

# GLAPTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

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## **REPORTS for ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 15 NOVEMBER 2017**

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

I'm sorry I am unable to attend your meeting this evening. I really wanted to come because of the consultations currently taking place about reductions to local services in Northamptonshire.

Many of you will be aware of the extreme financial pressures that the county council is currently facing on providing services for both adults and children services. This includes working with hospitals to try and assist individuals to get back home to free up hospital beds. The vast majority of NCCs spend is being absorbed by these costly services. As we are an authority that has to provide a balanced budget each year we have no alternative but to put before the public proposed changes to a number of local services currently undertaken by the county council. As there are three layers of local government in Northamptonshire, I hope we will be able to have an opportunity to look at retaining these services using more support from both parish and district councils. These demand-led pressures that we experience are not the same in district councils and I hope we are able to find a way to continue to support both libraries and rural transport from communities. If you would like me to come along to a special meeting to discuss this further with you I would be happy to do so.

**Cllr Heather Smith**  
**Northamptonshire County Council – Oundle Ward**

### **REPORT FROM RECREATIONAL LAND PROCUREMENT GROUP (RLPG)**

The committee are now in possession of the first draft of the plan from the architect which lays out all the likely requirements, plus some that will be 'nice to have'. Included are; playground, carpark, sport pitches, access to the community field (through school land), open space for community events and future development, changing rooms etc.

We have also had communication from Ian Wilkinson and through negotiation he has reduced his asking price and agreed to cover his own legal cost.

The committee is developing a more detailed plan along with appropriate costs, so we are able to approach funding organisations. Once we feel that funding will be achievable, and we have a fully costed budget, we shall seek a mandate from the village before proceeding further.

The consultation will be through the website plus either a letter to all households or a public meeting, or both. This is likely to be early in the new year.

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

### **REPORTS FROM THE GLAPTHORN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP (GNPG)**

Please see the THREE reports on the Glapthorn Parish website.

<http://glapthorn.org.uk/index.php/gnpg-reports-to-the-parish-council/>

## **REPORT ON TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

On 16th November the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, accompanied by the Clerk will meet with NCC Highways team to discuss future traffic calming measures for the Village – item 3 agenda meeting 15th November 2017. At a preliminary meeting this past week, the group considered the following as a basis for discussion with NCC – not in any order of priority or importance.

1. Extend the 30 mph markers at each entrance to the village.
2. Install ‘advance’ speed restriction signs especially on fast approaches to the village.
3. Change the ‘dummy’ gates to the village to white fencing.
4. Create a 20-mph zone by the school, either permanent or during school drop-off and pick-up periods.
5. Add rumble strips and other speed reduction measures as appropriate. Other measures may include raised tables, cushions etc.
6. Install electronic speed signs at key locations.
7. Refer to the Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Highways response, which includes so practical suggestions for road safety.
8. Install a pedestrian crossing by the allotments.
9. Create a single file traffic zone by the village hall with organised parking bays either side of the road as appropriate. Project to include a pedestrian crossing.
10. Create a 20-mph zone for all of Main Street, end to end.

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

## **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.

### **Highfield Lodge Planning Permission**

As directed at the council meeting in October, the PC (Chairman) wrote to ENC under the FOI process asking for a copy of any audio or video recording of the ENC Planning meeting held on 16th August 2017. In reply, ENC were unable to supply the recording as requested as their camera had broken down. The camera has since been fixed.

### **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. I have also supported the committee with their preparation of the Regulation 14 response report.

### **Trees on Upper Main Street by Brookside**

I have asked Spire Homes to accept responsibility for the trees at the top of the bank by Brookside, as NCC have stated the trees are not their responsibility.

### **Diversion of Footpaths MZ5 and MZ7**

Accompanied by the Chairman, we met with the Definitive Map Officer for the area and walked the proposed new route for footpaths MZ5 and MZ7. Mr Bruce Wilkinson was also in attendance. The next stage will be consultation with statutory bodies such as the Ramblers Association then a further public notice prior to approval. I estimate this will take at least a further three months to complete.

### **Street Lighting Upgrade**

Although all 13 lamps have now been replaced, the work is incomplete. I ordered replacement brackets for all lamps and this part of the project has not yet been satisfied.

**Letters to Riparian Land owners**

I have written to all four riparian landowners with land bordering the bridge over Main Street. I have asked they take steps to clear the build-up of silt, vegetation and debris in the watercourse (brook) either side of bridge. (This limits the full usage of the twin arches of the bridge). I have also taken steps to ensure the area around the old stone bridge at the north of Lower Farmhouse, is also kept free of debris and vegetation.

**Tresham Garden Village**

Andrew Longley, Head of the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning & Delivery Unit has advised, considerable progress has been made on the masterplan (see ENC website for latest information). However, the Garden Village Project Board has agreed that there is more to do before public consultation can take place. As a result, it is proposed to move the six-week period of consultation to mid-January - end of February 2018.

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**Clerk to the Parish Council**