

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Glatton Parish Council  
Held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Brian Hackman (BH)

Gill Denton (GD)

Lynette Prain (LP)

5 residents of Glatton attended the meeting

1. There were no apologies

2. Election of Chairman

Paul Williams was elected as chairman (proposed by BH and seconded by LP and SS).

3. Election of Vice Chairman

SS was elected as vice chairman (proposed by LP and seconded by BH).

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were signed by the chairman as a true record of the proceedings.

5. Matters Arising

There are no matters arising not already on the agenda.

6. Speed Calming

There was a productive meeting with Highways on 22<sup>nd</sup> January attended by PW, SS and Helen Ford. The discussion centred around what speed calming measures were available and what we may be able to afford. The cost of a build out on Sawtry Road would be approximately £8,000. To replace the VAS (vehicle activated sign) with a more interactive sign would be approximately £5,000. The speed restriction on the B660 through the village is 40 miles an hour. To extend that 40 mile an hour section outwards towards Great Gidding would cost approximately £2,500. We can apply for the grant towards the build out on Sawtry Road in the next round of grants, and if we were successful then the cost of a build out to Glatton would be £1,000. Thanks to Paul Cole together with a band of volunteers the community speed watch programme is operating in Glatton which entitles the village to permanent community speed watch signage. The cost of the signs is £70.00 each. The council agreed to go ahead with the purchase of four signs. The council also agreed to a demonstration of an interactive mobile speed camera which could be used on any of the roads in the

village, and would also be useful in the collection of data. The cost of the camera is approximately £3,500.

#### 7. "Village Green" surveys

The clerk has received 12 completed surveys. There are still several outstanding. The clerk will encourage the return of the outstanding surveys and then return them to the council on behalf of the village. The council would like to pursue the registration as a village green thus preventing any future development of the land.

#### 8. Finance Report and Annual Return

The internal audit has been completed. The auditor raised a concern about the lack of a budget in that year, but this has already been rectified for this year. The council approved the 2013-2014 annual return and governance statement for submission to the external auditor. The council authorised the clerk to renew the insurance with Zurich and to pay the premium.

#### 9. Planning Application – 2, Glatton Ways

The application is for rebuilding work to a listed building damaged in a recent car accident. The council recommends approval of the plans.

#### 10. Correspondence

##### i) Cambridgeshire Fens LEADER Programme

There are several workshops that the councillors may be interested in. If so you go can go online to book a place. LP unable to attend but would like to recommend the workshops.

##### ii) Local Joint Committees

Kimbolton & Stonely Parish Council have suggested that the rural areas to the west of the A1 including the parishes in the Sawtry Ward form a local joint committee. The feeling is that there would be much to be gained from being represented on such a committee. SS will represent Glatton on the committee. The clerk will respond to their letter.

#### Open Meeting

The chairman opened the meeting for those in attendance to raise matters of concern

i) Speeding – It was suggested that two or three cars, correctly taxed and insured, parked strategically to form a chicane would solve the speeding problem on Sawtry Road. The speeding along High Haden Road is very dangerous especially in view of the six children who walk along the road in order to catch their school bus, as well as the horses using the road. It has been suggested that if the speed calming measures along Sawtry Road eventually

included a build out, the VAS be moved to another location. The cost of moving the sign would still be around £5,000.

ii) Residents are happy with the good job of the grass cutting that is taking place this year.

iii) Pot Holes – these have been marked up and are now waiting for the repairs.

## 11. Any Other Business

i) At the next meeting BH would like a representative from the Great Fen Project to be invited along to give a presentation. Clerk will contact the Great Fen Project to enquire about the possibility of a presentation at our next meeting in early September. Carole Green to assess resident interest in such a proposal via the web site.

ii) BH is concerned about the loss of public footpaths and the records of the footpaths which have taken place over the years. He is also concerned that an unofficial footpath may be lost when the proposed sheep farm by the A1 is completed, although this path does not cross any land owned by the farmer concerned, but runs adjacent to the boundary of his land. No action will be taken concerning this at the present time.

iii) GD – the white concrete blocks currently protecting the verge on High Haden Road beyond the village hall are dangerous particularly at night time and would like them to be removed. Legally not allowed to place any obstructions on the verge which belongs to the Highways Authority. PW to approach the owners of the property in question to request that the stones be removed.

iv) LP – The “Village Green” looked beautiful this spring with all the daffodils in bloom. LP would like to arrange a working party of villagers to plant more daffodils and also snowdrops along the verge opposite the village green at the appropriate planting times. Speak to Dick Tuplin about obtaining bulbs from a wholesaler. The tops of the daffodils may be cut six weeks after they finish blooming so they can now be cut back.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm