

ANNUAL PARISH REPORT – GLINTON - 2013/14

Councillors, ladies and gentlemen, good evening.

I submit my annual Glinton Parish Council report to you, on the work of the Council and its Councillors.

Attendance of Councillors this year has been excellent, with an overall attendance rate of 90%.

We had one resignation during the year, that of Janet McAllister, following the sudden death of her husband, and we thank her for her contribution to the village during her time on the Council.

There were no Parish Council elections this year, as there were only 11 candidates for the 11 seats, but we welcome a new Councillor in Mrs Bond, whom I know will add value to our Council. Mrs Bond filled the vacancy left by Cllr McAllister.

The Council has handled 21 planning applications in the last 12 months, some were contentious i.e. the Post Office, petrol station opening hours and 14 dwellings at the rear of 30b Lincoln Road, and of course the planning enforcement issues regarding the travellers site at Nine Bridges. We also had two

presentations from developers who wanted to develop the farmyard off Welmore Road and older persons' accommodation on the land between the village and the by-pass.

Some of the village street lights have been upgraded to LED lights.

The missing Minute book was recovered and returned to the archives.

The Council grant-aided the swimming pool at AMVC and the first Glinton Rainbows.

Footpath repairs have been carried out in the Play Park adjacent to Saddlers Close.

The Parish notice board at the Primary School has had a refurb.

Additional litter bins have been installed in the Play Park.

Several litter picks have been organised by Cllr Bysshe.

Permanent Christmas tree supports have been installed, and another successful light switch-on held.

Councillors have been involved in many outside activities and meetings with AMVC, Clare Lodge, neighbourhood planning, PALC, tree planting and the War Memorial.

Our Neighbourhood Planning project was launched in January to the public.

A successful outcome has been achieved in the refurbishment of the War Memorial, and a series of commemoration events are planned.

The Council has had many presentations throughout the year from Marion Smith and David Cowcill from Glington Green, on green issues concerning the village.

Finances came in under budget again, but we need to show restraint, as it is planned that all PCC grant monies will go next year, the balances look high but include the neighbourhood money, which has not yet been spent, and the money from the Community Leadership Fund for an additional picnic bench in the Play Park, following consultation with our young people in the village, but over the next 12 months, we need to look for projects and consult the village on how we may spend some money on village improvements.

In the coming months, we need to play our part in the consultation of the options of getting slow trains across the main

King's Cross to Edinburgh line. Two options are being considered, one overhead and one underground. If the overhead option is preferred it could be as high as 50 meters in the air, just outside our village.

There are plans to close 72 crossings between King's Cross and Doncaster, four of which may well have an effect on our village i.e. Helpston, Maxey, Tallington and Lolham. On the upside, it will make the journey time from Peterborough to London about 35 minutes.

I am aware of a consultation by the EA at Nine Bridges in August, but not yet aware of its contents.

Finally, I would like to put on record my thanks to all councillors and our Clerks for their considerable input during the year.