

Minutes of the Meeting of Glatton Parish Council Held on 18th November 2016

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)

Paul Cole (PC)

Carl Stretton (CS)

Neil Mundell-Phipps (NMP)

The meeting was attended by 8 residents of Glatton (one resident arrived at 7.30pm)

1. Apologies

Stephen Smith sent his apologies

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2016 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. Speed Calming and Community Speed Watch Report

The speed watch kit has been audited and is now returned and therefore will be running more speed watch sessions once the lighter nights return. In order to support speed watch the police are running a pilot scheme where if the speed watch session is of interest to the police they will send a police officer who will be able to issue speeding tickets on the spot.

5. LHI Bid

The application is for two horse warning signs at the High Haden Livery. The Livery will reimburse the council for any costs incurred. PC will put in the application.

6. Finance report

The balance in the current account is £484.89 and the balance in the Business Reserve account is £7,596.33. Cambridgeshire Highways have been contacted regarding the council's contribution towards the last LHI grant for the speed calming measures which have been installed. The invoice for £581.19 has now been paid.

7. Budget and Precept

The budget for 2017-2018 has been completed. There is an anticipated rise in the cost of grass cutting in line with inflation to £2,112.00, which is still very reasonable. Unanimously agreed that we will continue with the same grass cutting provider. Budget for £40.00 for continuing defibrillator training agreed. Batteries for the defibrillator will require replacing every four or five years and the pads require replacement every two years. Estimated the cost of replacement parts at £100.00 included in the budget. The estimated budget just exceeds £4,000; therefore recommend that the precept request is £4,000. Proposed by PC and seconded by NMP, unanimously agreed. Clerk will apply for a precept of £4,000.

8. Bus Services

Andy Hunt, the Cambridgeshire County Council Public Transport Network Co-ordinator has been able to provide useful information regarding public bus services for Glatton. Glatton is currently served by the 46 bus which runs daily from Huntingdon to Peterborough. It is also served by 46A (operated by HACT) which provides transport from Huntingdon to Hampton, with connecting transport to Peterborough. This service operates through Glatton three times daily, and the free bus pass may be used on this bus. The timetable is available online. Glatton is also covered by the HACT dial a ride scheme which is only available to members. The cost of membership is £15.00 per annum. It is proposed to invite the HACT community transport representative to the next meeting to explain the service that they offer.

9. Planning Application – 5, Infield Road

The council unanimously recommend approval of the planning application.

10. Planning application -

Temporary dwelling at the junction of Bullock Road and Infield Road

The initial application has been seen and there were a number of concerns particularly over the accuracy of the application and as a result the council recommended refusal of the application. The planning officer whilst recognising that there are inconsistencies which has led to confusion states that it is not a critical matter and has recommended approval. PC presented a report to highlight those inconsistencies and further concerns that the council have concerning the application especially the spoiling of the open countryside and the wood known as Glatton Folly with development, hedge planting and road safety issues. There is a planning meeting on Monday 21st November. The council wish

PW to attend the planning meeting to represent the council's recommendation to refuse the application.

11. Correspondence

Huntingdon District Council is proposing changes to the Electoral cycle whereby the elections are all brought into line. The effect on Glatton will be to reduce the current term of office from four years to two years, with the next elections taking place in May 2018.

Community gritting scheme, whereby residents can volunteer to grit the footpaths (previously agreed with the council) in their area. The county council provide all the necessary equipment. PW expressed an interest. Clerk will contact the council to find out more information.

Electoral Review of Huntingdonshire has made its final recommendations, which are available to view on line at www.lgbce.org.uk. The draft order is now placed before Parliament and will provide for new electoral arrangements for Huntingdonshire District Council to be implemented at the local elections in May 2018.

Open Meeting

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

Application for temporary dwelling at junction of Bullock Road and Infield Road. The applicant stated that the reason for the application is that the applicant may return to the family farm as his father is moving towards retirement and to make the farm more commercially viable. This field has been chosen as it is the only field that the family own, the rest being rented. They relied on professional help with regard to the planning application itself. They have tried to be as sensitive as possible with regard to the look of the mobile home against the back drop, and propose to sensitively landscape the area. Finally with regard to the hedging they have been in contact with the Woodland Trust and the hope is that the hedgerow will be of benefit to the wild life.

The pathway from the road to the church gate is in a bad state of repair. The land is owned by the Highways so in the first instance the Highways will be contacted to repair the path.

As requested at the last meeting Carole Green put a survey on the Glatton web site regarding having the Bus B diverted on a couple of times each day via Glatton. There were three responses, one saying they would use the bus frequently, and two occasionally. Having received further information about the HACT service, propose to take this no further as Glatton is adequately provided for with public transport.

There is a row of very tall lelandii trees between The Lawns, Church Road and the neighbouring property on Infield Road. They belong to the neighbouring property and the owner has been approached. The owner is happy to leave the trees and equally happy that the owner of the Lawns deals with the trees at their own expense. It is not an issue that the Parish Council is able to deal with, however if it is a hedge then there are limits on how tall a hedge is allowed to grow.

There has been a significant amount of trees/hedge removed at 4, Sawtry Road. The property is within the conservation area. Within a conservation area the trees are protected if they have a trunk diameter of more than 75 mm.

12. AOB

i) Fly Tipping – Suggestion is to get a working party together to take a trailer and remove all the litter and ask permission to take it to the refuse centre at no cost. Resident pointed out there is an app called litter gram. Take a photograph of the offending item and HDC will come and remove the items. Resident is prepared to deal with this.

ii) Street Sign – The broken Sawtry Road street sign has been removed. The sign on the corner of Infield road and High Haden Road is badly corroded. PC will report to Highways.

The meeting is closed at 7.50pm