

Minutes of the Meeting of Glatton Parish Council
Held on 4th March 2015

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Paul Cole (PC)

Gill Denton (GD)

The meeting was attended by:

3 residents of Glatton

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

Dick Tuplin (District Councillor)

1. Apologies

Brian Hackman sent his apologies.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2014 were signed as a true record of the proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Community Speed Watch Report

Efforts will be focused on Sawtry Road where high speeds are still being recorded. There is a speed watch co coordinators conference on 5th March at Huntington Police Station. PC will report back at the next meeting. There is the possibility that there will be more Police support.

5. Local Highways Improvement Bid

Pleased to report that the Local Highways Improvement application has been approved. Steve McGee is the engineer who will be working with the Council to deliver the improvements which are a reduction in the current 40 mile hour speed limit on B660 to 30 miles per hour and soft speed reduction measures at the four entrances into Glatton.

6. Trees overhanging the Highway

BH at the meeting on 3rd December raised the issue of whether the cutting back of trees overhanging the Highway was the responsibility of the owner of the tree, rather than a Parish Council expense. Also concerned about the reaction of the owner of the tree if branches were cut back. Also (in the absence of PW at the last meeting) there was a question as to where the arising would go to. PW is happy for them to be removed to Manor Farm. PW to consult homeowners, in person, before cutting back any tree branches which overhang the Highway. Council agreed in principle to go ahead. Clerk to e mail the prices quoted by Bob Widd.

7. Finance Report

The balances are £625.73 in the current account and £7,588.86 in the business reserve account.

8. Budget and Precept

The precept of £4,000 has been agreed. The Band D charge will be £30.53. Payment will be on 30th April 2015. The fee of £750.00 in the case of a contested election has been added to the budget as requested at the previous meeting. The charge for grass cutting for the

coming season is slightly increased by £50.00 plus VAT. Agreed that PW continue with the grass cutting for the forthcoming season. Request that PW provide a copy of up to date Public Liability insurance.

9. Correspondence

Nothing to report

Open Meeting

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

i) Report from Simon Bywater:

Meeting of Kimbolton and Stonely Parish Council – SS unable to attend the first meeting. The next meeting is on Monday 13th April, 7pm at the civic suite in Huntingdon. SS will attend.

Cambridgeshire's child policy strategy is to be presented to committee next week. During the recent Fire Authority strike, Cambridgeshire were able to maintain cover. There has been an increase in thefts in the area. Gill and Joan Denton are doing a good job with Neighbourhood Watch. E cops is available through the Glatton web site.

ii) Report from Dick Tuplin:

The draft plan is out for consultation and the dead line for observations is 23rd March – Glatton is not affected. A planning application for 45 houses between Chapel End and St.Andrews Way has been approved. There is

also an application for planning permission for 72 houses on the triangular field on the opposite side of the current development on Gidding Road. This brings additional pressure to facilities, doctor's surgery, and schools.

iii) The stones placed on the verge of the Highway outside Gracelands and Sunny Ridge have been removed and replaced by white collapsible posts. Resident concerned that there are still properties in Glatton with stones on the verges, notably Infield Lodge on B660. Highways have done as much as they considered necessary at this time.

10 AOB – No matters to report

11. Date of next meeting – TBA

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

