

GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 26th NOVEMBER 2021

Present:

Carl Stretton (CS) (Chairman)

Neil Mundell-Phipps (NMP) (Vice Chair)

Paul Williams (PW)

Stephen Smith (SS)

Mandy Allen (MA)

The meeting was attended by 5 residents of Glatton

Tim Alban (District Councillor)

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies

Simon Bywater (County Councillor) sent his apologies.

3. Declaration of Interests

There are no interests to declare.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 17th September

Point 10(ii) misleadingly suggests that statement “The culvert which runs along the boundary between 6A and 6B Sawtry Road is not large enough for the flow of water during periods of heavy rain” is the view of Glatton Parish Council. This is an opinion of a resident of Glatton and the comment was made during the Parish Meeting. The comment will be moved to point vi) of the Parish meeting in the minutes.

The Chairman will sign the amended minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

5. Minutes of the development planning consultation meeting held on 22nd October 2021

Several typos will be corrected. The chairman will sign the amended minutes as a true record of proceedings.

6. Matters Arising

The Planning Application ref21/02031/FUL Land East of 27 Infield Road has been refused.

The Planning Application ref 21/02045/FU Land East of High Haden Farm is still in progress. The Parish Council would welcome the opportunity to send a representative to the meeting of the Development Management Committee (DMC). Clerk to contact Holly McPherson (Planning Officer) to ascertain whether this application will go to the DMC.

7. Correspondence

Correspondence has been received about a new bus service serving rural communities. It is called the Ting Bus and can be booked via an app. The cost of a journey is £2.00 with onward journeys being charged at £1.00. It is in operation for a trial period of 6 months. A resident of Glatton has used the bus service on several occasions and recommends it. The Clerk has been sent some free tickets and please contact her if you would like one to try the bus.

8. Parish Council Comments

i) Culvert & Brook on Sawtry Road

A resident has prepared a report and this will be covered during the Parish Meeting.

Parish Meeting

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

8.1 Tim Alban's Report:

i) Tim sent an email via the clerk to Glatton Parish Council with useful information on the progress of Grafham & Ellington towards adopting a neighbourhood plan.

ii) Fly tipping is still a huge problem in the area. Enforcement teams do work very quickly upon incidents being reported.

iii) Signs close to junction 16 of A1(M) are being painted with graffiti. The cost for removing the graffiti is very expensive at £100 per sign.

iv) Flood working groups- HDC is working with Houghton. The flooding in Glatton and Stilton was equally traumatic for those involved. It is important to work together to address this issue.

8.2 Following on from the comment at the meeting of September 17th and the thanks to those maintaining the verges, it is important that other residents in Glatton are encouraged to maintain their verges.

8.3 CIL Monies – Please can the council share proposals for the use of the CIL money.

8.4 Larkfleet Development – Important to be visible in any discussions so please consider ways to influence any decisions. Dialogue with Sawtry Parish Council concerning a road survey with potential HGV damage to the roads. Contact CEO of Larkfleet.

8.5 Parish Council to connect to issues and understand where they can play a role for example any breaches around planning.

The Parish Council is not always made aware of potential breaches but will follow up when asked to do so, if appropriate.

8.6 A camera has appeared on a lamppost on the flyover on B660. Potentially an ANPR monitoring camera. Paul Cole (resident) will follow up.

8.7 The current role of Neighbourhood Watch in the village, especially following a recent spate of break-ins.

8.8 Tracking Planning Applications – Resident confirms that on the HDC planning portal there is an icon which allows you to track planning applications, however it has not been tested.

8.9 Flooding – A resident prepared a detailed report (attached) His opinion is that the brook flowing to the rear of Flock Farm out towards the A1 requires lowering by at least half a metre. Following the flooding in Glatton in December 2020 the Inland Drainage Board, the authority responsible for the maintenance of the brook, arranged for a visual survey of the brook. The minutes of the meeting of the Inland Drainage Board report the following:

- A complaint was received from a house owner in Glatton after high flows in the watercourse over the Christmas 2020 period caused erosion of his garden. The location is Point 72 at the end of the Board's drainage system, immediately downstream of a long culvert under a garden and road. Maintenance of the Board's watercourse is very difficult at this location and is also prevented by items such as a wooden fence and house extension which have not received the Board's consent. The house owner will pursue the matter with his insurance company.
- It was noted that whilst Glatton Parish Council had raised concerns and complaints following on from the winter event and are demanding action, during the event the IDB system remained in bank and Members have not been advised of any residential properties being flooded. It was however acknowledged that several trees will need to be removed in the near future.

The home in question in the first note is 5 Sawtry Road. The second note is incorrect as several houses suffered water ingress during this flood.

There are many areas where the ditches/ drains pass through lane in private ownership and many alterations have been made over the years to the watercourse. Fixing one area may result in a problem being exacerbated in another area of the village. Possibility of contracting an expert to complete a report looking at the brooks running throughout the village. The inland Drainage Board has few resources and meets once a year so this is something that the Parish Council might consider.

Cambridgeshire County Council is our local lead flood authority. Request a flood investigation.

Tim Alban left the meeting at 8pm.

Parish Council Meeting re convened at 8pm.

9. VAS Sign Posts.

Following the incorrect siting of a post on the green we have now received confirmation from Karen Lunn at Highways that the post will be re-sited as per the feasibility report and as per plan B with the location of the post opposite Church Road. Regarding the disconnection of the original speed sign on Sawtry Road, the cost is considerably more than originally advised and the advice is to apply for another LHI grant to complete this work. However, Karen is now going to challenge UKPN on this. Possibility of keeping the existing speed sign and put the new MVAS camera on to this sign post. The Clerk is to request an update from Karen. There are currently no plans to locate a post for the camera on High Haden Road.

10. Speed Watch

4 speed watch sessions were completed recently. The worst speeding occurred on Infield Road on the approach to Church Road on Friday mornings and afternoons.

There is a need for more volunteers to sign up to Speed Watch. Although hopefully when it is installed the VAS camera will reduce the requirement for people.

11. Flooding Update

Jetting truck has attempted to jet the drain running between 22-44 High Haden Road. The jetting was forced to halt approximately 4 metres from the start of the pipe. On digging down it was discovered that the drainage pipe is broken, possibly as a result of previous sewerage pipe repairs. The property owner concerned has reported the matter to their insurance company who have carried out a camera investigation and are waiting for an update. The owner of number 22 has cleared the dyke for which they are responsible and Highways have cleared the section under the small green on High Haden.

The drainage pipe on Sawtry Road has been repaired.

12. Platinum Jubilee

Government official street party day is Sunday 5th June which fits in well as there is a wedding in the church on 4th June. It will be a joint effort between the Church, Village Hall and Parish Council.

13. Finance Report/Budget

The balance in the current account is £375.19 and the balance in the Business Reserve account is £14,192.01. The grass cutting was less expensive than had been budgeted for as less cuts were required during the hot months. Enquire with the grass cutter about one last trim and tidy up.

14. Precept

Based on the budget the council agreed to hold the precept at the current level of £5,000. Proposed by PW and seconded by SS. Unanimously agreed.

15. CIL Funds and 5-year plan

CIL funds - CS is to ask for resident suggestions via the web site and Glatton Face Book page with a plan to be formulated by the next meeting on 11th February 2022.

5-year plan- collaborate with other Parish Councils and learn from their advice and examples. There will be short term, medium term and long-term objectives. For example, short term may include litter picking and defibrillator/first aid training. Medium term may be collaborating with Sawtry Parish Council regarding the Larkfleet development while long term will be a Neighbourhood plan/Wildlife Plan.

16. Charitable Donations

£200 has been allocated in the budget for charitable donations. It was decided to donate £100 each to CARESCO and MAGPAS Air Ambulance.

20.45 1 resident left the meeting.

17.AOB

i) There is a village hall event Meet the new neighbours to be held on 18th December 4-6pm The event is hosted by the Village hall in collaboration with the Church and Parish Council. Please all lend your support.

ii) The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee would like to increase the profile of the Village hall on the Glatton Parish Council website with a calendar of events.

iii) Community Newsletter – we would like to reintroduce this but it will need the support of the parishioners.

iv) Volunteers – More volunteers are required to run the website, neighbourhood watch, newsletter etc.

18. Date of Next Meeting – 11th February 2022.

The meeting was closed at 20.50