

**GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022** at 7.30 pm. This meeting was held in the Meeting Room, Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby Road, Gretton. NN17 3DB

**Present:** Cllrs. Lilley, Thompson, Smith, Nicholls, Blamire, Wright, Fox, Husk, and Watt, PC Wilson, two members of the Safer Corby Team, the Clerk (J. Clark) and one member of the public.

**22/086 Election of Chair, Gretton Parish Council**

**RESOLVED:** Cllr. Lilley was elected Chair. Proposed by Cllr. Fox, seconded by Cllr. Smith. Votes – all in favour.

**22/087 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

**RESOLVED:** Apologies received from Cllr. Newby. Noted and approved – all in favour.

**22/088 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.**

**RESOLVED:** No declarations were made.

**22/089 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2022**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chair. Votes – all in favour.

**22/090 Matters arising from the Minutes dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

22/073: To receive Financial statement dated 1-31<sup>st</sup> March 2022: payments received, and invoices paid to show VAT paid on the invoice from Security Hardware.

**RESOLVED:** The amended report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/091 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council**

Cllr. Watt reported:

The discharge of contaminated water from the Speedway into the water course now appears to have dried up. The Environmental Agency does not currently have the manpower to undertake an investigation. Cllr. Watt has asked NNC Highways if they have the authority to go on site and investigate this matter.

Cllr. Watt also reported that the ditch near the Travellers Camp in this area needs clearing.

Cllr. Lilley spoke about the need to improve charging points for electric cars and asked if the installation of pavement gulleys to allow EV charging from properties with no parking would be allowed. Cllr. Watt agreed to investigate this.

**RESOLVED:** Report noted. Votes – all in favour.

**22/092 Open Forum**

A member of the public spoke to the Parish Council about some hedging and fencing work that he intends to do on his boundary. The resident stated that he was in contact with Dean Biddle at NNC regarding the planning implications of removing vegetation and was also aware of the necessity to investigate the bird nesting regulations. It was proposed to install a wooden fence and then plant replacement hedge quicks in the appropriate season.

**RESOLVED:** Report noted.

**22/093 To receive a report from the Police**

The following report was received prior to the meeting.

The FIGURES for APRIL 2022 are as follows:

**CRIMES – FIVE**

ASSAULT (22000185163): MINOR INJURY (ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, SUSPECT IDENTIFIED & COMMUNITY RESOLUTION ISSUED)

ROBBERY (22000214628): MINOR INJURY & PERSONAL ITEMS STOLEN (ENQUIRIES ONGOING)

THREATS TO KILL (22000226400): VERBAL THREATS (ENQUIRES COMPLETE, NO COMPLAINT & NO FURTHER ACTION) RECLASSIFIED AS CRIMINAL DAMAGE (22000241948)

ASSAULT (22000228403): MINOR INJURY – DOMESTIC (ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, SUSPECT IDENTIFIED & COMMUNITY RESOLUTION ISSUED)

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – ONE**

96 – 19\04\2022: PARKING DISPUTE

PC Wilson will be present in Gretton on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. He also reported that he is patrolling the area around the wier again, following a complaint from a local resident.

**RESOLVED:** This report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/094 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team.**

Local and current engagement campaigns that the Safer Corby Team have been raising awareness of are:

Leaflet dropping areas with the Police Operation Pacify, Caught and Crushed leaflet. They are raising awareness to residents about nuisance motorbikes and who they should contact if they have any information. Please call Northants Police on 101, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or email the Police Operation Pacify team direct on

[NeighbourhoodTeamCorbyTeam@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NeighbourhoodTeamCorbyTeam@northants.pnn.police.uk)

Coming up in May:

Anti-Violence Ambassador Public sign sessions. The aim of the scheme is to ask local people to make a pledge to oppose all forms of violence and aggression and agree that violence is not the solution to resolving disagreements.

They are working with a range of partners to welcome the visit of the Knife Angel sculpture to Corby, running from 15-29 May.

**RESOLVED:** Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/095 Finance:** To receive Financial Report dated 1-30th April 2022: payments received, and invoices paid.

Cllr. Wright reported that he had carried out the bank reconciliation for April, and the accounts were correct.

**RESOLVED:** This report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

#### Payments

Date	Purpose	Payee	Amount
08/04/22	Electricity supply for MUGA	British Gas Lite	44.77
19/04/22	Salaries (April)	Clerk & RFO	569.71
19/04/22	PAYE	HMRC Cumbernauld	97.20
26/04/22	Water bill for allotments, Kirby Road	Wave	100.45
29/04/22	Gretton Life Spring Edition	Quantum Print Services Ltd.	298.00
29/04/22	Electricity supply for the Pavilion	British Gas	82.48

#### Receipts

01/04/22	MUGA		45.00
04/04/22	S & SC Rent		192.46
05/04/22	MUGA		50.00
11/04/22	Garage rent		35.83
29/04/22	Precept Payment		25,600.00

#### BALANCE

**£75,524.51**

#### **NATWEST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 STATEMENT**

Balance £75,524.51

Add undeposited cheques Nil

**BALANCE £75,524.51**

Less unrepresented payments: Nil

**Balance 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 £75,524.51**

**22/096 To receive a report from Working Groups.**

**22/096a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters**

Before the meeting, Cllr. Lilley reported on:

Agenda Item 22/103

Agenda Item 22/104

**RESOLVED:** Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/096b Communications including website, newsletters, press**

Before the meeting, Cllr. Smith reported on:

Communications – The website is working well.

Gretton Life – No enquiries have been received regarding the role of Editor. Cllr. Lilley asked Cllr. Smith to advertise this role on social media and in the village.

**RESOLVED:** Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/096c Highways Working Group** – Cllr. Mark Thompson

Before the meeting, Cllr. Thompson reported on:

The Group have finalised the village traffic survey that will be distributed to every household in Gretton.

Cllr. Thompson also reported that the handrail for the disabled access on the Village Green will be installed tomorrow.

**RESOLVED:** Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/096d Community** – including buses, doctors' surgery, school liaison

Before the meeting, Cllr. Husk reported on:

School – Cllr. Husk has extended an offer to attend a School Council meeting again if required.

Buses – The Parish Council previously agreed that it would be an appropriate time to explore a bus service once again for the village.

As a result, Cllr. Husk emailed Centrebus to discuss the possibility of Gretton being included in the RF1 route. She has been informed that Rutland County Council will consider this again in the summer and will contact the Parish Council if they feel they could add a Gretton stop.

Gretton stop.

Doctor's Surgery – Nothing to report

Clothes Bank – During March, 290kg was collected.

**RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/096e Environment** – including trees, Pocket Park, litter collecting groups

Before the meeting, Cllr Rob Newby reported on:

Environment – We are now in No Mow May. We await a meeting with the diocese with respect to the Station Road hedgerow, trees, and footpath.

He has spoken to Gretton School to discuss future tree planting in Picks Playing field. An update on the Tree/Hedgerow strategy is being prepared.

Pocket Park – Volunteers are always required for working days. The next meeting for the 18<sup>th</sup> of May has been advertised on social media.

Parish Path Warden – There are ongoing discussions regarding a footpath connecting the new housing development and Pocket Park. See Agenda Item 22/107.

Use of Block Pavements in Arnhill Road. Clinkers footpath.

Welland Valley Partnership – No meetings have taken place.

**RESOLVED:** The report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/096f Recreation ground** – Cllr Fox

Cllr. Fox reported:

The next meeting of the Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground Committee is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Nothing further to report.

**RESOLVED:** Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/096g Village Hall**

The Village Hall committee are considering an online booking system. They are looking for two new committee members.

**RESOLVED:** Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/096h Sports and Social Club** – Cllr. Nicholls

Before the meeting, Cllr. Nicholls reported on:

Forthcoming events.

Ongoing issues with the septic tank. It was agreed that the pump should be emptied before the Jubilee celebrations.

Plans for the Jubilee Celebrations, include planting a tree on the Recreation Ground which will be planted in the autumn.

Staffing

**RESOLVED:** Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/096i – Youth Council** – Cllr. Blamire

Open event planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 5-6 pm. This will be advertised in the village and on social media.

**RESOLVED:** Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

Cllr. Wright gave an update regarding the Jubilee Street Party.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Village rounders game 5 pm

Silver Band performance 8 pm

Jubilee beacon lighting 9.45 pm

It was approved that the Silver Band would receive a donation of £100 from the PC. Votes – all in favour.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Street Party 12 – 5 pm

Village Hall to hire tables and chairs for the event at a cost of £64. 25

Entertainment: Corby Road £400

Refreshment stalls to be provided by S & S C and the Cricket Club.

Toilet facilities – Village Hall

Red, white, and blue bunting £41.98

Insurance - £187.98 ACTION: The Clerk to find out if PC insurance would cover this event. If not, would BHIB supply a quote?

It was agreed that the PC would cover the above costs. Votes – all in favour.

**22/097** To consider Councillor's roles on the Parish Council

**RESOLVED:** Cllr. Wright agreed to support Cllr. Fox on the Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground committee. All other roles remain unchanged. Votes – all in favour.

**22/098** To consider the Parish Council Insurance Renewal quote

**RESOLVED:** The quotation received from BHIB Councils Insurance of £1,653.81 was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

**22/099** To consider Parish Council input for the GreenWay Board

**RESOLVED:** Since Cllr. Watt had left the meeting, it was agreed to discuss this at the June meeting when he would be present. Votes – all in favour.

**22/100** Councillor and Clerk Training Update

Responding to Planning Applications training will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, 7-9 pm.

**RESOLVED:** Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

<p><b>22/101</b> Review of Gretton Parish Council Deliverables 2022  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Project dates were reviewed and updated. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>22/102</b> To discuss quotes received for a new gate at the Kirby Road allotments  Cllr. Thompson reported that he had a wooden gate in his yard that could be used. The Parish Council agreed to pay for the costs involved in fitting this gate.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Agreed. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>22/103</b> To discuss the NNC Strategic Planning Policy Consultation meeting with Weldon Parish Council  A meeting with Weldon Parish Council is due to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> May to align on points that affect both of our villages.  Cllr. Lilley requested any responses from Councillors be sent to her by 20<sup>th</sup> May. The consultation closes at 5.00 pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs. Lilley, Husk and the Clerk to attend. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>22/104</b> Councillors to be notified of a complaint made to the Parish Council  Cllr. Lilley reported that an internal meeting was held with the councillor concerned and all parties agreed on actions to be taken. In addition, a formal response has been sent to the parishioner.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Report noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>20/105</b> Planning Application NC/22/00096/DPA  Re: Proposed 2 storey extension to front elevation, and rear single storey extension  At: 55A High Street, Gretton. NN17 3DF  <b>RESOLVED:</b> No comments or objections to be made. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>22/106</b> To review the Parish Council Member Code of Conduct  <b>RESOLVED:</b> This was reviewed and approved without amendment. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>22/107</b> To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.  a)The Greener Gretton Group would like to rent one of the Fulwell Avenue allotments. They have adopted a Constitution and will apply for grants and run the allotment as a community endeavour.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Prior to a formal allotment handover, it was agreed that representatives from the Group would need to attend a PC meeting and formally explain their plans. Votes – all in favour.  b)The Clerk confirmed that the Section 50 Licence to place and retain apparatus within the public highway has been approved by NNC Highways. MSC Groundworks Ltd. will install the TVAS system on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.  c)It has been reported that the Jo Stone wall has sustained further damage. Cllr. Thompson agreed to inspect the wall.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.  d)The Clerk reported that the Gardening Club are unable to take on the responsibility of maintaining the Jo Stone garden. It was suggested that the Greener Gretton Group should be asked if this would be something that they would like to do. ACTION: Clerk to contact the Group.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.  e)The Clerk reported that she has met Mr Jefferson from Foxborough Homes to discuss the feasibility of a footpath from the Pocket Park connecting to the footpath outside the new homes. She reported that this would not be possible because the footpath concerned was within the property's boundary.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> This was discussed, and it was suggested that the access gate to the Park on Kirby Road should be changed to allow dual access for pedestrians as well as any maintenance vehicles that require access. The clerk to contact the Pocket Park Society and ask if this would be something they could consider. Votes – all in favour.  f)Correspondence has been received from the Pocket Park Society raising concerns regarding ownership and maintenance of the boundary wall between the park and the new houses. ACTION: Cllr. Fox to find out if this is clearly marked on Land Registry.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>22/108</b> Councillor questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr. Newby and ask if he has arranged for the vegetation by the allotment gate to be removed.</li> <li>2. The Clerk was asked to contact some residents regarding the overgrown vegetation along Caistor Road and request that this is cut back.</li> <li>3. There is a very overgrown bush on the corner of Arnhill Road by the telephone box. Cllr. Thompson agreed to cut this back.</li> <li>4. Cllr. Wright said that it was very nice to receive a copy of the school's newsletter. Cllr. Husk will ask to receive copies of the newsletters to circulate to Councillors.</li> <li>5. Cllr. Lilley reported that the bench next to the stocks on the village green requires some maintenance. The Clerk to source quotes for this work.</li> <li>6. The Parish Council expressed their sincere condolences following the death of Mel Jarvis. Mel was a kind person, and the Parish Council are grateful for what he has done over the years for the Village. It was agreed to send a wreath on behalf of the PC. The Clerk to contact Mrs. Jarvis.</li> </ol>
<p><b>22/109</b> The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.  <b>Date of next Meeting</b> to be held on Monday 13th June 2022</p>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Jacki Lilley, Chair of Gretton Parish Council

13<sup>th</sup> June 2022