

GLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report 2008

WELCOME to this report on the activities of the Council, inside you will find details of how the council spent its money in 2007/08 and how the council funds this expenditure. I would like to start by thanking all the Councillors for their work during the year, and in particular our Clerk, who has worked very hard over the year and has helped us modernise the Council which resulted in the Parish Council gaining Quality Status. Member's attendance at meetings throughout the year was 90%. During the year, we saw Cllr Spendelow receive an award at the St Ivo Centre, in recognition of his 40 years' service to Ginton.

The Council was heavily involved in the formation of the Integrated Growth Study and the development of the Core Strategy, which has led to the North Werrington Development not being in the preferred options. Whilst we did not get the scheme we wanted for the No Waiting Restrictions in High Street and Helpston Road, we held a public meeting for residents to put their views, and we are promised the scheme will be reviewed after 3 months' of operation. We managed to get some dredging done at Nine Bridges to improve the water flows, and hopefully the fencing will be done shortly.

We formed a working party under Cllr Kirt, to develop a future strategy for the village, which resulted in a Neighbourhood Investment Plan survey being completed, on which we had a very good response, and the results will be conveyed to the village in due course. Councillors have been active on various bodies, and the extended Parish Liaison Meetings, which I organised. In conjunction with MacDonald's, we did a litter pick on the southern side of the village. We made representations of the proposed AMVC timetable changes, also to have the temporary road made permanent. We have recently had a traveller encampment at the entrance to the village. All stops were pulled out to have them removed in the quickest possible time within the law, and we are now working with the City Council to see how we can strengthen the barriers to try and make sure it is less likely to happen again. Also, representations are being made on the other two sites that they have visited before, within the village, to reinforce those barriers.

Councillor John FW Holdich OBE - Chairman

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SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2008

31st March 2008		31st March 2007
	RECEIPTS	
£14764.62	Precept	£ 14972.00
800.00	Cemetery Fees	420.00
156.44	CALC QPC Grant	
74.99	PCC Tree Grant	213.86
1496.17	Bank Interest	1044.25
17292.22		16650.11
	PAYMENTS	
5954.96	General Admin & Staff	4062.30
402.40	Training	580.20
694.17	Insurance	664.50
346.87	Tree and Hedge maintenance	190.00
	Subscriptions & Membership	
546.35	fees	532.52
1884.95	Donations (S137 payments)	1250.00
2279.75	Cemetery Maintenance	2080.47
4224.35	Play Area Landscaping	4127.12
1728.64	Village Improvements	1613.20
178.60	Chairmans Allowance	
	Election Fees	433.00
18241.04		15533.31

The main source of income is the precept (council tax) of £14764.62 which represents 21½p per elector per week. Our financial management was such that we were able to set an increase in the parish precept for the current year of only 1%.

The council actively seeks grant funding for its projects. In 2007/08 £74.99 was received from the City Council to aid the replanting of trees along the Willow footpath and £156.44 from CALC to cover the clerk's additional hours in gaining Quality Status. We have continued to support the local community with several Grants totaling £1884.95p during the year, for community swimming, church lighting, and for the first time for many years a Christmas tree and lights. Many thanks to the Church for hosting it and Mr Leigh Titman for carrying out the work.

Planning Issues

It has again been a busy year again for Planning Applications. Some 37 were dealt with and we were represented at 2 Planning Appeals, at which we were successful, and we have another Appeal pending on the Swingers Application, plus we successfully combined with the Parochial Church Council to oppose the sale of the Glebe land to the south of the village.



Village Improvements

The Council has made several improvements to the village over the last 12 months, with new notice boards, replacement hedging in the cemetery, information points in the Doctors surgery and the Village Hall. The verge down North Fen Road has been tidied up and some planting of shrubs has taken place, a new bus shelter roof, the roundabout at MacDonald's has been replanted, review of the street signage has taken place with the City Council, and the speed activated signs have been erected. Future improvements will take place when we have the results of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan survey. We also have village group looking for Grants to spend on new play equipment, along with S106 monies. With some more to come from the Welmore Road application we can make a real input.



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 1330. The Council employs a part-time Clerk who is also the Responsible Financial Officer and Lawn Cemetery Manager.

The Council have appointed Mr Russell Wright as Independent Internal Auditor.

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 the 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 and financial matters are overseen by the Finance 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, and Patients Participation Group.*

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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 our web pages.

Cllr JFW Holdich OBE – Chairman	253078
Cllr RW Johnson – Vice Chairman	252743
Cllr DJ Batty	252749
Cllr P Collingwood Smith	252019
Cllr GM Kirt	252839
Cllr DJ Lane	252593
Cllr J Quinn (Mrs)	252161
Cllr PD Skinner	252591
Cllr E Spendelow	252524
Cllr AJ Warn	252270
Cllr DC Wragg	253047
Mr DG Ellis GCGI LCGI – Clerk	253360
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