

GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th November 2025

Present:

Miles Stephenson (MS) - chairman

Andrew Peck (AP) – vice chairman

Nick Pratt (NP)

The meeting was attended by:

5 residents of Glatton

Tim Alban (District Councillor)

1. Welcome

The chairman was slightly delayed so the Vice-chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ross Weatherburn.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 5th September 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2025 were agreed by the Council.

5. Matters Arising

Speedwatch training for volunteers (item #9) is on hold pending further consideration of how to employ them, given their very limited powers of enforcement, whilst the existing camera provides consistent data.

Parish Meeting

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

Report from Tim Alban

In light the of the Local Plan Review, a successful joint Parishes meeting had been held on [date] at which Parish officials shared issues of concern and best practice. The Review portal will remain open until December and the joint meeting highlighted the point that Parish Councils and residents may comment on issues arising in neighbouring areas.

On Local Government Reorganisation, members of the District Council have discussed the process and decision-making. The full Council will discuss the matter in the week of 17th November with a decision on its view to be made the following week. Tim stated his view that Option D was completely unacceptable but that each of the other four were workable. The Councillors expressed a preference for Option C but agreed that formal engagement should be left to individual parishioners so that the full range of views could be expressed. The Secretary of State will take the ultimate decision following completion of the entire consultation process, sometime in 2026.

Tim also stated his concern that the 50% reduction in the number of Huntingdonshire Councillors - from 69 in the DC and CC to 34 in the new Unitary Authority - might slew representation away from a broad base towards some demographic groups (especially older, wealthier people).

Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Luddington

There was much concern expressed regarding the planning application for an ADP plant at Luddington, in particular HGV traffic moving along the B660 to and from the A1.

A resident questioned what may done to voice concerns. Gidding Parish Council are keen to engage and the Council agreed to establish contact. **Action – Clerk** The Council should also engage with Simon Bywater at HDC and possibly Sawtry PC. Luddington is in Northamptonshire but letters to both the HDC and CCC Planning Departments may nonetheless be helpful.

It was noted that the B660 would require extensive upgrading and that the land on both sides of the road is owned by the Fitzwilliam Estate. Representations to the FE to refuse permission for the work is an avenue to be explored. NP said he would take this forward. **Action - NP**

Tim left the meeting.

A resident noted that, despite assurances, HGVs from the Sawtry Road development had been seen going through Glatton (see also Item #7).

A resident asked about historic or remembrance artwork for the bus-stop, noting the very successful work done in Sawtry. The Council enthusiastically agreed to provide funding. The Council was also of the view that the potential for siting a memorial on the village green should be investigated and that the artwork for the bus-stop should be considered in this light. Further consideration of a memorial will be taken forward after the bus-stop is completed.

Parish Council Meeting reconvened

6. Mandated IT Policy

The Clerk reported that further guidance had recently been issued, tightening the terms of the IT Policy PCs must adopt as part of the AGAR. He would amend the draft if necessary and circulate it to the Councillors. It was noted that GPC currently meets the minimum requirements and that no other actions were needed in 2025/26. **Action - Clerk**

7. Allison Homes Development on Glatton Road, Sawtry

The Council noted that appropriate signage and a truck-wash were not in place at the development site. Should they not be completed in good time a letter would be necessary to Allison Homes.

8. Replacement Telecommunication Mast at Manor Farm

AP noted that the existing 17-metre mast is just visible from certain points in the village. The proposed 20-metre mast would clearly be more visible from a likely greater number of places. Whilst appreciating the requirement for upgrading to a 5G service there was concern about this and the Council agreed to establish whether the mast could be restricted to 17m. **Action – Clerk**

9. HDC CIL Funding 2nd Round

MS reported he had engaged with the Village Hall chairman about requesting funds and that the PC would support him if doing so. MS also suggested winter-proofing the walkway at the end of Mill

Road. He would produce a mud map for uploading to the village Facebook page with an invitation to the residents to comment. **Action - MS**

There was support for taking forwards improving the car-parking behind the Church. The likely expense would require three quotes to be obtained so it was agreed the Councillors would work up a detailed proposal out of committee for the clerk to action. **Action – Councillors.**

10. Finance Report

An input of £6,739.89 had been received under CIL Meaningful Proportion rules, from the development at 2 High Haden Road. As a result, the Reserve Account stood at £19,601.04. Funds have already been allocated towards the bus-stop artwork (see open session, above). They might also be used for flooding work (see also item #11).

11. Flooding Update

MS reported that a £10k grant was available from CCC for flooding work. AP agreed to work up a proposal. **Action - AP**

12. Election of New Councillor

The Chairman reported he had identified two candidates. The Council agreed that both could be elected if suitable. The Chairman will pursue the matter further. **Action - MS**

13. AOB (for Information only)

MS reported that the proposal to alter the Parish Boundary will go to the HDC on 17th December. This makes it necessary for The Neighbourhood Plan to be taken forward early in the new year, in order for it to be fully integrated into the larger Local Plan.

MS proposed that The Addison Arms be nominated to the HDC as an Asset of Community Value. The Council agreed to include it as a formal Agenda item at the next meeting. **Action – Clerk**

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 6th February 2025 but owing to the absence of the Clerk on that date it was felt desirable for the Council agreed to consider an alternative date. **Action – Council**

Meeting Closed

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