

# GLAPTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, including the scheduled Planning Meeting, held at the Village Hall, Main Street on Thursday 17 August 2017 at 7.30 pm - v2.0**

Present: Cllr. Malcolm Moss (Chairman); Cllr. Nick Knowles; Cllr. Liz Wilkinson; Cllr. Ian Hood; Cllr. Mike Newton and Cllr. Tim Hunt.

In attendance: Alan Tresadern (Clerk) and 11 members of the public.

1. Apologies:

Parish Councillor Roy Kerr was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

2. Declaration of interest:

Cllr. Nick Knowles declared a personal interest in items 8,9 and 10 as he is Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Malcolm Moss declared a personal interest in item 6 as he has land under consideration as 'local green space'. Cllr. Liz Wilkinson declared an interest in item 4 as a family member is owner of said property. Cllr. Wilkinson also declared an interest in item 6, as her family own land which they have put forward for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Wilkinson said she wished to speak about the mechanics and practical aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan – not it's content.

It was resolved to grant Cllr. Wilkinson a dispensation to speak on item 6.

3. Public forum:

The Chairman explained to all present why the Parish Council is required to approve the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for publication.

Mrs. Heather Ball expressed concern that East Northamptonshire Council Planning Committee had approved development of a property in the grounds of Highfield Lodge, and wondered why the community of Glapthorn is bothering with a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk advised that prior to public consultation, item 6 below, the Neighbourhood Plan carried little or no weight.

Mr Jeff Knowles, referring to item 8, said he supports the offer from Gigaclear to provide a broadband circuit for the village hall free of charge and he urged the Parish Council to accept the offer. Mr Brian Scott, also referring to item 8, said despite the free offer from Gigaclear, he thought this would inevitably lead to an expense which he considers cannot be justified. Brian Scott said he would like to see steps taken to reduce the Precept and the broadband circuit will be a 'nice to have' but not essential. Being aware of council plans to use the broadband to access online documents, Brian Scott said, in his opinion, the council ought to continue to print paper copy of documents rather than accept the Gigaclear offer.

Mr Ian Wilkinson said he would like to see a more extensive cut of the grass verges in the vicinity of the Southwick/Cotterstock crossroads. The Clerk will take appropriate action.

Mrs Sally Nowlan said, the PC minutes of 20 July reported Roger Bettley as saying, "reclaimed stone comes in so many different shapes, sizes and quality that it would be very difficult to provide a quality build". Sally Nowlan said, 32 years ago recycled stone had been used in the village very successfully, citing Rose Cottage, Main Street as an example.

Mr Ian Wilkinson, referring to Item 6, said he had not received any direct correspondence, from the Neighbourhood Planning Group; although he agreed he knew of the process through his capacity as a land agent acting for his family. Alan Barnish, Clerk to the Neighbourhood Planning Group, said he was satisfied that the group had done all it could to contact land owners or at least the family of land owners. Alan Barnish also said the group had gone way beyond its requirement and had met all of its statutory obligations; he apologised if Ian Wilkinson had not had a direct letter but considered Ian Wilkinson had ample opportunity to make a representation during the many consultative periods. In support, Heather Ball and Brian Scott remarked how transparent the

Neighbourhood Plan process has been and complimented the group on their wide publicity. Chairman, Malcolm Moss, reminded Ian Wilkinson of the opportunity he has under Regulation 14 to redress this matter. Cllr. Moss also pointed out to all present that only those on the electoral roll for Glapthorn will have the right to vote at the referendum.

4. Planning matters:

4.1. 17/01508/FUL - New raised roof and extension to the first floor, new two-storey extension to the rear, new single storey extension to the rear, new porch and over-cladding of the house. Replacement timber workshop to front elevation - Maple House, Main Street. *The members considered the application and asked Mr Farnsfield (in the public gallery) for some clarity on a couple of points. It was resolved to authorise the Clerk to submit the following response:*

Extensions to the property - The neighbours make a valid complaint about the windows on the west side and therefore the council feel this should be addressed prior to approval. Otherwise, agreed subject to the forgoing.

Over cladding - Agreed in principle but ask the Planning authority to be mindful of the village scene when authorising the choice of material and the colour; timber is preferred.

Workshop - Agreed, however the council make the observation that the existing trees/shrubs should be retained to retain the street scene as much as possible.

4.2. 17/01459/CND - Discharge of conditions pursuant to planning application 16/02399/FUL: etc. - Manor Farm, Cotterstock Road, Main Street

*The members considered the application. It was resolved to authorise the Clerk to submit the following response:*  
Noted.

4.3. 17/00033/CCDFUL Construction of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Glapthorn School *The members considered the application. It was resolved to authorise the Clerk to submit the following response:*

Whilst the Parish Council fully support this application the council ask that the Planning Authority and the Applicant remain mindful of plans to pass an access road through the school grounds on its eastern side, adjacent to the MUGA. This access road has been agreed in principle by the land-owners, the Diocesan Board and will provide a route to off-road parking for parents and to a new proposed recreational/games area.

4.4. Decisions have been reached on Previous Planning Applications, as follows:

17/01967/FUL and 17/01068/LBC - Replace windows in keeping with the traditional / original style of the cottage. Replace patio doors making them more wheelchair accessible. Also changing the style to match that of the windows at Melton Cottage Main Street - *Permission Granted*

5. Minutes of the previous Meeting:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan – publication of Draft Copy for consultation Reg. 14

Following a recommendation by the Glapthorn Neighbourhood Planning Group, the council considered whether the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is ready for publication and consultation. Cllr. Liz Wilkinson asked if any mitigating measures for traffic calming had been proposed and considered; she also asked for reassurance that the group had thought about previous incidents of flash flooding in Main Street, when approving sites for development?

Alan Barnish, Clerk to the Neighbourhood Planning Group said, traffic matters had been raised and continue to be so, however the Neighbourhood Plan is limited and cannot propose highway measures. However, the group has been careful to consider traffic issues when writing certain policies. Alan Barnish also advised that Drainage Board, along with other statutory bodies, has been consulted.

**It was resolved that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is publicised for consultation under the guidelines stated in Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Part 5 - Pre-submission consultation and publicity, regulation 14.**

**Proposed by Cllr. Mike Newton, seconded by Cllr. Tim Hunt.**

7. Report on upgrading the street lights

The Clerk reported that permission to take on a loan has been granted by the DCLG and SALIX have approved the loan. The next step will be to place the purchase order for the lights with the chosen contractor.

8. Broadband for the Village Hall

Through a written report to the members, the Clerk explained, where a local council does not itself provide or manage a village hall, it has wide powers to help any other person or body in doing so. These powers are mostly contained in section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and they include the giving of grant aid and the provision of loans. The council may also be able to save a village hall committee VAT by purchasing and donating goods and services rather than giving cash.

The Clerk reported that Gigaclear has offered the installation of broadband in the Village Hall, plus 12 months rental – all for free. The minimum contract period is 12 months, and thereafter the line rental in year two will be £34.42 + VAT per month.

The Clerk suggested the offer is worthy of consideration and will support the decision made last month, to purchase a projector and screen. The Clerk explained that following the decision to upgrade the street lights, there will be a budget surplus this financial year and a further surplus year on year for the next five years, therefore the on-going cost will be affordable.

**It was resolved to accept the offer from Gigaclear, in the name of the Parish Council, to install, activate and provide one year's H50 broadband service in the Village Hall, at zero cost to the community, and to resolve that after 12 months the Parish Council will pay subsequent line rental costs, presently at £34.42 + VAT per month, provided a continuation of the service is deemed to be beneficial to the community.**  
**Proposed Mike Newton, seconded Ian Hood.**

9. Financial Support for the Village Hall

The Clerk repeated the financial explanation from item 8 above, adding, at present the GPC pay a modest sum of £150 to the village hall for room hire so this will be an immediate off-set against any new regular outgoing sum. Furthermore, the Clerk reported, there are sufficient funds at present to meet the request for support towards the new kitchen, however, rather than say give £500, he suggested an offer to purchase and donate goods to the value of c.£500 may prove more beneficial to the GPC, assuming the items are VAT rated.

In conclusion, the members were satisfied that the Clerk had demonstrated there will be funds available for the next five years to pay for Gigaclear (£413); plus, an annual grant to the village hall (£350 net) plus an ad-hoc payment now towards the kitchen project. (c.£417)

**It was resolved to approve a request from the Village Hall Committee for a c.£500 contribution towards the new kitchen this financial year, and an annual contribution of a further £500. The latter to include entitlement for the Parish Council to use the hall for regular meetings, free of further charge. Furthermore, the payment this year will be made in 'goods' for the new kitchen; and the budget for future financial periods is to include an annual donation to the village hall, also £500, subject to funds being available at the time.**  
**Cllr. Tim Hunt spoke against the proposal suggesting the Village Hall has managed for 20 years without support from the Parish Council.**  
**Proposed by Cllr, Mike Newton, seconded by Cllr. Ian Hood and carried 5 votes to 1.**

10. Projector and Screen for Council Meetings and other events.

The Clerk reported that despite the kind offer from Shindo Bettley to provide a projector, it had proved to be older technology and unsuitable. Nonetheless, the council are grateful for the offer. To date the Clerk has not made any further progress with this project.

11. Tresham Garden Village

The Clerk advised members and the public that there will be a presentation on the new Tresham Garden Village (formerly Deenethorpe Airfield), by Mark Coombs, resident agent at the Estate Office, Deene Park on 21st September. The talk will start at 7.00pm immediately before the parish Council meeting. Residents from neighbouring Cotterstock have also been invited to attend.

12. Finance:

**12.1. It was resolved that the authorised signatories in the current mandate for the NatWest Bank Account number 06604404, sort code 54-21-22, be changed with the removal of Nerissa Belcher and the addition of Nicholas Knowles, and for the current mandate to continue as amended.  
Prosed Cllr. Liz Wilkinson, seconded Cllr. Mike Newton**

12.2. The following payments were approved:

Payments:

Date	Payee	Details	Amount £
31 July	Colemans	Stationery	11.45
1 Aug	County Life Ltd	NVN Delivery	23.84

13. Matters for future consideration. (AOB):

Once again members of the public have reported that footpath MZ6, from the village hall to the brook, is still badly overgrown. The Clerk will contact Mr & Mrs Baxter and Mr Powers.

Cllr. Nick Knowles, Chairman of the Recreational Land Procurement Group reported that he has had a meeting with Ian Wilkinson and the group are ready to move to a more formal stage and bid for funding. To this end, he will be seeking money from the Parish Council to enable an architect drawing to be produced which will inevitably be required by funders.

14. Dates for forthcoming meetings:

Ordinary PC Meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

15. Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20 pm.

Signed..... (Chairman)

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**NB: Copies of full reports are available on the village website, [www.glapthorn.org.uk](http://www.glapthorn.org.uk), or from the Clerk, by arrangement.**