

GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

Present: Carl Stretton (CS) Chairman

Mandy Allen (MA) Vice-Chair

Andrew Peck (AP)

Lee Juniper (LJ)

Ross Weatherburn (RW)

The meeting was attended by

3 residents of Glatton

Tim Alban (District Councillor)

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

1. Apologies

There are no apologies.

2. Declaration of Interests

No Interests to declare.

3. Co-opt new Parish Councillor

Following the resignation of Rosie Juniper HDC were notified of the vacancy and a notice of vacancy was posted on the web site on 8th July. On 26th July the council were notified that the statutory period of waiting had ended without a request for an election and that a new councillor may be co-opted. Ross Weatherburn has applied for the position. Proposed by AP, seconded by MA. We welcome Ross to the Council.

4. i) Minutes of AGM held on 6th May 2022

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

ii) Minutes of Minutes of development planning consultation held on 13th May 2022

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iii) Minutes of meeting held on 6th July 2022

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5. Matters Arising

There are no matters arising not already on the agenda.

6. Correspondence

i) HDC have contacted community groups concerning the provision of warm spaces during the winter months in light of the rising gas/electricity costs and cost of living crisis. There is funding available for this and the village hall may be a suitable location. Pass this on to the village hall committee.

ii) Following on from the successful meeting of Parish Council chairmen and clerks in the spring, Tim Alban has arranged another meeting for 16th November. CS and Helen Ford will attend.

Parish Council Meeting

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

i) Thanks were passed from the previous web site mistress to Rosie Juniper for all her hard work and the excellent job of building and launching the new web site.

ii) Report from Simon Bywater

Happy to see new councillors joining the Parish Council.

- a) Buses – Stagecoach have withdrawn approximately 18 buses from its service isolating more and more rural villages. This is partially due to a lack of funding voted down at the Cambridge City Council level. There will be a petition launched.
- b) Closure of swimming pool in Sawtry – The swimming pool is due to be closed. This is a business decision on the part of Academy Leisure the current owners of the Leisure Centre and pool as the forecast is for a huge deficit of £130,000 in the first year. Although Simon is sympathetic with the decision which has been made there is a political discussion to be had and there will be a meeting with HDC to discuss.
- c) Gigaclear a fibre broadband provider is currently working in Stilton. However, the employees are not properly qualified and the workmanship is very poor and as a result they are destroying their reputation. Please avoid.

iii) Report by Tim Alban

- a) Following the results of the May elections HDC, which has been a conservative administration since 1976 is in overall control.
- b) Fly tipping – The Council will investigate and prosecute fly tippers. There has recently been a successful prosecution of fly tippers in St. Neots being fined £3,000 + costs. Please report fly tipping via the Cambridgeshire City Council web site <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/report-flytipping>

- c) A site meeting has been arranged with the mid level commissioners concerning the brook in Sawtry Road for which they are responsible.
- d) Pleased to see that Glatton are beginning the process towards a Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood plan gives communities more influence over their development in areas such as planning and if planning applications are passed then also a larger proportion of any CIL funding.
- e) Planning applications – HDC are currently struggling to retain planning officers which as a consequence means that planning applications such as the current application at the land adjacent to the High Haden Livery on High Haden Road are taking an extraordinarily long time to come to a conclusion.

Parish Council meeting reconvened

7. Neighbourhood Plan

The decision has been made to go forward with a Neighbourhood Plan for Glatton. HDC have been notified. The open day for residents is scheduled for tomorrow 1st October. Refreshments will be provided.

8. Speed Watch/VAS Camera Update

The statistics recorded by the VAS camera can be seen on the Glatton web site. They show that 40% of vehicles travelling on Sawtry Rd and Infield Rd are travelling in excess of 35 miles per hour with speeds of up to 70/80 miles per hour so speeding through Glatton remains a big problem. LJ requires more help and volunteers to operate speed watch. There will be a mail shot via the web site to ask for more volunteers. The data provided by the VAS camera will be used to assess the best times to use the speed watch group.

9. Flooding Update

Flooding will form part of the Neighbourhood plan. AP will lead on this and will form a flood action group. Training and grants for equipment are available when the village has a flood action group to engage with.

10. New Councillor Training

New Councillor training is available through membership of CAPALC. RW, MA are definitely interested in this. It is an online course and is booked through the web site. Clerk to pass the login details to all councillors so that they may access the web site and book any training they require.

11. Standing Orders Update

The standing orders are out of date. Clerk using the model standing orders provided by CAPALC will update these for the next meeting.

12. Web Site

Rosie Juniper has worked extremely hard building and launching a new and modern web site for Glatton. There is lots to interest with traffic from around the world. Rosie is open to suggestions for anything else that you might like to see on the web site. Terry Brignall has now taken over the admin role on the Glatton Face Book Page.

13. Community Gritting

Information has been received regarding the community gritting programme. CS has taken part in this over the past several years. Information and registration details will be passed onto the councillors and the link will also be put on the web site. If there is a small group of volunteers CS will set up a WhatsApp group to coordinate gritting activities.

14. Community Projects

i) Hedgehog Release

Through links with Shepreth Wild Life Park 7 hedgehogs were released in Glatton on 3rd September and there is further release planned for November. Hedgehogs are thriving in Glatton with several adults and babies visiting Carole Green's Garden.

ii) Litter Pick

A litter pick will take place on November 12th. Clerk to arrange the collection with litter minimization.

iii) First Aid Training

Ray Groves has kindly provided first aid training previously. CS will speak to Ray about running a couple of first aid training sessions in the village hall to include training on the use of the defibrillator. Check the dates on the defibrillator pads.

Post-meeting note – dates for First Aid Training are 29 Oct and 5th Nov in the Village Hall

15. Finance Report/Budget

The balance in the current account is £464.17 and in the Business Reserve account is £11,197.08. The budget shows that the cost of the grass cutting is lower than expected because the season has been very dry. The street party donation was not required as all the expenses were covered by the residents. There have been some expenses incurred to set up the new web site currently £50.27. It will be necessary to budget for expenses for the web site.

The bank mandate has now been changed and the current signatories are CS, AP and the clerk. An attempt was made to register for online banking but believe this not possible as two signatories are required.

Notified by NatWest that the safe custody service is ending, so it will be necessary to collect the packet of papers currently held in safe custody. Clerk to arrange.

16. AOB (for information only)

- i) The tree at the Old School House is growing across the footpath and it is necessary to step out into the road to walk around it. Contact the owners of the property to organise for the tree to be pruned.
- ii) Thank you from RW for allowing to join the Parish Council. He is looking forward to contributing.
- iii) The scrub and bushes along Infield Road are becoming overgrown. MA to organise a date and group of people to help cut the bushes back.
- iv) The old bench on the Village Green which was replaced with a new bench to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has now been restored by Roger Allan. Thanks go to Roger for the restoration work. It is time to find a new place in the village to situate the restored bench. CS to open a survey on the web site and ask for suggestions on where the bench should be sited.

17. Date of Next Meeting

25th November 2022.

Meeting Closed at 20.05