

GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 10TH MAY 2024

Present:

Carl Stretton (CS)

Andrew Peck (AP)

Ross Weatherburn (RW)

Miles Stephenson (MS)

The meeting was attended by 5 residents of Glatton.

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

Tim Alban (District Councillor)

1. CS opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. Apologies

Nick Pratt sent his apologies.

3. Election of Chairman

CS elected as chairman (proposed by AP and seconded by RW)

4. Election of Vice Chairman

AP elected as vice chairman (proposed by RW and seconded by MS)

5. Declaration of Interests

No interests to declare.

6. Minutes of Meeting held on 1st March 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2024 were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.

7. Matters Arising

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

8. Correspondence

There is correspondence which will be referred to later in the meeting.

Parish Meeting

Report by Simon Bywater

- i) The LHI panels have been delayed because the county councillors which form the panel had not seen any of the applications. The required information has now been received. There hasn't been a new date set but this is likely to be toward the end of May or beginning of June. RW has received correspondence to this effect.
- ii) The roads are in an appalling condition with some very large pot holes appearing. Keep reporting any issue via the online reporting tool:
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

Some but not all the pot holes in Glatton have been repaired. The issue of the fallen public footpath sign has been reported but not yet repaired. There are several other signs in need of repair which the clerk will report as soon as photos are obtained.

Report by Tim Alban

- i) Glatton attended the joint Parish meeting held at the Milestone Hotel at Norman Cross. The meeting was attended by three members of the Police force. It is an opportunity to raise questions and share common issues throughout the parishes in the ward for example speeding and fly tipping. Glatton is progressing well with the Neighbourhood plan and is able to share information with the other parishes currently proceeding with Neighbourhood Plans.
- ii) The new system of a charge for green bin waste came in to force at the beginning of April. Freighters are available at several locations including Stilton and The Old School Hall in Sawtry on the first Saturday of each month. You can take garden waste to any of the locations. There is a trial food waste collection currently taking place in St. Neots.

9. Planning Consultation Ref 24/00689/HHFUL 2 Glatton Ways

This is the same application which has been previously approved by Glatton Parish Council. The owner of the property explained that HDC required a further tree survey and that he had been advised to withdraw that application and put in a new application rather than risk the first application being refused. The proposed garage is a tremendous improvement on the existing concrete garage building. The council unanimously recommend approval.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

- i) The lease of the Addison Arms is currently for sale. What is involved in making the pub a community asset? It is potentially a way of keeping some control in the decision-making process. It gives the Parish an option to buy but there is no financial obligation to do so. The clerk at Folksworth has knowledge of the process as the Folksworth Fox was made a community asset, although the pub is currently closed. Clerk to contact. MS to investigate and report back at the next meeting.
- ii) During the public call for sites for residential development the only land nominated within Glatton was along Glatton Ways at the edge of the village outside the 40mph signage adjacent to Glatton Hall .. There were concerns that the land in question is outside of the village boundary and there are believed to be protected views from the Fen Land to the hills as well as amenity views from

within the village towards the proposed site Protected views are scenes and aspects that you are looking to protect for instance the view of an historic building. This would only be relevant in the future if the land in question is subject to a planning application. The Parish Council were notified about the call for sites and this could have been better publicised via the web site. However, information around the call for sites was widely available on the HDC website.

iii) The current boundary of Glatton Parish on Sawtry Road is alongside the speed signs. The land between Glatton and Sawtry to approximately Middle March Farm forms part of Conington Parish. This is a result of historic boundaries and before the A1M was built. This part of Conington Parish cannot now be accessed except through either Sawtry or Glatton. It is also an area that Glatton wish to protect as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. There has been communication with Conington Parish Council but they are not minded at this time to make any changes. CS has therefore met with Lisa Jablonska who is the Democratic Service Manager for HDC. The PC voted that Glatton PC will petition HDC to communicate with the Boundaries Commission to request a Community Governance review. The application has been acknowledged.

Simon Bywater and Tim Alban left the meeting at 19.35.

11. Speed Watch report

Nick Pratt is unable to attend the meeting but has sent in the speed watch report (attached) and read at the meeting by CS. In light of the report and some of the excessive speeds being recorded Parish Council is keen to set up a new Speed Watch group and will put Nick in contact with other speed watch groups in the area. New volunteers will be required and training will have to be put in place.

12. The Big Help Out 7-9th June

The national Big Help Out is once again taking place. Glatton will arrange a litter pick and general tidy up of the village. It will take place on Saturday 8th June starting at the village hall at 10am. CS will provide the equipment. The clerk will arrange welcoming cups of tea/coffee and bacon butties at the village hall at 10am. AP to advertise the event via the web page and Face Book. Clerk to contact Litter Minimisation team to notify them of the event and arrange collection of the litter.

13. Finance Report

i) Approval of Annual Governance Statements

The annual audit having been completed the councillors reviewed the effectiveness of internal control. Approval proposed by AP and seconded by RW. Approval unanimous.

ii) Approval of Annual Accounting Statements

The internal audit having been completed the councillors considered and approved the accounting statements. Approval proposed by CS and seconded by MS. Approval unanimous.

iii) Approval of Certificate of Exemption

The internal audit having been completed the councillors approved the certificate of exemption. Approval proposed by AP and seconded by CS. Approval unanimous.

iv) The balance in the current account is £1,518.64. The payments out include the clerk's annual salary, grass cutting and annual registration to CAPALC. The balance in the Business Reserve account is £14,081.83. The Precept of £6,000 has been received.

v) Budget

The actual cost of the grass cutting to date is £252.00. The Zurich insurance premium is £241.00 and the CAPALC registration fee already paid is £213.75.

vi) Assets Register

The fixed assets have a value of £13,278.00. This has not changed as no assets have been sold or purchased. These valuations are for insurance purposes only.

vii) Zurich Insurance Policy

The premium has increased slightly from £214.00 to £241.00. This is as a result of the increased precept to £6,000.

14. Flooding Update

Briam Heffernan from Cambridgeshire County Council has arranged and carried out a CCTV survey of the drains in various parts of the village. AP is now chasing the report of the survey. Anglian water and Highways have investigated drainage issues on Infield Road and the results of that survey are awaited. AP is going to create a map of the village with particular flooding problems marked, using local knowledge to complete this. There will not be just one fix to the flooding, drainage issues and there is much that we can complete ourselves. Once reports have been received AP plans to hold a session in the village hall for residents.

15. LHI Bid

The application is for an unlit chicane on Sawtry Road which pinches in the road on both sides. The exact location of the proposed chicane is still to be determined. RW is waiting to hear the new panel date.

16. Local Projects 20mph funding

CS has made the application for 20mph funding. If funding were obtained there would be a consultation with residents before going ahead with the project.

17. Charitable Giving

The Parish Council donate £250 per year usually divided between two local charities. Last year the donations were to Caresco and the Coffee Ark. Take a survey via the web site of residents on which charities they would like to donation to be given to. The survey to close on 15th June.

18. AOB (for information only)

i) RW – obtained free of charge the official portrait of King Charles III. This has now been hung in the village hall.

ii) CS – The public footpath sign post has not been repaired. Clerk to chase Highways. There are a couple of other sign posts requiring repair. Clerk to report via the online reporting tool.

iii) The grass cutting is underway. There were some teething issues but these appear to have been resolved.

iv) MS – suggested a Conservation Plan would make sense for the village given that parts of the village are already designated as conservation area. He suggested he could draft a plan with Terry Brignall for comment by the Parish council with a view to having this complete by year end.

19. Dates of Meetings for 2024-2025

6th September 2024

8th November 2024

7th February 2025

9th May 2025

Meeting closed at 20.20