

# GLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Annual Report 2009

**WELCOME** to this report on the activities of the Council for what has been one of the busiest years in its history and I express my thanks for all the members and clerk for pulling together to achieve as much as they have for the village, and I would also like to acknowledge the help given to us from those outside the Council.

We have carried out a Neighbourhood Investment Plan Survey, and whilst the Plan has not been finalised things have not stood still. There has been a survey on the need for Community Education in the village, and it is hoped that some courses will start in the autumn. A successful Green Glinton event was held, after carrying out an Energy Survey of the village, from which a residents' committee has, or will be formed, to take what has been learnt forward. Work is going on, looking into the feasibility of re-opening the Youth Club. Presentations have been given to the Council, who are pursuing lessons learned. Some of the road signs have been renewed and some removed, and to assist local businesses we have erected a sign to the local shops on the main road, for those travelling north.

The Council has worked with Clare Lodge to minimise the effect on local residents of the extensive building works, which are taking place there and during the year we supported the 'Keep the Post Office Open' campaign, as well as supporting the Doctors to keep the surgery in Glinton. Both were successful.

The Council has had meetings with both schools over the change of times at AMVC and also with the schools, highway officials and a senior police officer regarding the traffic problems in Helpston Road. There is also a consultation going on with local residents, whether to change the cycle path from the north side to the south side of Helpston Road. The Council still, at every opportunity, is pushing for the temporary rear access road to the college to be made permanent, if only for buses.

It did not prove possible to renovate the War Memorial, so the council commissioned a Roll of Honour, copies of which hang in both the Church and the Village Hall. The Council, working with AMVC and the City Council, has managed to obtain funding for the pool to be opened this summer, and will be able to offer free swimming for those under 16 and over 60.

The Council also conducted its annual walkabout in the village, which we will do again later in the year. We have successfully set up, and launched our own website, which is regularly maintained by the Clerk, and has attracted the attention of other Councils, who have sought advice from us. Full reports and accounts are available to view on [www.glintonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.glintonparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Councillor John FW Holdich OBE - Chairman**

**GLINTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2009**

31st March 2008		31st March 2009
	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
£14764.62	Precept	£ 15741.10
800.00	Cemetery Fees	450.00
156.44	CALC QPC Grant	
74.99	PCC Grant	1000.00
1496.17	Bank Interest	1138.14
<b>17292.22</b>		<b>18329.14</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
5954.96	General Admin & Staff	5339.18
402.40	Training	234.10
694.17	Insurance	721.70
346.87	Tree and Hedge maintenance	485.00
	Subscriptions & Membership	
546.35	fees	638.03
1884.95	Donations (S137 payments)	1331.00
2279.75	Cemetery Maintenance	2275.92
4224.35	Play Area Landscaping	4326.57
1728.64	Village Improvements	4454.48
178.60	Chairmans Allowance	91.89
	Green Audit	548.00
<b>18241.04</b>		<b>20446.11</b>
	<b>Cash at the bank: £34644.41</b>	
	Represented by General Reserve £9644.41	
	& Earmarked Reserve £25000 (Playpark Refurbishment)	

The main source of income is the precept of £15741.10 raised from the council tax by the City Council which represents 23½p per elector per week. We actively seek grant funding for our projects and in 2008/09 £1000 was received from the City Council to aid the Green Survey.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables parish councils to spend up to the product of £5.86 per head of electorate 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 £1331 during the year, for community swimming, village Christmas tree, Friendship Club, Brownies & Rainbows, Junior football and Heritage Sunday. A copy of the full accounts will be made available on our website.

## Planning Issues

The Council has handled 25 Planning Applications, to great effect, some high profile ones such as Swingers, Scott's Farm, The Crown Public House, 14 and 35 Lincoln Road, and most of our views were supported by the Planning Authority and the Planning Inspectorate. We also made comments on the Core Strategy and the Local Development Framework, as well as on the conservation area appraisal.



## Village Improvements

In February 2008 some parents formed a group, funded by the City Council, to consult on improving the play facilities in the play park. This resulted in a £50,000 Government Grant through the City Council, to fund new equipment for 8 to 13 year olds. The Parish Council had already earmarked £25,000 for the investment in new play equipment for the under 8s. Understandably there was some opposition by local residents, but it has been an overwhelming success, allowing children to play more and parents to play with their children, and also for parents to meet other parents, adding to the cohesion of the village. The play park was officially opened on the 6<sup>th</sup> June by our MP Shailesh Vara and a great day was had by the many who attended.

Also during the year the council spent a total of £4454.48 on the NIP Survey, Village Sign maintenance, a new Playing field gate to allow pedestrian access from Lincoln Rd, new fencing and planting on the southern edge of the park, to replace the damaged areas of hedgerow, the hedging on the northern boundary was cut back to allow access to the storm drain, and to stop the misuse which was occurring within the hedges, North Fen Rd planting, War memorial & Roll of Honour and Notice board re-furbishment.

## 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 has appointed Mr Russell Wright as its 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 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 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 us at [www.glintonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.glintonparishcouncil.org.uk)

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
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