

GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
15th NOVEMBER 2024

Present:

Carl Stretton (CS)

Andrew Peck (AP) Arrived at 7.04pm

Ross Weatherburn (RW)

Nick Pratt (NP) Arrived at 7.12pm

Miles Stephenson

The meeting was attended by 2 residents of Glatton

1. Apologies

There are apologies from Simon Bywater (County Councillor) and Tim Alban (District Councillor).

2. Declarations of Interest

There are no interests to declare

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2024 were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceeding.

4. Matters Arising

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

5. Correspondence

There is no correspondence that is not already referred to on the agenda.

Parish Meeting

For those in attendance to raise matters of concern.

The Parish Council recently recommend approval of a previous planning application that had lapsed to replace the boundary fence at the Grange, Infield Rd with a wall and gates. The red line marking the ownership of the property is shown on the planning application as being adjacent to the road. The resident questioned if this is correct and whether the ownership of the verge belongs to Highways. It was noted that approval of the application did not seek to affect the defined boundary.

Parish Council Meeting reconvened

6. Policies

The review of these policies will be held over to the next meeting as follows:

Standing Orders – NP

Financial Regulations – AP

Biodiversity – CS

7. Neighbourhood Plan Update

8. Application to change Parish Boundaries

Thanks go to the Parish Councillors and the Neighbourhood Planning team for collecting signatures on the petition to change the Parish boundaries from residents of Glatton and Connington. The outcome is very positive and the residents have given whole hearted support to the application. The Application and petition have now been sent to HDC and will be considered at the next meeting of the Community Governance Review Committee on 29th January 2025.

9. LHI Bid Application Update

The application for a chicane on Sawtry Road has been approved. There is now an opportunity to apply for a similar chicane on B660, probably at the Infield Road end of the village. RW will make the application.

10. Local Projects 20mph Funding Update

The application for funding to reduce the speed limit within Glatton to 20mph has been rejected. There will be an opportunity to apply for this again next year, however, before making another application the Parish Council wish to gauge support for this from the residents. An online petition was proposed, the wording for which has been drafted by RW, and to include a letter written by Kevin Denton (from Allways). NP to assess how this petition can be closed to residents of Glatton, possibly by postcode and house number.

11. Speed Watch/MVAS Camera Update

There are 8 or 9 volunteers which is enough to set up a new speed watch team. A link has been sent to the volunteers to complete some online training which will take approximately 30 minutes. Once the training is completed NP will be notified and the police will come out to Glatton to complete some in person training.

There has been found to be a fault with the MVAS camera and anomalies in the very high-speed reading that have been recorded which must be disregarded.

12. Flooding Update

There is agreement from the land owners to clear the ditch on High Haden Rd at either to enable at CCTV camera survey of the drainage pipe. Once the drainage pipe has been assessed will be the time to discuss riparian ownership duties regarding any required repairs. With regard to the brook running across Sawtry Rd, there is currently dialogue between HDC and the Internal Drainage Board. The estimate for clearing the land on either side of the brook is 25-30K and there is no money available for this.

13. Sawtry Road development

On 4th November an e mail was received from Georgina McCrae, a planning director at Allison Homes, who has confirmed that reserved matters consent for the development have recently been granted and that they are now firming up the onsite build route and infrastructure programme. In terms of HGV routing, she has said that they will be guided by the Parish Councils and Highways and that the most likely route will be from J16 of A1(M) via Fen Lane. The current start date is February 2025. Whilst this is generally positive, RW will respond to this and confirm that keen to be involved in the consultation. CS would like to sign stating "No left turn for construction traffic at the junction with Ratcliffe's and also to receive a list of their suppliers. The damage to Gidding Road in Sawtry as a result of the house developments is terrible and in order to make a claim for reparation it would be useful to have a dilapidation survey of the Sawtry/Glatton Road. Approach Terry Brignell to take photographs alongside a schedule of condition.

14. Finance Report/Budget

The balance in the current account is £879.25 and the balance in the Business Reserve account is £13,179.26. The rental for the village hall for the year of £200 has been paid. The budget also includes £2,000 for grass cutting, £1,000 for any potential electoral fees for a contested election and £1,000 for any tree pruning. There is also an additional £650 for the contribution toward the Local Highway Improvements which have been granted.

15. Precept

In view of the healthy balance in the Business Reserve Account it is agreed to reduce the precept to the 2022 level of £5,000. Proposed by CS and seconded by RW. Agreement unanimous. The clerk to complete the necessary paperwork.

16. Village Tidy-Up and Bulb Planting

Thank you to Teresa Stretton who has donated a large sack of daffodil bulbs to be planted on the village green. The planting as well as a village tidy up and clearing of the verges took place on Saturday 16th November with plenty of young volunteers helping to plant the bulbs. The event was preceded by bacon baps and hot drinks at the village hall.

17. AOB

i) Request for volunteers for the Community gritting programme where residents can help out by gritting the footpaths in Glatton on frosty evenings. There is an online application to complete which the clerk will arrange to be posted on the web site.

ii) CS notified the Parish council that both he and the clerk will be stepping down at the next AGM in May 2025. It will be necessary to advertise the position of clerk

via the Glatton web page but also with CAPALC. When CS steps down the procedure of notifying HDC and opening the position via the web site will be followed.

iii) For the next meeting MS will prepare the documents to register the Addison Arms as a community asset. He will also prepare a plan to describe the conservation areas of Glatton. RW will assist with this.

18 Date of Next Meeting

7th February 2025

Meeting closed at 8.12pm