath/bridleway between High Haden Road and Mill Hill) A french drain is being installed and the leaking pipes have been repaired and the track appears to be drying out. An Anglian Water representative has contacted Lynette Prain confirming that the repair work had been completed so members expressed a hope that the problem had finally been resolved.

(b) Glatton Web Site

The Chairman informed members that Carole Green had agreed to be the site webmaster and all contributions to the web should be sent to her for processing.

(c) Roy Bennett

Roy Bennett informed members that he would not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming local elections. The Chairman thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council for his valuable contributions to the work of the Parish Council and wished him well for the future.

(d) Speed reductions in Sawtry Road

Lynette Prain informed members that she had carried out a survey of those concerned about the speed of traffic in Sawtry Road and invited the Chairman to look through the results. She gave a summary and confirmed that all those consulted were in support of traffic calming by narrowing the road by the use of build outs

(extended verges). A survey of villages in Huntingdonshire with build outs confirmed that they were effective in slowing traffic.

Members agreed that the Highway Authority should be invited to carry out a survey and give an estimate of the cost of any recommended work. Lynette Prain confirmed that some residents may be willing to contribute to the cost of build outs.

(e) Highway Wardens

Lynette Praine proposed that Glatton residents should be invited to become highway wardens as a means of increasing community involvement in the working of the Parish Council, which would hopefully make Glatton a safer village. Members supported the proposal.

3. Insurance

The Clerk informed members that the Parish Council insurance was due for renewal in June and that Zurich had offered better terms than the current insurer AON. The Clerk was authorised to switch insurers unless AON offered better terms.

4. Footpath to Sawtry

At £8000.00 per 50 metre of footpath members agreed that in the current financial climate the proposal was not viable.

5. Bank Balances

The Clerk informed members of the Parish Councils current and reserve account balances.

6. Correspondence since last meeting

The Clerk brought to the attention of members items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

Open meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting for those in attendance to raise matters of concern. The mobile library needs increased support otherwise it may stop visiting the village.

7. Queens Jubilee Celebrations

- (a) Paul Williams informed members that the Village Hall had arranged a street party and an evening party. Also the Glatton Meteorite is being returned on loan.
- (b) Members agreed that an oak tree should be planted on the Village Green.
- (c) The telephone kiosk is to be repainted , the cost being met privately.

8. Other Business

- (a) Heating Oil  
There are several joint oil purchasing syndicates available and members using such schemes were invited to compare the benefits of each at a future meeting of the Parish Council.
- (b) Footpath in Sawtry Road  
Lynette Praise informed members that she had received a complaint that a hedge in Sawtry Road is encroaching onto the footpath and she would ask the owner to cut it back a little.
- (c) Flock Farm  
Gill Denton expressed concern that there may be some unauthorised development and the Clerk was requested to contact the District Council.
- (d) Dog Fouling  
There has been a spate of dog faeces bags abandoned rather than being responsibly disposed of. Further investigation is required to ascertain the culprit.

The Chairman thanked members for their support throughout the year and there being no further business closed the meeting at 7.55pm

