

# GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Present: Carl Stretton (CS)

Ross Weatherburn (RW)

Miles Stephenson (MS)

Simon Bywater (County Councillor)

7 residents of Glatton attended the meeting

### **1. Apologies**

There are apologies from Andrew Peck, Callum Atkinson and Tim Alban.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

No interests to declare.

### **3. Minutes of the AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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 on the agenda.

### **5. Correspondence**

- i) Simon Bywater sent an e mail to Cambridgeshire County Council and Huntingdon District Council concerning the unkempt state of the paths, roads and verges in Sawtry and the surrounding villages. Glatton PC sent a supporting email. This has been followed by a letter from Cambridgeshire County Council stating the weed spraying policy which is to
  1. Improve the natural environment and biodiversity by reducing the use of chemicals.
  2. To reduce the running costs of operations.

They will now assess the policy change and consider changes to this approach. Where any locations are reported to the Council via the Highways online reporting tool these areas will be inspected and action taken if it is required.

- ii) LHI application round will open at the end of October. Expressions of Interest ahead of this are being asked for so that the number of applications around the county can be gauged, by the end of September. Glatton PC would like a second MVAS camera to supplement the speed restriction measures in the village. RW will complete the expression of interest.
- iii) HDC Cabinet Members have agreed to introduce a fortnightly garden waste subscription which will come into effect in April 2024. The charge will be £57.50 for one garden waste bin per year.
- iv) CS has received correspondence concerning possible grants for the Village Hall redevelopment. He is working with Stephen Smith and Glenn Ford on submitting expressions of interest.

### **Parish Meeting**

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

Report from Simon Bywater

- i) The untidy state of the villages with the rampant growth of weeds in the gutters and on the verges is a big concern. Please use the online reporting tool to report.
- ii) The proposed Cambridge congestion charge has been shelved at least for the time being.
- iii) Neither Simon nor Tim Alban supports the introduction of the charge for the green bin. Many residents will not be able to afford the extra cost. It will increase the use of the grey bin and will potentially also increase fly tipping. The charge has not been fully calculated and is not justifiable.

Simon Bywater left the meeting at 19.20.

MVAS Speed Cameras – The speed registering on the cameras is lower than registering in the car by approximately 2 miles per hour. This is the same with most speed cameras and this is probably more to do with the car than the camera.

Verges- A big thank you to all the owners of properties that look after the verges adjacent to their properties. To all residents, please look after the verges outside your property to maintain the beautiful village that we live in.

Brambles on Infield Road adjacent to Glatton House are once again becoming overgrown. Form a working party to remove the brambles and ask residents for ideas for replanting the area via the web site and Face Book page as part of another litter pick, Village tidy etc..

Village Green – consider asking Highways to transfer ownership to Glatton PC. However, the land is registered as a Village Green and with ownership then responsibility for maintenance of the many trees would also pass to Glatton PC.

Village Bins – The bins (one on the village green and one by the bus shelter) were removed several years ago following the introduction by HDC of a charge to empty the bins. The litter problem in Glatton has not increased and has more likely decreased. There is a remaining problem with dog poo and dog poo bags being left on the verges. RW will look into the cost of a dog poo bin and new and extra signage. Post on the web site and FB page reminding people to pick up after their dogs. Possible leaflet drop.

Neighbourhood Plan – Consideration will be given as to whether an application should be made to register the Addison Arms as a community asset.

### **Parish Council Meeting reconvened**

#### **6. Planning Consultation 23/01453/HHFUL 2 Roundhills View**

This is an application for a garden annex and extension. Glatton Parish Council unanimously recommends approval of the application.

#### **7. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

A meeting of Glatton Parish Council with the leads for the Neighbourhood Plan was held on 8<sup>th</sup> August. The results of the data were considered and time scales for the draft plan were decided upon. The minutes of the meeting will be published on the web site.

#### **8. Speed Watch**

CS continues to look after the MVAS camera and to collect the data to pass on for publication on the web site. Organise a leaflet drop asking for volunteers for Speed Watch. Also require a volunteer to organise the speed watch sessions and to organise the team rota.

#### **9. New Councillor Training**

Clerk to pass on log in details so that the new councillors may login and book any training they require.

#### **10. Community Gritting**

Received notification for the annual community gritting programme which Glatton takes part in. Any volunteers must complete the online form by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Clerk to ensure that the gritting bin is filled.

[http://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Community\\_gritting\\_registration\\_form](http://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Community_gritting_registration_form)

### **11. Grass Cutting Contract**

The current contract is due to expire at the end of this grass cutting season. Will be required to request tenders for a new 3 year contract. Will do this at the appropriate time via the web site.

### **12. Allison Development (previously Larkfleet)**

This development is now owned by Allison Homes. RW has drafted a letter which will be sent to Allison Homes and to HDC asking for consultation on the Construction Traffic Management plan for the site and objecting to a route through Glatton. If construction traffic were to be allowed through Glatton then measures would need to be put in place to protect the roads and historic buildings against the negative consequences. Potential restrictions on the number of vehicles and on the hours when such vehicles may use the road. A dilapidation report on roads and building would be required.

### **13. Finance Report /Budget**

The balance in the current account is £1,338.39 and the balance in the Business Reserve account is £10,991.00. The main expenditure to date has been CAPALC affiliation fee and the grass cutting. The charitable donations of £250 have yet to be paid.

Resident left the meeting at 20.30

### **14. AOB (for information only)**

- i) Joint Parish Council meeting will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> September. CS and Clerk will attend on behalf of Glatton.
- ii) Sawtry Neighbourhood Plan consultation will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> September and is available to watch online via a link.

### **15. Date of Next Meeting**

20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Meeting closed at 20.38