

Glaphorn Parish Council

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REPORTS for ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 18 MAY 2017

GNPG REPORT

At the Public Meeting held in the village hall on Thursday 27th April the Steering Group gave a number of presentations on the following key issues: -

1. the evolution of the critical planning policy statements from the community consultation earlier in the year
2. the application of these policies to the submission of sites put forward by land owners and developers, both in the village and in the wider parish.
3. the selection from the list of assessed sites of the steering group's "preferred" development sites, i.e. those which it believes best pass the test of the planning policy statements.
4. the concept of "Important Open Space" as in the RNOTP Plan (Policy EN20) as it applies to land in the village

The next Public Meeting is on 25th May when each proposed site can be explained by the relevant land owner/developer if they so choose and the public will have the opportunity to put questions. This will be followed on the Saturday (27th May) by a drop-in exhibition, from 10am to 4pm, of the steering group's work and assessment criteria, and displays of individual site proposals by land owners/developers, when attendees will have the opportunity to vote on all the site submissions, whether or not they are on the "preferred" list. For those residents who will not be able to attend on the 27th a second opportunity will be made available on the 10th June. The preferences shown by the community will be used to frame the publication of the "DRAFT PLAN" which will then go out to public consultation during June and July.

Malcolm Moss
Chairman GNP steering group

RLPG REPORT

Land Procurement Summary: -

- The sale of the land has been agreed in principle but is still subject to a few caveats.
- A local architect has drawn up access plans (for free) to show Ian Wilkinson what a shared access via the bridleway would look like, and how feasible it would be.
- However, a response from Ian Wilkinson to my third letter (with the access plans attached), confirms he will not allow access to the field via the bridleway. Consequently, we have starting to consider other options.
- Glaphorn School Head Teacher, and the school Governors, have agreed that they support the community field and are willing to give up a small piece of the school land to provide an access route.
- The school land is owned by the church. Malcom Moss is in communication with the diocese and we await further news regarding whether we can purchase of the school land or at least gain rights across the school land.
- At an on-site meeting with the NCC Highways people they said a new entrance/exit to the road, through the school land, looked feasible from a safety perspective, i.e. line of sight etc.
- The school are planning to install a multipurpose play area within the school grounds and we have asked the school to consider our requirement for this access route, when positioning their multi-purpose play area. We await a response.

- Jeff & Nick Knowles attended a ‘Funders fair’ hosted by ENC at Thrapston. We left with reassurance that we can get the funding for the land purchase and equipping the land with Playground, parking etc.
- We have agreed that a detailed plan of the site, showing anticipated facilities and sports area, is required, which once we have confirmation of the access route, will be useful in our bid for funding etc. This ‘detailed plan’ will require financing from either a grant or by the Parish Council.

So far, this project has been much slower going than I thought it would be, mainly due to the ‘no access to the field via the bridleway’ restriction. Nonetheless, we are pressing on and making some headway, as described above.

Nick Knowles

CLERK’S REPORT

Purpose of report

This regular report provides a brief update on activity since the last ordinary council meeting, which may not be covered under the meeting agenda.

Transparency Fund

I have received an invitation to bid for a grant from the Transparency Fund. The money will be used to off-set the 2017-18 cost for the Clerk to manage the website business that relates to the Transparency Code. Three hours per month are allocated for this task, amounting to £379.97 for the year.

Neighbourhood Plan

I have had a number of exchanges of email and phone calls with the Clerk to the Neighbourhood Planning Group, including keeping their web pages up-to-date.

Permitted Footpaths

I have had further correspondence with Berry’s of Kettering, the agent for the former Church Farm land, about a reinstatement of the ‘permitted footpaths’.

Oundle Area Local Councils Meeting

Along with the Chairman, we attended a quarterly meeting of the Oundle Area Local Councils. Matters discussed included:

- The Police advised they will no longer routinely attend PC meetings.
- Development plans for the new village of Tresham, formerly Deenethorpe Airfield, are moving at a pace. I have contacted the North Northants Joint Planning Unit and invited one of their members to come to Glapthorn and explain the plans for traffic management.
- Fotheringhay road bridge is due to re-open 2nd June.

Women’s Cycle Tour 7th June

The provisional ETA for the race passing through Glapthorn is 1.45pm plus or minus 20 minutes. There will be a rolling road closure just before the riders come through the village, which will be Benefield/Cotterstock roads, turning right towards Oundle and out past Leverton.

Date for Annual Litter Pick

Feedback from Dick & Jenny Smith suggests the litter pick needed to be done at least 2 weeks earlier as the growth was up to 12 “high in places hiding the litter and concealing rabbit / badger holes. They also noticed that the verges had been cut recently covering / cutting the litter and breaking some of the many bottles found in the grass. They also remarked there was less litter than in previous years but this may have been due to a duplication of effort as Cotterstock had already litter picked from Cotterstock to Southwick cross roads. I will make a note for the Clerk to liaise with Cotterstock in future.

Alan Tresadern

Clerk to the Parish Council