

GLAPTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

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Reports

Item 10 - A report about Land owned by Spire Homes

Purpose of report

To provide an update on negotiations with Spire Homes to enable the Parish Council to take on responsibility for the piece of land adjacent to 1 Brookside and the Brook, on a licence basis for a rent of £1 per calendar month.

Land adjacent to the Brook, owned by Spire Homes

At the PC meeting in July it was resolved that the Clerk will seek comment from Spire Homes about the proposed use of the land, by the ACRE Best Village and develop a licence accordingly. The Clerk will also clarify any insurance requirements.

On 2nd August I wrote to Spire Homes in which I explained the proposed use more fully and the investment proposed, and subsequently the nature and length of licence agreement required. My full message is below.

Response

Today I have received a response in which Spire Homes have requested some amendments to my draft agreement.

- increasing the notice period to 6 months
- the initial lease being a 5-year period, but if this stops the Council securing funding, we might consider being a bit more flexible on this (but not 25 years).
- I don't think it's unreasonable to ask to remove any equipment and leave in a safe and tidy condition so we'd like to leave that in.
- Item 4.1 – termination – “The Licensor shall only exercise this clause if the land is required for housing development”. - we're happy enough with this. But would like to consider something to grant us the right to terminate if the land is being poorly managed. Should any equipment/planting not be properly maintained and becomes an eyesore.
- Is the council ok with getting our marketing team involved

My contact says, “I think that's all we've come back with. I am instructed to let you know that we're happy to go along with this if we can get the above agreed”.

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Clerk to the Parish Council

Item 12 - ACRE Northamptonshire Best Village Competition Group

There has been no formal meeting of the group in the period since the last ordinary parish council meeting as members have been busy with the normal summer holiday activities. However, a lot of work has been going on behind the scenes and the majority of our proposed schemes and activities are now up and running or about to commence.

An art group led by Penny Reading in her own studio will start in October.

The proposed "Singing for Pleasure" group has garnered a lot of interest and 2 members of the group are currently actively seeking a choir leader to take the project forward.

The first monthly coffee morning was held on the 2nd Friday in August. The numbers attending were small, probably not unexpectedly, as this was peak holiday time, but the organisers are confident that attendance will improve into the autumn.

The Glapthorn History Day, a collaboration between our group and the Village Hall Committee, will take place on Sunday 28th October. Members of the group have worked hard to put together an informative, yet fun-filled afternoon of talks, walks, competitions and refreshments that will raise extra funds towards the replacement of the VH heaters. Local residents and organisations will be invited to book space to display their memorabilia of life in the village over time.

Flyers advertising the "Share your Spare", "Handy Andy" and "Tech Team" services have been distributed. A number of residents have come forward to volunteer their services and the Tech Team has already been approached for assistance.

The Handy Andy team has gathered a team of 16 volunteers to repaint the railings over the bridge on Main Street and up the pathway to Brookside between 22nd September and 20th October. Regrettably, the local authority refused permission for the group to undertake similar work on the bridge on Southwick Rd for health and safety reasons. We would hope that the Parish Council will put pressure on East Northants Council to carry out this work itself.

At the next meeting of the group on 19th September all volunteers will be issued with appropriate health and safety documentation for the tasks to be undertaken and asked to sign a disclaimer notice, releasing the Parish Council from any liability. Your Clerk has copies of all the documentation.

As you are aware, the Green Team intends to start its programme of enhancement planting in October, starting with the verge fronting the church and the triangle at the junction of Main street and Southwick Road. Several residents have expressed their interest in joining the team so there will be plenty of volunteers for this work. In addition, one of our members has experience of working with the disabled on this type of project and is currently exploring the possibility of inviting a small group to join us.

Ursula Wide has offered to organise a Glapthorn Open Gardens day in 2019 to raise money for the Cransley Hospice. 16th June is the provisional date.

At the last meeting of the group in July we were delighted to learn that Spire Homes had agreed to let the land between the brook and 1 Brookside to the P.C. at a rent of £1.00 per calendar month. Unfortunately, when the documentation arrived from Spire

Homes, the terms of the agreement were totally unacceptable in light of our proposed plans for a pocket park development. The Clerk has written back on behalf of the P.C. stating that the terms are unsatisfactory and outlining the type of agreement which would render the project viable. I understand that, to date, no response has been received.

The date of our next meeting is Wednesday 19th September at 7pm in the Village Hall

Liz Barnish

Item 14 - 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.

Hedgerow maintenance RoW MZ6 by Village Hall

Hedgerows may NOT be cut between 1 March and 31 August (bird nesting season). However, if the landowner satisfies themselves that no active nests exist then it MAY be cut. HOWEVER, if the hedgerow is in a scheme with either with Natural England (NE) or the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) the landowner must apply for permission from either the NE or RPA, before cutting the hedge outside of the closed period. Part of the hedgerow along MZ6 is in an RPA scheme.

I have spoken to the Baxter family who advise they have plans to repair the stretch of fence and manage the hedgerow, during the forthcoming winter. In the short term they will carry out some light maintenance during the early autumn.

Naming of new property

Under the Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847 (Sections 64/65), postal numbering, the barn conversion to the east of Netherdyke has been given the address of 'The Fold Yard', Cotterstock Road, Glapthorn.

Salt Bin Cotterstock Road

I have received authorisation for the retention of the Salt Bin on Cotterstock Road. This is now the responsibility of the Parish Council. I will procure a suitable sign in due course. Please note it may not be relocated without approval.

RoW map for Notice Board

To satisfy a request from a member of the public, I have posted on the notice board a copy of the Definitive Map of the Parish showing all Rights of Way, albeit a 2010 version; as that is the best I have at present.

Diversion of Footpaths MZ5 and MZ7

The diversion of footpaths MZ5 and MZ7 is now complete with the payment of the £5,000 fee to NCC. The fee was paid by the three landowners concerned.

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Item 16 - Finance report:

16.1 To receive a report on the financial position as at 31st August 2018:

Opening balance (as at 1 st July)	£ 11,507.77
Receipts during period	£ 5,000.00
Payments during period	£ 6,658.30
Balance as per Cash Book	£ 9,849.47

16.2 Bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2018:

Balance per bank statement	£ 9,849.47
Less un-presented cheques	£ 0.00
Net balance	£ 9,849.47

16.3 To approve the following receipts & payments:

Receipts:

Date	Payer	Details	Amount £
01-Aug	Katie Wilkinson	Part payment for Fee to divert	1,666.67
13-Aug	Bruce Wilkinson	Part payment for Fee to divert	1,666.67
14-Aug	Michael	Part payment for Fee to divert	1,666.66

Payments:

Date	Payee	Details	Amount £
20-Aug	NCC	Fee for Diversion Right of Way	5,000.00
21-Aug	Inkwell Printing	Made copies of Neighbourhood	58.83
24-Aug	Howard David	Land Survey Playing Field Project	420.00
10-Sep	ENC	Emptying dog litter bin April to	22.09
10-Sep	Colemans	Stationery	43.63

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Item 17 – Community Resilience Exercise (Exercise Brewer)

The NCC Emergency Planning Officer Joanne Maddams has advised that this year's voluntary/emergency services exercise is taking place on **Sunday 7th October 2018**, and they would very much like to use Glapthorn as one of the areas they come into and plan the tasks around.

Cllr. Roy Kerr, Glapthorn Emergency Plan Co-ordinator has suggested this may also be an opportunity to test our own Emergency Plan

The aim of the NCC exercise is to simulate an emergency scenario to test the response of voluntary organisations and volunteers, including Flood Wardens.

The scenario which has been developed involves widespread flooding across the county, with voluntary groups supporting the communities in question during the simulated emergency situation.

The aim will be to give communities experience of an emergency situation and to simulate communication between the emergency services, voluntary organisations and the Flood Wardens.

The exercise would be for around an hour in the morning and then again in the afternoon.

The NCC team would like to undertake small tasks within Glapthorn that will promote team building, situational awareness and communication between the volunteers and the incident room which will be based at Thrapston Council offices. There will be two tasks, the first being a simple find and report back some information about the community and then once that is communicated another more difficult task will be given, such as casualty, bank searching, RTC, house fire etc