

GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th FEB 2023

Present: Carl Stretton (CS) Chairman

Andrew Peck (AP)

Ross Weatherburn (RW)

Mandy Allen (MA)

The meeting was attended by

3 residents of Glatton

Tim Alban (District Councillor)

1. Apologies

Lee Juniper and Simon Bywater sent their apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

No interests to declare.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 25th November 2022

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.

4. Matters Arising

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

5. Correspondence

i) An appeal has been made against the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse planning permission for the development at the land east of 27 Infield Road. It was not necessary to provide comments already made as these are all taken into account by the Planning Inspectorate.

ii) E mail correspondence has been received by an interested party on the view of the Parish Council to the development of a dwelling on the land at the top of Mill Hill. The council will not comment on any proposed application until the application is made and the council are asked to comment by HDC.

Parish Meeting

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

Report from Simon Bywater – Although Simon was unable to attend the meeting, he sent the following report:

CcC had its full council meeting this week where Cllrs set next year's budget. I voted against it as I don't think we should be burdening residents with maximum tax increases. Sadly the administration voted in favour which sees the ccc Precept going up 4.99% approx £73 a year on a Band D.

Although Gidding primary school isn't in my ward now, I have attended both public meetings regarding the consultation on closure and spoken at the childrens and young people committee last month to voice concerns and impact on children in Sawtry and surrounding villages. Can I remind residents to respond to the consultation. Links on the county council Web page. I've also shared the link on my Facebook page.

Report from Tim Alban.

It is pleasing to note that following the joint meeting and the presentation by CS both Stilton and Gidding (a joint plan between Great Gidding, Steeple Gidding, Winwick and Hamerton) are moving forward with their Neighbourhood Plans.

Tim plans to hold the next joint meeting in the spring where he will invite a police officer to discuss ongoing problems with speeding and fly tipping.

RW has recently reported fly tipping at the top of High Haden Road via the Highways Reporting page and can confirm that when reported it does get cleaned up quickly. The authority will look to prosecute whenever they find evidence.

The PC is to put a link on the Glatton web site page to the Highways fly tipping reporting page to make it easier to access.

Tim left the meeting at 19.15

Parish Council Meeting reconvened.

6. Parish Council Planning Consultation
Barn House, Glatton Ways Ref 23/00126/HHFUL

Planning application to replace a conservatory with a garden room. Unanimously recommend approval. The new proposed garden room is an improvement on the existing conservatory. It is single storey and there is no overlooking. The brick work which will be matched with the existing building and the cedar roof are all to be welcomed.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Our mission statement for the Neighbourhood plan is:

Preserve the rural sanctity of the Village.

We have formed six working groups, each with a leader and supported by 34 volunteers from the Village.

The workstreams have held several meetings to prepare questions for the questionnaire, we will have another PC and workstream lead meeting in Feb where we expect to have a draft questionnaire ready for review.

If you have any comments that you'd like to add to the plan please send them to parish.clerk@glatton.org.uk

8. Speed watch Update

LJ continues to put the data from the MVAS camera onto the web site. However, there is no real pattern to the speeding to indicate when it would be best to put out a speed watch team. The speeding is definitely worse as cars leave the village either heading out to Gidding or to Sawtry. With the light nights approaching it will be possible to put out a speed watch team however more volunteers are required, a post will be put on the web site and Face Book Page. Through the traffic section of the Neighbourhood Plan other speed calming measures will be considered.

9. Flooding Update

Flooding is part of the Neighbourhood Plan. There is also a separate flood group who have met on a couple of occasions with Mike Nunns and Karen Patterson who were able to give an insight into how other villages deal with flooding problems. Have also had contact with the Alconbury Flood group where the problem of the river flowing through Alconbury presents a bigger problem than those in Glatton.

There is also a plan to meet with representatives of the Internal Drainage Board. A full catchment view of the flooding problems would be very expensive and it may be that this can be dealt with in smaller chunks where it would be possible to do a lot of the work ourselves to collect insight into what is potentially causing the flooding. There is funding available. The broken drain on High Haden Road remains a problem. Speak to the owners of the property to see what is the best course of action.

10. Community Projects

i) Siting of the refurbished bench – Having consulted with neighbours of the small green on High Haden Road, it has been decided that this will not be a suitable place to re site the bench. The land is uneven and is subject to flooding. The bench will be re sited on a concrete plinth on the village green alongside the new bench.

ii) There are no plans to hold a street party to mark the Coronation. The Village Hall committee and the Church may be planning an event. The next Village Hall meeting is on 1/3/23.

iii) Bank holiday Monday, May 8th is “The Big Help Out” to give everyone an opportunity volunteer in their local community. Projects such as a litter pick, clearing pathways, cleaning the village gateways, and help with installing the refurbished bench are all possibilities. A post will be placed on the web site and Face Book Page to ask for any suggestions.

11. Finance Report

The balance in the current account is £695.77 and the balance in the Business Reserve account is £8,913.98. The precept of £5,000 will be paid in April. Payments of £75 each have been made to our three nominated charities Caresco, Magpas and Shepreth Wildlife Centre. Thank you letters have been received. The defibrillator pads have been replaced and are good for two years. The budget shows that we are yet to receive an invoice and pay for the village hall rental.

12. AOB

MA has decided to resign her position on the Parish Council with immediate effect. CS thanked MA for all her work on the Parish Council during the last three years. HDC will be notified of the vacancy.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The AGM will take place on Friday May 12th.

The meeting closed at 19.30.