

# GLAPTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

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## **CLERK'S REPORT – 18 JANUARY 2018**

### **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.

### **NCC consultations on libraries**

I completed the NCC questionnaire stating there's not really sufficient information to be able to respond meaningfully. I said, Parish and Town councils cannot, and should not, consider taking on the service without a full analysis of the costs and risks involved, and that can only be done if all the information is made readily available.

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

Both Spire Homes and the Northamptonshire Highways senior management team, have decided that they could not carry out work on the trees as neither believe they are part of their assets. The cost of maintaining the trees must now rest with the property owners, other than Spire Homes. The main area of concern is the tree that shrouds the street light outside No- 11 Brookside requires the canopy to be lifted; and the tree nearest the brook requires the canopy to be lifted to allow high-sided vehicles such as double-decker school buses, to pass unhindered.

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

There was no response to the pre-consultation notices therefore the matter is now with the NCC legal department for finalisation. A further notice will be published in due course, probably late January allowing a final 28-day legal period to allow the public one last chance to raise any concerns, before the diversion becomes law. Estimated to be 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Street Lighting Upgrade**

The work is now complete.

### **Grass Maintenance Contract**

I met with the Amenities Supervisor from ENC on 4<sup>th</sup> January to review the work schedule. I asked for advance notification of contractor attendance plus notification each time they have been to site. I have added a short section of grass verge in front of Old Farm Lane and Leverton, to the contract. I also reiterated the importance of maintaining visibility at the Southwick crossroads.

### **Tresham Garden Village**

There has been some progress of late including the long-awaited traffic report. I have arranged for Mark Coombs to re-visit Glapthorn and make a short presentation, followed by a Q&A session on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm.

**Alan Tresadern**

**Clerk to the Parish Council**