

GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL & GLATTON PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting (held online) on 12th February 2021

Present:

Neil Mundell-Phipps (NMP)

Carl Stretton (CS)

Paul Williams (PW)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Amanda Allen (AA)

The meeting was attended by 3 residents of Glatton

1. NMP opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Apologies

Simon Bywater (County Councilor) sent his apologies.

3. Declaration of Interests

PW declared an interest on item 11. He will leave the meeting.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 20th November 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2020 are a true record of proceedings. Proposed AA and seconded CS. Signed by the chairman.

5. Minutes of extraordinary meeting held on 4th January 2021.

The minutes of the meeting are a true record of proceedings. Proposed by NMP and seconded by AA. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

6. Matters Arising

Since the meeting on 4th January held in response to the presentation to the Parish Council by the Village Hall Development Group, two members of the Village Hall Committee have resigned and the Village Hall Development Group has been disbanded. They did not feel that the Parish Council were prepared to give the support required to deliver the project. The remaining trustees have suspended the project until a new committee is formed at which point a decision will be taken regarding the future requirements of the village hall.

7. Correspondence

No correspondence that is not referred to in other items on the agenda.

Parish Meeting

For those in attendance to raise matters of concern.

- i) Relief that the village hall redevelopment has been suspended to give time for careful consideration.
- ii) The brook which runs alongside Infield Road has been cleared by a group of volunteers. The metal gate which crosses the brook acts as a trap for any debris flowing down the brook but if the gate breaks then that debris will flow into the brook beyond and cause potential flooding onto Infield Road. The land owner will be contacted. The wall supporting the road leading to Round Hills, is subsiding. **Action - Clerk to contact Highways.**

Parish Council Meeting reconvened

8. LHI Bid (VAS Sign) (first on the agenda 31/5/19)

The panel meeting will be held virtually on 24th February. Thank you to Paul Cole who will represent Glatton Parish Council at the meeting. The contribution by the council is £1,300 (£500 of which been paid). If the bid is agreed and the project goes ahead then the Parish Council will own the VAS camera and it will become part of the assets which will require insuring and thus the premium will inevitably increase. Currently insured with Zurich and have been for many years. **Action – Clerk to obtain quotes from other insurance companies specialising in insurance for Parish Councils.**

9. Grass Cutting Contract

There were two tenders for the grass cutting contract. Clerk obtained references for both parties and based on experience of cutting for another Parish Council the contract has been awarded to RJC Countryside. The signed contract together with copies of the relevant insurance documents have been received. The contract start date is 1st March 2021 and is for a period of 36 months.

10. Flooding Update

i) Sawtry Road – Many thanks to Paul Cole for organising the flood prevention group who have cleared the brook from the entrance in Sawtry Road and along the rear of Flock Farm towards the A1. The Internal Drainage Board are legally responsible for keeping the brook clear but it was not on their agenda until June 2021 so with self-help the brook has been cleared and is flowing freely. Highways have confirmed that the broken drain outside Sawtry Road will be repaired at the beginning of the next financial year i.e. April.

ii) Infield Road – Highways have notified the Parish Council that all the drains in Glatton will be cleaned before the end of March. If the B660 floods, it is because there is too much rain. There is no infrastructure problem.

iii) High Haden Road – the drainage pipe running along the north side of the road is compromised by sediment, tree roots and quite possibly some utility cables/pipes. Therefore, the root cutter cannot clear the drain because of the possibility of cutting through cables. UK Power are going to come out to do a survey of the drainage pipe. They will do a camera survey of the pipe and make good if necessary. **Action – Clerk to contact Anglian Water and Open Reach.** Once certain that there can be no damage to any utilities then root cutting can take place and the flooding on High Haden Road should be resolved.

11. Planning Consultation: The Barns, Infield Road (Ref: 20/02276/TREE)

There are no issues and the Parish Council propose approval of the planning application.

12. Web Site

Due to personal reasons Carole Green has handed in her resignation as web mistress. Many thanks to Carole Green for her years of brilliant work keeping the web site running and up to date. Paul Cole has in the interim taken over and is happy to continue with the back ground support but does not have the day-to-day availability to upload the documents and the other work which Carole did. Looking for a volunteer to take over this role. The Glatton Face Book page is also looking for a new administrator.

13. Finance Report

The balance in the current account is £743.81 and the balance in the Business Reserve Account is £6,633.62. The Clerk's subscription to SLCC has been paid and also the bank safe custody hold fee. The clerk did not rejoin the ALCC. In the budget the amount for charitable donations has been reduced back to £200 and the village hall rental is budgeted at £100, in the hope that we may get back to face to face meetings next year.

14. AOB

No AOB

15. Date of next meeting

AGM – 7th May 2021