

GLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report 2010

WELCOME to this report on the activities of the Council. Shailesh Vara, our MP, opened our new play park in June 2009, 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.

An environmental grant was received to plant trees and shrubs in the play park, some of which have unfortunately been vandalised. Also, 115 (Pboro)Sqn ATC replanted some of the hedgerow around the playing field. We have carried out some tree surgery in the cemetery and the play park. It was agreed to set up a Pride in Ginton 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. Again we 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 work started, this 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 Rd will be for pedestrian access and emergency vehicles only. 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.

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. 3 of your Councillors have retired this year, Andrew Warn, Janet Quinn and Peter Collingwood-Smith. I thank them for their service to the village and wish them all the best for the future. Due to circumstances beyond our control, ie salary reviews, lower interest rates and the Elections, our precept was increased, but we are still one of the most cost effective PCs, and the 4th least expensive in the city, and for the amount of work done on behalf of the village I believe it gives good value. We have put in place a complaints policy, and reviewed our policies, as appropriate, during the year. We have also relaunched our website www.gintonparishcouncil.org I would like to thank 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 for Ginton.

Councillor John FW Holdich OBE - Chairman

GLINTON PARISH COUNCIL
SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2010

31st March 2010

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RECEIPTS

£15986.58	Precept	£ 15741.10
715.00	Cemetery Fees	450.00
475.00	PCC Grants	1000.00
47.50	NALC Bursary	
701.95	Bank Interest	1138.14
2624.00	VAT	265.44

20550.03

18594.68

PAYMENTS

6894.64	General Admin & Staff	5339.18
372.40	Training	234.10
613.45	Insurance	721.70
500.00	Tree and Hedge maintenance	485.00
600.86	Subscriptions & Membership fees	638.03
1244.32	Donations (S137 payments)	1331.00
2051.45	Cemetery Maintenance	2275.92
4455.68	Play Area Landscaping	4326.57
2374.44	Village Improvements	4454.48
69.32	Chairman's Allowance	91.89
1218.00	Green Audit	548.00
23989.00	Playing Field Improvements	
1404.64	VAT	1445.28

45788.20

21891.15

Cash at the bank: £9406.24

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables parish councils to spend up to the product of £6.15 per head of electorate (1326 as at 1 Dec 09) for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. Through this we have continued to support the local community with several grants totalling £1244.32 during the year, for community swimming, village Christmas tree, Northern Footpath Forum and Glington & Peakirk Green. A copy of the full accounts will be made available on our website.

Planning Issues

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 4 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.

Neighbourhood Investment

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.

Green Issues

Grant take-up on the Ginton 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 Ginton properties, with an average energy rating of 59. Grants are still available.



Who and What is the Parish Council?

The Parish Council comprises of 11 voluntary Councillors who serve for a term of 4 years and represent an electorate of about 1300. The Council employs a part-time Clerk who is also the Responsible Financial Officer and Lawn Cemetery Manager. The council was accredited as a 'Quality Parish Council' on 17 Oct 07. Quality status shows that we are an effective, active and representative council.

The Council usually meets on the third Tuesday of each month except August unless required. Agendas and minutes are displayed on notice boards around the village and on our website. The public are welcome to attend these meetings and speak during the 15 min public forum at the start.

Planning Applications are considered by the Planning Working Group, financial matters are overseen by the Finance Working Group and the clerks terms of employment by the HR Working Group.

The Parish Council has representatives on other bodies outside the Parish Council and Councillors attend meetings on the Council's behalf. These are: AMVC pool, Peterborough Association of Local Councils (PALC), Clare Lodge Communications Group, Youth Club, Northern Footpath Forum, Police Consultative and Patients Participation Groups.

This council aims to give a democratic voice to the residents of the parish and to seek to influence local issues for the good of all. Also to support and contribute to economic and social improvement within the village

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Your parish councillors are listed below but for general enquiries please contact the Clerk. For more information regarding the Cemetery and also agenda and minutes of meetings please visit us at www.glintonparishcouncil.org

Cllr JFW Holdich OBE – Chairman	253078
Cllr RW Johnson – Vice Chairman	252743
Cllr DJ Batty	252749
Vacant (to be filled by co-option)	
Cllr GM Kirt	252839
Cllr DJ Lane	252593
Cllr RW Randall	253276
Cllr PD Skinner	252591
Cllr E Spendelow	252524
Vacant (to be filled by co-option)	252270
Cllr DC Wragg	253047
Mr DG Ellis GCGI MILCM – Clerk	253360

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