

GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting (held online) on 20th November 2020

Present:

Neil Mundell-Phipps (NMP) Chairman

Carl Stretton (CS) Vice-Chairman

Paul Williams (PW)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Amanda Allen (AA)

The meeting was attended by:

3 residents of Glatton

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

Tom Alban (District Councillor)

1. NMP opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance
- 2. Apologies**
There are no apologies
- 3. Declaration of Interests**
There are no declarations of interest
- 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2020**
The minutes of the meeting held online on 4th September 2020 were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.
- 5. Minutes of the Development Planning meeting held on 16th October 2020**
The minutes of the development planning meeting held on 16th October 2020 were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.
- 6. Matters Arising**
There are no matters arising that are not already on the agenda

7. Correspondence

Thank you letters from Caresco, MAGPAS, and Shepreth Wildlife trust have been received thanking the council for the charitable donations.

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

The date for applications has now passed and we await a date for the panel when the bid will be presented. Karen Lunn met with Paul Cole to do the VAS signpost survey. Various options were discussed, and Karen is going to come back with costings. Clerk to chase up.

9. Community Speed Watch update

A couple of sessions of speed watch sessions took place between lockdowns but community speed watch is currently suspended due to coronavirus and will now recommence in the Spring or when we are next allowed to operate. Recently there was a police presence in Glatton measuring traffic speed from Great Gidding on B660.

10. Grass Cutting

Sincere thanks to Paul Williams who has completed the grass cutting in Glatton for the past six years. His hard work and dedication have kept Glatton looking beautiful.

A grass cutting tender document was placed on both the village web site and Glatton Face Book page inviting tenders for the grass cutting contract from 1st March 2021 – 28th February 2024 with a closing date to tender of November 20th at 5pm (copy attached). Two tenders have been received.

Clerk is to ask for references from the two parties.

11. Flooding Update

High Haden Road – Having confirmed with UK Power that there aren't electric cables running through these drains and having received confirmation from Cambridgeshire Highways that the land through which the blocked drain runs does not belong to Highways. Highways further confirmed that the responsibility to keep this drain clear falls to the landowner whose land the drain runs through. Highways have sent a leaflet which explains the rights and responsibilities of the riparian owner. NMP and PW are going to explain the position to the affected landowners in person.

Sawtry Road – The blocked drain has now had a camera survey. Highways have requested stats for other utilities in the area and will dig a trial hole to discover the extent of the damage.

12. Coronavirus update

At the beginning of the second lock down the Parish Council sent a notice via the village website and the Glatton Face Book page to confirm that the Glatton volunteer group is ready to help out anyone in need.

13. Finance Report and Budget

The balance in the current account is £813.81 and the balance in the Business Reserve account is £6,633.50. Cheques have been paid for £350 for charitable donations., £2,298.00 for grass cutting, £131.37 for gifts to those who provided materials and labour free of charge for the new village signpost and £19.50 for village hall hire. The village hall hire cost is considerably lower than usual because most meetings this year have been held online.

The budget includes £1,300 contribution towards a VAS camera should the LHI bid be successful. Clerk to investigate the increased cost of insurance premiums if the Parish obtains a VAS camera. The budget also includes the increased cost of village hall hire assuming that next year meetings will be held in the village hall and also a reduced cost of charitable donations to £200.00.

14. Precept

The council agreed to hold the precept at the current level of £5,000. Clerk to apply for a precept of £5,000. Proposed by NMP and seconded by PW. Unanimously agreed.

15. Parish Council Comments

i) Local Plan to 2036

Following the development meeting held on 16th October 2020, a parishioner asked the council to confirm its position in respect of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036. The council confirms that it fully supports the Local Plan to 2036.

In future the voting ratio will be recorded in the minutes for each planning application the council is asked to consult on although not the way each councillor votes.

ii) Free Native trees

The Woodland trust have offered free native trees and hedging to communities. The trees/hedging must be accessible to the public. The Parish Council are unable to take up the offer as there is nowhere to plant the trees. In the fortunate position that Glatton is still a very wooded area.

iii) Larkfleet development

The outline planning position for 340 houses on land adjoining Glatton Road, Sawtry has been passed by HDC this week. As a result, there will inevitably be increased traffic, both construction vehicles and then once the houses are built and occupied.

There is a seven and half ton limit on the road (as there is in Sawtry) but

unfortunately, Glatton Parish Council has no power to control the traffic using the roads through Glatton. There will be a traffic management plan for the site that Sawtry Parish Council can influence and Glatton and Sawtry Parish Council are working closely together concerning this development. Sawtry Parish Council have a planning meeting this Wednesday 25th November which NMP and CS will attend.

Parish Meeting

i) Larkfleet development

Simon Bywater, Councillor from Sawtry Parish Council and a resident of Sawtry spoke at the HDC planning panel. They argued the same points as at the previous planning panel when the permission was refused, that the development is outside the plan, outside village boundary, visual impact, lack of infrastructure, flooding risk, traffic, parking, access to shops, buses, the entrance and exits from the site. The majority of members believed benefits in particular education provision for village outweighed negatives. 7-6 in favour. It is difficult to understand the differences from the first time but Larkfleet argued that there was in place a comprehensive package of landscaping schemes and buffers with appropriate densities and mitigations in place. There will be a traffic management plan but in practice HGV drivers will do what suits them best and any traffic management plan is difficult to enforce. The lorries create a lot of mud and silt which goes into and blocks the drains. This result is hugely disappointing and a very close-run thing. Most likely some nervousness that if it had been refused and went to appeal HDC would have to justify reasons for refusal and do not have the resources to employ a barrister and quite simply would be likely to lose the appeal. If it was lost at appeal, they would also potentially lose around 2.7 million that it would bring for education, because this has happened at other developments.

So now that the decision has been made it is crucial that Glatton align itself with Sawtry to get as much money as possible by way of CIL monies to improve the infrastructure (potentially the village hall), as Glatton will be impacted by this development. The application for the CIL money is to the District Council. There are effectively “two bites at the cherry” for CIL monies. The Parish that is directly affected, if they have a Neighbourhood Plan, will get 25% of the CIL money and if they do not, they will get 15% of the CIL money. That money can be put together with money from the general CIL pot for a bigger project. However, because this development is not in Glatton parish Glatton would be looking for money from the District Council pot, and because Glatton will be impacted by this development there will be a stronger case. Simon Bywater and Tim Alban are both happy to support any application.

Advised to contact Folksworth Village Hall who have completed an extension to their village hall to find out what grants they were able to access. Tim Alban will also send

contact information for Stilton Village Hall which has recently been rebuilt. Fen Stanton Village Hall were successful in obtaining a substantial amount of CIL money for the improvement of their village hall therefore a good idea to research the HDC cabinet papers for their application.

ii) Fly Tipping

There is a huge problem with fly tipping along the B6060 that the District Council's enforcement team are dealing with. In Glatton and Stilton there have been clear outs of cannabis factories also affecting this fly tipping. If the fly tipping is onto private land, then it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove. If it is on the verge of the Highways the enforcement teams will go out and look for evidence and bring prosecutions. If anyone sees any fly tipping advised to report it via the online reporting system to the District Council.

iii) Proposed development on Infield Road

Tim Alban has been contacted by a resident and has added his objections to the development.

Simon Bywater and Tim Alban left the meeting at 8pm.

Parish Council meeting reconvened

13. AOB

i) Wildflowers – The Parish Council do not wish to plant any wildflowers. Happy with the appearance of the village green and the other open spaces.

ii) Dog Faeces – There is a problem with dog poo bags being put into the drains, and there is photographic evidence of a villager doing this. A notice will be issued via the village web site and Glatton Face Book page. NMP will make a flyer which will be posted through all doors in Glatton. The duties of posting the leaflets will be shared.

iv) Entrance gateways

Thank you all who have washed the entrance gateways.

14. Dates of Next Meetings

February 12th 2021

May 7th 2021 (AGM)

September 3rd 2021

November 19th 2021

Meeting ended at 8.30pm

