

Glatton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2018

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Carl Stretton (CS)

Neil Mundell-Phipps(NMP)

The meeting was attended by

5 residents

Tim Alban (District Councillor)

1. Apologies

PC sent his apologies.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the annual general meeting held on 4th May 2018 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. Community Speed Watch Report

Several more speed watch sessions have been arranged and if all come to fruition then we will have achieved 33 speed watch session this year with 96 volunteer days. A big thank you to all the volunteers.

5. Hedgehog Report

The hedgehog programme is proceeding well. There are off spring from the first release with numerous sightings. There are 10 more hedgehogs due to be released tomorrow.

6. LHI Report

The white verge gates are due to be installed in October/November.

7. Tour de Cambridgeshire Cycle Event

This is due to take place on 2nd June 2019. It is proposed that the route will be extended and the course route changed. As a result Infield Road and High Haden Road which are at the end of the course will both be closed for some time during the day and this likely to be for several hours. Not unreasonable to request that the organisers find the extra distance on the multitude of rural roads available to them without blocking off a small village for at least half a day. It would be assumed that if access were required by an emergency vehicle for any reason then this contingency will be provided for. Suggestion is that if the route goes ahead along the proposed course that the Village Green could be used for a village event ie fete/ spectator event. Parish clerk to pass on the comments to the organisers – is this option set in stone, have other possible routes been investigated?

8. Planning – Mill House, Mill Hill

The application is for an oak framed garage with a room above. Approval recommended.

9. Finance Report

The balance in the current account is £1,227.94 and in the business reserve account is £10,601.56. The hedgehog houses and camera have been paid. A grant of £505.00 has been received from Peterborough Bioiversity almost covered this cost. We have also sent donations of £30 each to Caresco, Sawtry Youth Project and Shepreth hedgehog hospital. We have also paid the premium to Zurich Insurance. The amount insured for the street furniture was kept at a £10,000 as the premium is a small parish council rate and would increase dramatically if the level of cover were to be increased.

Clerk will obtain three quotes for pruning the trees on the small green on High Haden Road.

The council has not yet been invoiced for the voluntary contribution for the horse warning signs, for which a donation was received from the livery yard. Clerk will remind Highways, but if the invoice is not received by the end of April then the donation should be returned.

The village sign is rotten and requires replacing. Clerk approached Holme Parish Council who recently replaced their sign and has the details of the company they used. Suggested that there is an art competition to design a new sign post.

10. Correspondence

1. We have been approached by Terry Brignall who has forwarded an e mail from Caresco. They currently produce the Sawtry Eye magazine on a bi monthly basis and every house in Glatton has a copy delivered. Sawtry is growing with several new housing developments and Caresco is no longer able to cover the cost of the magazine. Terry has proposed that The Parish Council, St. Nicholas Church and The Village Hall committee each donate £100 especially as each organisation benefits from the advertising of local events and it is an invaluable directory for all the residents of Glatton. Residents in attendance all agreed that the Sawtry Eye is a very useful magazine and would be happy to pay for it. They would not want to lose it. Parish Council unanimously agreed to donate £100 to Caresco to support the Sawtry Eye magazine.

2. The clerk has reported the dangerous condition of the trees in the brook outside 19 Infield Road. Highways have confirmed that a site visit has been undertaken and that there is no need for action at this time but they will continue to monitor the location as part of routine inspections.

3. Community Gritting Scheme

Thanks to our two volunteers Carl Stretton and Paul Williams who kept our paths clear during a very challenging winter last year. Cambridgeshire Highways are looking for volunteers for this year and even if you were a volunteer last year you will need to reapply. If you would like to volunteer apply via the web site by the end of October. We will also apply for our gritting box to be filled.

Open Meeting

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

i) Trees at 4 Sawtry Road

Work has been carried out on trees at 4 Sawtry Road today. 18 beech trees have been removed in accordance with the planning approval dated 26/7/18. Permission was also approved for tree labelled T5 to be pruned back by 1 metre. However tree T5 no longer exists. It would appear that one of the trees T1-T3 is the tree that has been pruned. Tim will contact the planning department and ask them to contact the clerk to confirm that there is an inconsistency between the planning approval and what is actually on the ground.

ii) Tour de Cambridge

Any road closure would be an opportunity to hold a village event on the Village Green, which normally wouldn't be possible due to the traffic. The organisers for the past two or three years have always closed the same roads for this event. It would be better if there were possibly three or four different routes so that the same villages were not affected by road closure annually but on a three or four year cycle.

iii) Tim Alban and Marge Beuttell have been elected as the councillors representing the new joint ward of Stilton, Folksworth and Washingley. As the new ward is so large they are effectively looking after part of the ward each and Tim will be our first point of contact. It has become more apparent that the parishes need to work more closely together and sharing best practice and there are definitely things that we can learn from each other and Tim is happy to facilitate that.

iv) Proposed housing development on Glatton Road, Sawtry

The traffic report assumes that all the traffic from the proposed new development will exit via Sawtry. It is obvious that this will in fact not be the case and that at least 50% of the traffic will in fact probably be travelling through Glatton. This should be brought to the attention of the planning department and also Simon Bywater and Dick Tuplin. Tim will also raise this matter.

11. AOB

i) Verges outside High Haden Livery Yard have grown very long. It is a Highways responsibility to keep the verges mown.

ii) Defibrillator/CPR Training

NMP will arrange a Saturday morning session for defibrillator and CPR training. Ray Groves is a CPR trainer and may be prepared to deliver the training.

12. Date of next meeting – TBA

Meeting closed at 7.56pm