

Glatton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 30th November 2018

Present:

Paul Williams (PW)
Paul Cole (PC)
Stephen Smith (SS)
Carl Stretton (CS)

The meeting was attended by

4 residents
Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

1. Apologies

Neil Mundell-Phipps sent his apologies.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

i) Tour de Cambridgeshire Cycle Event

PC attended a meeting with the race management and Glatton has been taken off the route and will therefore not be affected by the event.

ii) St. Georges Care Home

The planning application has been refused.

4. Community Speed Watch Report

There have been 24 sessions in 2018 and have measured the speed of 2,500 vehicles of which 268 were in excess of the speed, which equates to 11% of vehicles speeding with some vehicles travelling at very high speeds of up to 55ph. Over the several years that speed watch has been operating the speeding trend has reduced slightly. Those who are travelling at excessive speeds are receiving a visit from the Police (Cambridgeshire safety officer). There is always a need for more volunteers so that we do not always rely on the same people volunteering. Are there any other alternatives that could be employed to reduce speeding through the village? The clerk has been notified that the entrance gateways for the village have arrived and we are now waiting for

a date for installation. Other possibilities are build outs, but we have always been informed that because there is no street lighting in Glatton that this is not a possibility, however it does appear to be happening in other villages in the area. The other possibility is an interactive sign that could be moved to different locations around the village but these are very expensive. PC will look into the available options and associated costs. If the planning permission is passed for the houses that are proposed to be built on Glatton Road in Sawtry then there is the high probability of a significant increase in the traffic through Glatton. However there is also the possibility that Glatton may be entitled to CIL money which could possibly be used for traffic calming build outs.

5. Hedgehog Report

The hedgehogs are doing well. Glatton received 10 more hedgehogs in September which went to new hog mums and have now been released. In total 20 hedgehogs have been released. The first batch has also had offspring, with probably a couple of road casualties. This is an ongoing scheme bringing a net benefit to the countryside. PW and PC took the hogblog road show to Sawtry Garden Club. They gave an excellent presentation which was very well received.

6. Beverley Nichol's Plaque

The ownership of the plaque commemorating Beverly Nichol's installed on a piece of land owned by Highways is formally adopted by Glatton Parish. The Fenland Trust has agreed in writing that they will maintain and repair the Plaque as necessary.

7. Winter Weather Gritting

PW and CS have again signed up for winter weather gritting on the footpaths in the event of freezing weather conditions. The salt bin is full.

8. Finance Report

The balance in the current account is £ 744.48 and in the Business Reserve Account is £8,603.76. A donation of £100 has been paid to Caresco towards maintaining "Sawtry Eye". £211.46 has been paid to Local Highways, the Parish Council contribution towards the Horse Warning signs. Glatton Parish Council received a donation of £300 from High Haden Livery to cover this expense. Therefore £88.54 will be refunded to the livery yard.

9. Budget and Precept

Clerk has arranged for three quotes for the pruning and maintenance of the trees on the small green on High Haden Road and an estimate of £2,000 has been put into the budget. The defibrillator is owned by the Ambulance Service and they will pay for any replacement parts. We have received a grant from the Biodiversity Partnership for the hedgehog project. £100 in the budget for any hedgehog incidentals. Although we have budgeted for £6,440 it is agreed to hold the precept request at £4,000 as there is a healthy amount in the business reserve account to cover the contribution towards the LHI project, which was budgeted for in the last financial year and for the tree pruning. Clerk authorised to request a precept of £4,000. Proposed by PC and seconded by CS. Unanimously agreed.

Open Meeting

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

- i) A group of Glatton residents are training for a 220 mile cycle ride from the highest pub Tan Hill Inn in North Yorkshire to the lowest pub The Admiral Wells in Holme, 220 miles over three days. It is aid of charity which is to be decided. Hope that the Parish Council may be able to support this event.
- ii) Thank you to PC for his hard work transferring the Glatton Village website onto a new platform and eliminating all the advertising.
- iii) Carole Green attended the talk by PW and PC at the Sawtry Garden Club and recommends that if an opportunity arises and they do another talk go along because it was fabulous.
- iv) Neighbourhood Watch – Gill Denton, our Neighbourhood Watch coordinator is no longer living in Glatton. Carole Green is posting the updates on the village web site, especially in view of the attempted burglary on Sawtry Road. Some residents are using the app now called “Safe Land”. A message on the web site or a leaflet drop to remind people to be vigilant.
- v) Following the removal of the bins on the Village Green and by the bus stop, littering has not become a problem.

vi) Simon Bywater –

There is significant pressure on Cambridgeshire County Council regarding budget setting, however there will be a balanced budget this year.

Simon is involved in the Children's and Young Person's committee, where big savings will need to be made. There has been a large increase in the children coming into the care system with a large number of asylum seeking children and young people. Cambridgeshire is now at the maximum number of children that it can accept, therefore any children now arriving in Cambridgeshire are allocated to neighbouring councils.

The next Parish meeting is in January in Sawtry. It is a great way of sharing information and meeting neighbouring parishes.

11. AOB

i) The state of the trees in the ditch on Infield Road have been reported to Highways, who have been out to inspect the trees and will continue to monitor them.

ii) CS will investigate the options for a new village sign post.

12. Date of Next Meeting – TBA

Meeting closed at 7.50pm