Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 6:00pm** at **Gretton Baptist Church, NN17 3DF**

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Present:** Cllrs Lilley, Wright, Husk, Fox, Blamire, Smith, Newby, Thompson and The Clerk (S.Golding).

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| ***22/278 To receive and approve apologies for absence.***  **Cllr Nicholls unable to attend.**  **RESOLVED:** Approved - all in favour. |
| ***22/279 To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda***  No declarations made.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***22/280 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2023***  Minutes approved without amendment and signed by Chair.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes – all in favour. |
| ***23/080 To approve appointment of The Clerk***  After receiving applications, interested parties were invited for interviews held on 27.07.2023, the interviewing process was scored via an assessment matrix which included. The assessment matrix and a profile on each of applicants was shared with the Parish Councillors. After consideration the panel proposed that the successful applicant be Christina Watts which had support of the Parish Council.  Christina Watts employment will commence on the 1st of September 2023.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes – all in favour. |
| ***23/081 To receive a report of Gretton Recreation Ground sewage system.***  Cllr Fox prepared a report on the Drainage to Sports Pavilion and Gretton Sport and Social Club.  The report included the history of the system dating back to 1970s originally built for the Pavilion with the Sports and Social Club added a decade later, both have received further extensions and improvements in 2013-2014 and it is believed that the drainage system is unchanged from the original installation. The original 20-year lease of the Sports and Social Club, which commenced in 1984, provided that the costs of maintaining and repairing the sewer system were shared equally between the Parish Council and the Club. The current lease, commencing in 2004, does not specify the sharing of these costs and consequently the Parish Council has incurred the whole costs of maintaining the sewer system, including emptying of the tank and replacement of broken pumps since that time. However, maintenance of the system has, historically, been carried out in a collaborative manner.  The pump is prone to blockages from wet-wipes and other materials flushed down the drains and, if not remedied quickly, will burn out and require replacement. This has highlighted the limited capacity of the tank, which is only large enough to store a few days waste, and significantly less than a few days when the Club or Pavilion are busy and fully used. If the pump breaks down, or suffers a blockage, during these times it is essential that repairs should be carried out urgently to prevent waste backing-up into the toilets or overflowing the manholes. Members of the Parish Council Finance Committee have approached several companies to obtain advice and quotations for recommended works.  A meeting is to be held with Stakeholders to discuss the best way to move forward with the sewer maintenance and repairs. It should be noted that the Sports and Social Club has offered a sum of £10,000 in lieu of paying any rent or other charges for an extension of a further term of 10 years beyond the expiry of the current lease in 2025.  The Finance committee and Clerk continue to investigate potential grant funding. Obtain further advice. Proposed to liase with the Sports and Social Club and arrange a meeting to discuss the request to renew the lease after the expiry of the current lease in 2025. Reviewing rents and hiring fees.  A full copy of this report has been shared with Gretton Sports and Social Club ahead of their next meeting on the 8th August 2023.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***22/303 Date of next meeting:***  Monday 11th September 2023  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. |
| ***22/304 Close***  Meeting finished 6:50pm  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved |

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Cllr. Lilley, Chair Gretton Parish Council.

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