

GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th September 2025

Present:

Miles Stephenson (MS) - chairman

Andrew Peck (AP)

Nick Pratt (NP)

Ross Weatherburn (RW)

The meeting was attended by:

6 residents of Glatton

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

1. Welcome

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Apologies

None.

3. Declaration of Interests

NP declared an interest in item 13 as a Trustee of Glatton village hall.

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 7th February 2025

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2025 were agreed by the Council as a true record of proceedings.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the AGM other than those addressed at items 12 and 13.

6. Correspondence

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

Parish Meeting

For those in attendance to raise matters of concern.

Report from Simon Bywater

On Local Government Reorganisation the County Council has expressed a preference for a new unitary authority of Huntingdonshire, Peterborough City and Fenland. It has released a second survey on this proposal on its website. The survey is open until 3rd October. There are concerns that Peterborough City might dominate the new authority at the expense of the two rural districts.

Richard Kingston has taken up post as Local Highways Officer for Cambridgeshire CC.

Simon left the meeting.

A resident raised the question of significant amounts of straw on the roads and asked if they can be swept. RW said he would take up the matter. **ACTION - RW**

A resident raised the Neighbourhood Plan in the light of information that Conington Parish Council had agreed to the proposed boundary changes at its recent meeting. The chairman agreed to take the matter here, rather than in closed session at Item 7. The discussion is noted under item 7 for ease of marriage with the Agenda.

A resident raised that Sawtry Road has a 7.5 ton vehicle weight limit which is not policed. Upcoming works in Sawtry will require significant heavy vehicle traffic. The traffic should not route through Glatton and it was decided to wait for the works to begin before addressing the issue further, should it be required.

Parish Council Meeting reconvened

7. The chairman reported that there are a number of steps outstanding in the legal process: acceptance of the minutes by CPC should take place on 7th October; Huntingdon DC should then

approve the boundary change on 15th October and; following that UK Land Registry will be informed.

It was agreed that, until the boundary change is accepted and legalised by UKLR, the current draft of the Neighbourhood Plan will not be updated. However, work will continue in the background. The draft can then be formally updated to include the boundary change and a public meeting will be held to discuss it.

8. CAPALC IT Policy Mandate

The Clerk reported that PCs have been mandated to produce, and adhere to, to a formal IT policy covering such areas as data protection, data handling and email account procedures. The IT policy must be included in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return from 2025/26. The clerk undertook to draft the policy before next PC meeting. **ACTION - Clerk**

9. Speed Watch Update/MVAS Camera

NP reported that there is little issue on High Haden and Infields roads with high compliance to speed limits. There is only 36% compliance on Sawtry Road but it is likely that technology limitations have led to some false data and actual compliance is higher. Six new volunteers have come forward and need to receive formal training, which NP will take forward. **ACTION - NP**

10. Finance Report

The Business Reserve Account contains £15,331.86 which means that the PC is likely to have significant cash at the end of the FY. The PC is keen to utilise the funds and resolved to identify potential projects. Initial ideas include more dog-waste bins and expenditure to address flooding issues – see item 11.

11. Flooding Update

AP reported that Environment Agency and Mid-Level Commission financial difficulties continue to hinder progress. Some drains have been checked and two designated Red will be cleared. Greater communication with house owners may help and PC funded work could be undertaken using cash from the reserve.

12. LHI Bid

RW reported that he will chase work on the Sawtry Road chicane. Improvements to Infield Road – chiefly signage – may be approved in October. The initial funding form for FY25/26 has been submitted; no further funds will be applied for until all current work is completed. **ACTION - RW**

13. Charitable Giving

The Council resolved to donate £125 each to CARESCO, Coffee Ark and the Village Hall rebuilding project. **ACTION - Clerk**

14. Election of New Councillor

No candidates having come forward from mandated advertising it was resolved to re-post the vacancy and begin individual searches.

15. AOB (for Information only)

There is no AOB

20. Date of next meeting

Friday 5th September 2025

Meeting Closed