

# GLAPTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

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## **REPORTS for ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 20 JULY 2017**

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE JULY 2017**

Villagers have now received a pamphlet giving the results of the latest consultation together with a letter reporting back on the exhibition days.

The steering group is due to meet on the 10th of August to finalise the Plan which will then go before the Parish Council for endorsement at their meeting on the 17th August. This will be the Plan that will be presented for formal statutory consultation to all parties under Regulation 14.

Anyone can make representations online during the 6-week consultation period. These will be considered and taken into account before a final Plan is written up and goes to East Northants District Council for checking that we have followed correct planning rules and guidance.

An independent Planning Inspector then conducts a formal "Examination" and may recommend changes (which will be mandatory) prior to the Plan going before residents in a referendum, probably sometime in the new year.

**Malcolm Moss**  
**GNPG Chairman**

### **RECREATIONAL LAND PROCUREMENT GROUP (RLPG) - 20 JULY 2017**

We are making slow progress. The group have had confirmation from the architect that a two-lane road will fit alongside the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the school land, [to allow access to the proposed recreational area so as to leave the bridleway free of traffic at all times, as requested by the land-owner].

The school land was finally identified as belonging to the Diocese and requested access to the proposed recreational area, through the school land.

I am pleased to report that today we have heard the Diocese board has agreed in principle to our request, on the understanding that the school will have first priority on the use of the new field during school hours.

We have not applied for funding as of yet because we did not know if the project would take place because of the access issues.

**Nick Knowles**  
**Chairman RLPG**

### **GLAPTHORN STREET LIGHTING UPGRADE PROPOSAL 2017**

In October 2013, the Parish Council received a report on the state of the Glapthorn village street lighting. In the report, it said that under an EU directive the sale of mercury street lamps will be banned in 2015; and the estimated cost of replacing all 13 lamps in Glapthorn was estimated at £9,000. However, the report went on to say, new style lighting (LED type) will result in reduced energy bills, lower maintenance costs and a greater life expectancy.

As part of the 2014-15 budget a reserve sum was allocated, albeit a modest sum of £1,500, and a plan agreed to accrue further sums over the following few years, to create a 'street lighting fund'. This was done and at present the reserve stands at £6,250.

Today, the cost of LED lighting is less than it was in 2013. Furthermore, 0% loans are available for energy saving schemes. When considering these facts, and the money accrued over the past three years, the Parish Council is now in a position to issue a contract for the replacement of all of the village street lamps, without further delay.

Three quotations have been obtained; all quotations are for the same lamp type, the Indo Air 1 15 watt. I am in the process of meeting the bidders to establish type and style of brackets etc. More details available to councillors on request.

I am recommending a proposal from Contractor A to which I suggest a contingency sum of 10% is added to allow for any unforeseen labour and/or materials charges. This gives a project sum, to fund, of £6,534.

I was to suggest members consider an extra lamp or two by the school at a cost of c.£1,200 each. However, following a site survey, the estimate for providing power to the roadside by the school is £70,000.

The project may be funded from the current reserves, or a loan of say £3,000, plus some of the reserves; thereby leaving a sum of c. £2,500 in the reserves for other projects.

A £3,000 loan would be re-paid, interest free, by ten six-monthly instalments of £300

As previously notified to the Parish Council, the energy savings from the new LED lamps (Qty 13) will be £765.per year.

**Alan Tresadern**  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**

## **CLERK'S REPORT – 20 JULY 2017**

### **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.

### **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.

### **Website Security**

The website availability is vital for the Parish Council to remain compliant with the Local Government Transparency Code 2014. Access by the public to our accounting reports is essential. Therefore, I have purchased and installed automatic back-up software on the village website, which also required some professional set-up and training. These items are included in the Finance report.

### **Transparency Fund**

I have made an application 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. I have also bid for the cost of the back-up software and set-up costs. Total requested £527.52.

### **Oundle Area Local Councils Meeting**

I attended a quarterly meeting of the Oundle Area Local Councils.  
Matters discussed:

- An overview of Neighbourhood Plans from Barnwell – just starting, Glapthorn, Oundle – presently out for Reg14 consultation, and Warmington – just starting.
- A presentation about the new village of Tresham, formerly Deenethorpe Airfield. There is an on-going traffic study, the results of which will be shared during October. It is envisaged formal planning applications will be submitted February 2018. Construction traffic will use the A43 only

with ANPR control of site vehicles. Project will take 10 years. With members approval, I plan to invite a representative of the Deene Estate to the September PC meeting.

**Trees on Upper Main Street by Brookside**

Following a rejected request to NCC to have the trees on Upper Main Street pruned by lifting the canopies, (NCC claim the trees are not their responsibility), I have requested a site meeting for 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**Flood Risk Report**

I am now in receipt of the Community Flood Risk Report for Glaphorn. This is produced from modelling software and is NOT the results of the walk round survey undertaken by the engineer. That report will be presented in a community engagement event in autumn. I shall send the report to all councillors by email.

**Flood Warden Training**

Flood Warden Training will take place on Saturday 23rd September 2017 at Nene Whitewater Centre, Bedford Rd, Northampton. There will be a number of sessions and exercises in the day and lunch will be provided. Ideally each community should send at least two Flood Wardens. Any volunteers?

**Grass Maintenance Contract**

I held a site meeting with the ENC Amenities Supervisor to review the grass maintenance contract during which, amongst other areas, I reiterated the importance of keeping the cross roads clear.

**Alan Tresadern**

**Clerk to the Parish Council**