

# GLINTON PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
at the Village Hall, High St.

Present: Cllr JFW Holdich (Chairman GPC), Mr DG Ellis (Clerk) and 12 members of the parish.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No-one can accuse this Parish Council as being sleepy or inactive. In the past year, the Council has dealt with 24 planning applications, from which some of our deliberations have been appealed against, but I am pleased to say the Government's Planning inspector has supported our views. We have considered four planning applications for the old Crown Public House site, and are pushing to make things happen on this site, which is now up for sale, and I have had the City Council involved with a view of a possible purchase of this prominent part of our village. This Council has been involved in the site allocation consultation for the growth of our city, and believes the results, thus far, are satisfactory for the village, but we have to remain vigilant, as the next round of consultations are taking place on growth plans to 2031.

Shailesh Vara, our MP, opened our new play park in June, and what a fantastic and colourful site it was over the summer, with so many families and young people using it. The Roll of Honour has been updated and printed in a way which extends its life.

A public meeting was held to discuss with the village the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Following that, the Parish Council agreed that the top ten items you made your priorities for the village should be adopted as the Council's priorities, as the opportunities arise. We are also using these priorities to influence the City Council's area plans. The Council is also working with the City Council, to have our village plans re-written, to allow them to be used as material planning considerations. A review of buildings of local importance was carried out and the conservation boundaries were reviewed. A landscape character assessment is also to be carried out.

An environmental grant was received to plant trees and shrubs in the play park; also, the Peterborough Air Cadets replanted some of the hedgerow around the playing field. We have carried out, on top of our usual cemetery maintenance, some tree surgery in the cemetery and the play park. It was agreed to set up a Pride in Glington award scheme, when finances permit. The City Council were asked to review the stop sign at the end of High Street, which received a negative response. The Parish Council sponsored the Christmas tree event, which was even larger and more successful than the previous year.

Parish and City Councillors have been pushing for some time for a rear access road in to the College. I reported to the Parish Council recently, that instructions have been given to design and seek planning for such a road, and if approved, could lead to some exciting recreational and educational opportunities for our young people and for the village as a whole. An access from Lincoln Rd to Clare Lodge has been approved and should take out about 1200 vehicle movements a week from the village. The road has been designed to deter any development off it, and the access off Welmore Road will be for pedestrian access and emergency vehicles only.

Grant take-up on the Glington Green initiative has been disappointing, only resulting in 7 cavity wall insulations and 6 loft insulations, 5 new boilers and one solar panel, when from the survey 239 properties were found wanting. The City Council holds information on 572 Glington properties, with an average energy rating of 59. Grants are still available.

Whilst the works carried out at Nine Bridges has been somewhat controversial, and is not pretty, the old and unsafe fence has been removed. Work should start shortly on a £150,000 scheme to repair the bridge's arches.

Grants were given to AMVC for community swimming, the northern footpath group, to Glington and Peakirk Green plus the Christmas tree and associated event.

The young people of the village said they wanted a youth club and Parish Councillors have been involved in setting up a Youth club in the village, which is very successful. Three Parish Councillors have retired this year, Cllrs Andy Warn, Janet Quin and Peter Collingwood-Smith. I thank them for their service to the village and wish them all the best for the future.

The attendance of the Council throughout the year was 83.5%. Because of circumstances beyond our control, ie salary reviews, lower interest rates and the Elections, our precept increase was considerable, but we are still one of the most cost effective Parish Councils, and the fourth least expensive in the city, and for the amount of work done on behalf of the village I believe gives good value. The Parish Council has put in place a complaints policy, and reviewed its policies, as appropriate, during the year.

I would like to place on record my thanks to all Councillors and the Clerk, for their considerable contribution during the year. Also to the parishioners and groups who have helped us to make this, another successful year.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Mr Cowcill enquired whether the Parish Council is satisfied with the City Council's poor response to the outcomes of our Neighbourhood Investment Plan? The Chairman agreed somewhat and replied that whilst NIPs had worked in other areas it had fallen short in the Glinton & Wittering due to the size of the geographical area. We are currently awaiting a meeting postponed because of elections to sub divide the area in order to better meet needs. The clerk will contact the City Council in order to hasten this. Mr Cowcill also urged the Parish Council to use the Top 10 list throughout the year when considering its business. Mrs Rowan asked about enlarging the BMX area on the playing field? It was explained that a consultation with the over 13's would need to be undertaken in a similar way that had been carried out with the 8 to 13 year olds. She agreed to consider this. Mrs Stewart offered thanks for the excellent work carried out in resurrecting the Youth Club. The Chairman reported that he had received letters complaining about the poor surface of the Willow Footpath, this would be considered at the June meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm

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