

GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

7th FEBRUARY 2025

Present:

Carl Stretton (CS)

Andrew Peck (AP)

Ross Weatherburn (RW)

Nick Pratt (NP)

Miles Stephenson (MS)

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

The meeting was attended by 6 residents of Glatton

1. Apologies

There are apologies from Tim Alban (District Councillor).

2. Declarations of Interest

There are no interests to declare

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 15th November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2024 were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings

4. Matters Arising

There are no matters arising not already on the agenda.

5. Correspondence

The only matter of correspondence is concerning the state of the road on Mill Hill which will be referred to later in the meeting.

6. Neighbourhood Plan & Application to change the Parish Boundary

A valid petition was presented to the Community Governance Review Committee and the Glatton and Connington Community Governance Review has now gone live on the HDC website. The consultation will close on 31st March 2025. The link to the

website <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/rwxf0vxb/glatton-and-conington-community-governance-review-notice-and-terms-of-reference.pdf>

Will be published on the Glatton web site and Face Book page and residents will be encouraged to comment. The final recommendations will be considered in December and a decision made by April 2026. If the decision results in a boundary change then apply for the designated area for the Neighbourhood plan to be reset in line with the boundaries.

Parish Meeting

For those in attendance to raise matters of concern.

Report by Simon Bywater

- i) Devolution and Local Government Reform will mean that the current two-tier authority will be redesignated and local councils will have a new look going forward. The councillors have until November 2025 to come forward with ideas of how that might be achieved but currently there are certainly more questions than answers but it is business as normal for the time being. The election in May will be going ahead.
- ii) Highways have a £40,000 budget but in reality, this is £20,000, £10,000 of which will go to road maintenance including repairing potholes and £10,000 for less urgent items for example bus stops. At the upcoming Budget setting meeting Simon Bywater has listed an amendment requesting £3,000 to repair roads in his ward.
- iii) The road surface on Mill Hill, Glatton is in a very dangerous state of repair and Simon has been in correspondence with Sarah Budd, the Highways Officer, concerning the same. He has had a response stating temporary repairs will be carried out, but he is pushing to get more permanent repairs completed.

Village Hall

With the support of a £200,000 National Lottery funding grant and other grants the majority of the funds required to demolish and rebuild the village hall have been raised. There is still an opportunity to "Buy a Brick". The plans have been approved and all is set to go ahead and start the work at the end of February. The Village Hall Committee are hosting a "Farewell Party" on Friday 14th February for which tickets are still available. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all the residents for their continuing support for the project. CS thanked the Village Hall Committee for all their hard work in bringing this project to fruition.

The Defibrillator and the Parish Council Notice Board will require removing before demolition works begin. Possibility that the defibrillator could be moved to the telephone box although currently there isn't electricity at the telephone box which would be required.

Simon Bywater left the meeting at 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting Reconvened.

7. Policies

i) Model Standing Orders – The Council is happy with the Model Standing Orders 2018(England)-Updated April 2022 and propose to adopt the same. Proposed by NP and seconded by AP. Agreement unanimous.

ii) Model Financial Regulations as amended by AP – Proposal to adopt. Proposed by AP and seconded by CS. Agreement unanimous.

iii) Model Biodiversity Policy – the council must consider biodiversity in all its deliberations especially any planning applications and how that might impact on biodiversity. Carry over to the next meeting.

8. LHI Bid Application

i) The council considered the plan for the application for speed calming on Sawtry Road which already has approval. The proposed plan is a pinch point on Sawtry Road as vehicles enter the village with give way coming into the village and priority to traffic exiting the village. The pinch point is designed in such a way with rumble edges to allow larger farming vehicles access. There will also be a speed reduction zone of 40 miles an hour before reducing to 30 miles per hour as vehicles enter the village. The Parish Council are happy with proposed design and RW will communicate this to James Chapman. The current time scale is 18 months to completion.

ii) RW has put in a second application for further speed calming measures on Infield Road. There is no possibility of a pinch point on Infield Rd due to visibility. However the signage does not meet current standards and so the application is for improved signage painted on the road and sign posts. Currently waiting for a date for the panel hearing.

9. Speed Watch/MVAS Camera Update

Enough volunteers have now completed the online training. NP will now arrange for the in-person training with Cambridgeshire Police. This will take place at a Speed Watch session in early April.

10. Flooding Update

Infield Road – AP has cleared and is keeping the drainage ditch outside number 22 clear. This has helped significantly with the dissipation of water following heavy rain. He will continue with this and will arrange a CCTV survey at some point in the future. Paul Cole has been invited to a meeting with the Mid Level Commissioners. The aim is to cost the work that needs to be done however the Internal Drainage Board currently does not have the finances.

11. Parish Clerk's resignation

Helen Ford has handed in her resignation with a finish date of 30th June 2025 to allow completion of the annual accounts and publication of the same. CS will sort out a job advert for a new clerk.

12. Green on Church Road

Currently the green behind the church is in a poor state being water logged and with vehicle tracks breaking up the grass. The damage will need to be repaired but the suggestion is for a physical barrier, potentially white plastic posts and signage to protect the green from further damage.

Another suggestion is to use part of the green as a car parking area, especially as there will be less parking available at the village hall in the future. Ray Groves has been asked to put together a proposal.

13. Finance Report/Budget

The balance in the current account is £301.24 and the balance in the Business Reserve account is £13,225.97. The precept of £5,000 will equate to £139.90 on a Band D property. The precept will be paid in April. The budget includes £2,000 for grass cutting which will begin again towards the end of March.

14. AOB

CS will step down from the council at the AGM.

15. Next Meeting

The AGM will take place in St.Nicholas Church on 9th May 2025.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.