

# GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

Present:

Carl Stretton (CS)

Neil Mundell-Phipps (NMP)

Paul Williams (PW)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Mandy Allen (MA)

The meeting was attended by 10 residents of Glatton

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

Tim Alban (District Councillor)

### 1. Welcome

CS opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed all in attendance.

### 2. Apologies

There are no apologies.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

There are no interests to declare.

### 4. Minutes of AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

The minutes of the AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.

### 5. Matters Arising

There are no matters arising that are not already on the agenda.

### 6. Correspondence

Carole Green sent a thankyou card for the flowers the Parish Council sent to her in appreciation of her long service to the council as web mistress.

### Parish Meeting

For those in attendance to raise matters of concern

- i) Thank you to the residents at the top of High Haden Road and at Ratcliffe's for the excellent maintenance of the verges.
- ii) Progress of the tasks allocated to the councillors and the neighbourhood plan.
- iii) CIL payment and any proposals for infrastructure eg. Footpaths/cycle paths
- iv) How the Lark Fleet development in Sawtry will impact on Glatton particularly with regard to traffic.

v) Planning Enforcement particularly relating to development at Glatton Hall.

vi) Flooding

vii) Parish Council's 5 year plan

viii) Planning Application – Land East of High Farm, High Haden Road

one resident left the meeting at 7.20pm

Parish Council Meeting reconvened at 7.29pm

### **7. LHI Bid (VAS Sign)**

The application for a grant towards the VAS sign has been successful and the project is now moving forwards. The council has chosen the Morelock VAS camera. Thank you to Paul Cole for all his hard work in preparing the application, attending the meeting and all his advice along the way.

### **8. LHI Applications**

Applications for the next round of LHI grants is now open and the deadline for the applications is 30<sup>th</sup> September. Possibility of applying for a grant to extend the current footpath from the crossroads to the church gate.

### **9. Speed Watch**

Due to Covid and restrictions speed watch sessions over the past 18 months have been very few and far between. In the past few weeks there have been 3 sessions with 5 more planned. The data from the 3 sessions carried out shows approximately 20% of traffic speeding through Glatton with one vehicle recorded as travelling at 56 miles per hour on B660. When the new VAS camera is installed, this will be used for the speed watch sessions with no further requirement for the temporary signs currently used. The VAS camera will be collecting data 24/7 and this data can be used to instruct when and where the speed watch sessions will be most effective. Data over the last three years shows that speeding through the village increases when speed watch is not active.

More volunteers to share the work load are always required and if this is something you think you might be interested in please contact Neil Mundell-Phipps.

### **10. Flooding Update**

i) High Haden Road – The dyke at number 22 has now been cleared. It will now be necessary for the residents to obtain quotes from a drain jetting/root cutting company to get the work on the drain itself completed. UK Power has confirmed that there aren't any electricity cables that will be affected. Highways have provided the names of several companies that the residents might approach for a quote to do the job.

ii) Sawtry Road -Highways have confirmed that the repair job for the broken drain is with the contractors and the repair work will take place by mid-November.

iii) Infield Road – The iron grating in the ditch at the Parsons property has broken open and has been like this for many years. It does become blocked with debris which slows the flow of the water causing it to back up and during periods of heavy rain fall then flood onto the highway. The railings which were blocked following the removal of a large hedge has been cleared. Contrary to this when there is blockages at the railings the water flows more slowly in the brook running into Sawtry Road with less risk of flooding at the Addison Arms and the properties on Sawtry Road. This area is a designated flood risk of run off during heavy periods of rain. The culvert which runs along the boundary between 6A and 6B Sawtry road is not large enough to allow for the flow of water during periods of heavy rain fall.

The bricks in the bridge over the brook at the end of Roundhills have suffered some frost damage and are crumbling. This has been reported to the flood team and is on the watch list. It has also been reported that there is a crumbling culvert in the garden of a property on Infield Road. The property is currently a rental. Contact the owners and send a letter confirming their riparian responsibilities to repair the culvert.

Consider the need for a wider flood investigation, possibly a flood survey.

## **11. Planning Enforcement**

Land East of High Farm, High Haden Road – The current owners of this property have built stables and are carrying on a business training and buying and selling horses without the required planning consents. The owners have been in breach of more than one stop notice and requests for retrospective planning applications. The activities of the owners have been and continue to cause a great deal of stress to their neighbours and the horses at High Haden Livery. The Parish Council share their frustrations. A planning application number 21/02045/FUL Erection of stables, formation of menage and retrospective approval for existing stables has been submitted. The documents have not yet been uploaded to the planning portal but as soon as they are there will be an opportunity to comment via the public access system.

Glatton Hall – Aware of an issue over the ownership of land on Mill Hill and concerning the position of a bin shed. Highways are investigating.

If anyone is aware of any unlawful development taking place in the village it can reported to the Parish Council who will in turn contact the Enforcement team at HDC. It can also be notified directly to HDC.

**Planning Application – Tree Application 21/02085/TREE – Remove large limb from Holm Oak – The Grange, Infield Road**

PW declared an interest in this item

The Parish Council recommend approval.

## **12. Platinum Jubilee**

There is an extended bank holiday from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Suggest collaboration with both the Village Hall and Church to arrange a community event to celebrate.

## **13. Parish Council Seminar (with Neighbourhood Policing Team)**

MA and Helen Ford attended the seminar arranged by Simon Bywater for Parish Council in the Sawtry and Stilton Division. The briefing was led by Tom Russell who gave an insight into the role of the Neighbourhood Policing team and the issues that they deal with. The community are encouraged to use the 101 reporting system and the Huntingdonshire Police Facebook page to report non-emergency matters.

## **14. Community Gritting**

Glatton has taken part in this programme for several years. The training pack and application form will be available on the web site for volunteers to apply. Deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## **15. Finance Report/Budget**

The balance in the current account is £483.19

The balance in the Business Reserve account is £14,191.78

The grass cutting this year has cost less than was budgeted because there have been less cuts. Clerk will check with the contractor whether there is going to be any further cuts this season.

The Council has not yet made any charitable donations this year. Consider which charities might wish to make a donation to.

Defibrillator training – the planned training did not go ahead because of Covid restrictions. Arrange a session for defib training.

## **16. CIL Funds**

£4,557.47 has been received from a CIL funding payment. There are guidelines on how that money can be used. Parish Council is looking for nominations for projects which would benefit Glatton. Suggestions for projects will be available on the web site with a deadline of one month to respond.

5 Year Plan – SS and NMP will take responsibility at looking at the short term, medium term and long term plans for the Parish Council. The short-term plan will include a calendar of events to include such items as defibrillator training and litter picks. NMP will also pick up the Neighbourhood Plan and contact other smaller villages such as Holme to ascertain what is required and what progress has been made.

Report By Simon Bywater – The bidding process for a one form entry primary school on the Lark Fleet development is now open and the deadline for bids is end of October 2021. A panel will sit at the end of Jan to determine which bid has been successful and the school is due to open in September 2023. The school will perhaps be the first building on the site. There will not be a new doctor's surgery but the existing doctor's surgery at Wellside has been extended. This is an NHS decision.

Report by Tim Alban – Huntingdon District Council is working with Peterborough City Council to house 6 Afghanistan families with a wraparound service.

Speeding/ fly tipping continues to be a problem for all villages along the B660. Report all fly tipping via the online service.

17. AOB

Clerk to contact Sawtry Parish Council regarding a road survey before the work at the Lark Fleet development begins to give a base line report on the current state of the roads.

Date of Next Meetings

26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Meeting Closed at 8.38pm