

## GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021** at 7.30pm. This meeting was held in the Meeting Room, Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby Road, Gretton. NN17 3DB

**Present:** Cllrs.Husk, Fox, Smith, Wright, Thompson, Nicholls, Newby, Blamire, Watt, Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, one member of the public and the Clerk (J.Clark)

**21/209** To receive and approve apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED:** Apologies received from Cllr.Lilley and P.C.Wilson.

**21/210** To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr.Wright declared an interest in agenda item 21/223 NC/21/00420/DPA.

**21/211** To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021

**RESOLVED:** The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

**21/212** To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only.

**RESOLVED:** 21/161 – It was confirmed that the grit bin on Arnhill Road would be moved and placed outside 52 Arnhill Road.

**ACTION:** Cllr.Thompson to move the grit bin. It was agreed that Cllr.Thompson should order a ton bag of grit.

21/184 Low-level shrubs by telephone kiosk. Awaiting information from Highways Regulation Team.

**21/213** To receive an update from F.Chapman regarding the proposed poppy display on the Village Green

**RESOLVED:** The location of the poppy display on the Village Green was discussed and agreed. It will be displayed until the Remembrance Service and then stored to be used in future years.

**21/214** To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council

**RESOLVED:** Cllr.Watt reported: (1) No update received from Highways regarding the planned works on Corby Road/Gretton Brook Road junction, (2) Details of the Community Action Fund Grants has been announced, (3) Target for supply of council houses not yet achieved. It is hoped more funding will be released, (4) Work on Steel Road roundabout is due to start soon and is due to be completed by January 2022, (5) North Northamptonshire Council are planning to implement a living wage for all employees, (6) Final details from the bus strategy survey not available yet, (7) Cllr.Watt has attended a meeting regarding the regeneration problems in Corby area. A positive start discussing connectivity that should include rural areas as well, (8) A cross party Scrutiny Day was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October covering twelve areas, (9) A Planning Review will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> October. The P.C. are invited to forward comments about NNC planning department, officers, and process to Cllr.Watt.

**21/215** Open Forum

**RESOLVED:** No members of the public present.

**21/216** To receive a report from the Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

**RESOLVED:** M.Jarvis reported that GNW now has 142 members which is about national average. The WhatsApp group is now up and running with 36 members and the Facebook Group has 92 followers. A local resident is assisting M.Jarvis in the running of GNW Group. He spoke about planning the introduction of Smartwater to the Gretton community. This is a unique forensic marking system for items such as laptops, jewellery, and such, which enables the police when finding stolen objects to identify the owners but meantime acts as a significant deterrent to criminal intent.

It is early stages, but he would appreciate an opportunity to both introduce it and explain a little more about it to the P.C. at a future meeting. In addition, following the bicycle security marking event at the recent Fun Day he can inform council of plans for a stand-alone event planned for mid- May next year.

Like so many communities, we have an ageing population many of whom do not use Facebook or are not party to scam advice and such. Yet they are probably the most vulnerable. He asked how we can get to them to advise, inform and, should they wish, help to protect?"

**RESOLVED:** Cllr.Husk reported that the Head at Gretton School is happy to display NW information in school and add a small paragraph to the school newsletter.

It was also suggested that he attend the Christmas Fete on 11 December and the Village Hall lunches when they start up again.

**21/217** To discuss a request from the present Tenant to purchase the land on Harringworth Road.

**RESOLVED:**

Following the last Parish Council meeting, the Tenant asked to meet Cllr.Lilley and this took place on 4<sup>th</sup> October. The Clerk was also present. He advised that his objective for acquiring the land was to plant it with trees as he has developed a woodland around it and would like to complete the wood.

The rationale for the P.C. decision was explained, namely:

The offer of land at Jubilee Wood was a concern to us on the basis of the upkeep going forward; the potential risks and liabilities to the public using it, that the public could already use it as there is a public footpath through it; and the area in front of it used by the farmer may be a potential area of danger of younger people and children and is not conducive to passing through to gain access to the wood.

The PC finds itself in a situation where we have more money at the Bank than we had anticipated; and that we are just starting our budget preparations for the coming year – as yet we have not decided on which projects will be allocated money, nor how much they might need. For this reason, and because we are legally required to allocate any proceeds from sales of assets over £10k at the time of sale, we are not in a position to do anything at this time.

A discussion took place to consider the possibility of an asset swap without a monetary value. This related to an acre of land on the left-hand side going out of the village on Rockingham Road. There is direct access that could potentially be made available from the bridleway spanning between the end of Arnhill Road and Rockingham Road. This is currently agricultural land and, depending on what the land would be used for, planning permission may be required.

The Tenant would cover the cost of work required for providing access into the field as well as fencing and hedging to mark the boundary.

**ACTIONS:** Tenant to confirm if there is a water supply in the field.

Tenant to provide a plan showing the location of the acre of land. Cllr.Fox and Tenant to meet and discuss the location for discussion by the Council at the next meeting

**21/218** To receive a report from the Police

**RESOLVED:** The following report was received from P.C.Wilson prior to the meeting.

“The figures for SEPTEMBER 2021 are as follows:

**ZERO CRIMES**

**ONE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENT**

599 – 11/09/2021 = PERSONS COMPLAINING ABOUT LICENCING ISSUE RELATING TO GRETTON SPORTS CLUB.

**HOTSPOTS**

GRETTON WEIR = My patrols of THE WEIR, MILL ROAD, GRETTON in relation to anti-social behaviour will now be concluding as I am yet to come across any persons causing issues and I have had no recently reported issues by the nearby farmer.

HIGH STREET = My patrols of the HIGH STREET in relation to vehicles parking on pavements have been negative thus far.

However, I am aware of a report via the Parish Council of two vehicles linked to the same address parked on the footpath at the location, which I tasked to PCSO 7030 CHRIS ASANTE-AMPADUH to deal with by visiting the owners and giving relevant words of advice.

**SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT**

Due to other policing matters I have been unable to commit the time to complete either school parking patrols or the requested speed enforcement outside of the school. However, both remain on my agenda for the near future.

**SPEED ENFORCEMENT**

I have visited CAISTOR ROAD and I am of the opinion that it would be possible to conduct roadside speed enforcement at the location, but more towards the KIRBY ROAD end and not at the HIGH STREET end.

**BEAT BUS**

The BEAT BUS has now launched and is available for booking in relation to community events and engagement. I now ask the Parish Council to consider its use for anything in the future of this nature. I also ask the Parish Council to now provide a suggested location and times for me to use it to complete a Police surgery in Gretton over the coming weeks.”

Clerk reported that PCSO Asante-Ampaduh has spoken to a resident on Arnhill Road and given suitable advice around safe parking.

Councillor Nicholls advised that the anti-social behaviour report relating to the Sports Club concerned a single individual who had been asked to leave the premises.

**21/219** To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team.

**RESOLVED:** No report received.

**21/220** To receive Financial Report dated September 2021: payments received, and invoices paid.

**RESOLVED:** Matters arising from previous meeting 21/190: Cllr.Wright queried a payment shown on the bank statement to PABS Electrical for £340. The Clerk reported that, although the payment was recorded on the bank statement, the details had been reported on the previous months Financial Report.

21/191 Cllr.Wright queried why MUGA invoice 1049 was not included in Financial Report. Clerk reported that MUGA payments are recorded on the Finance Report when payments are received in the P.C. bank account.

The September 2021 report was approved. Cllr.Wright reported that he had completed a bank reconciliation for September and the accounts were correct.

**Payments**

Date	Purpose	Payee	Amount
31/08/21	Fun Day - Trophies	Trophy Store	21.49
31/08/21	Fun Day - Wristbands	AA Wristbands	15.00
01/09/21	Water bill - Recreation Ground	Wave Anglian Water	20.88
01/09/21	Electricity for MUGA lights	E-On (monthly DD)	51.00
10/09/21	Training Making Rural Housing More Affordable Invoice 1846687261	Eventbrite/NALC	38.93
13/09/21	Fun Day – Recreation Ground Questionnaires	Corby Copy Shop	22.00
15/09/21	Fun Day Fun Fair Rides	Taylor's Amusements	1,000.00
17/09/21	Fun Day Leaflets	Quantum Print Services	48.00
17/09/21	MUGA deep clean rejuvenation invoice 2021-287	ENTC Ltd	3,114.00
17/09/21	Annual Governance & Accountability Return for year ended 31 March 2021	PKF Littlejohn LLP	240.00
17/09/21	Training Finance for Cllrs. INV-1490	NCALC	30.00
20/09/21	Salaries (September)	Clerk & RFO	895.10
20/09/21	PAYE	HMRC Cumbernauld	198.13
28/09/21	Pavilion electricity (bill 993440608)	British Gas	104.98
<b>Receipts</b>			
01/09/21	Sports & Social Club arrears		53.78
02/09/21	MUGA PWRup Fitness		30.00
02/09/21	Western Power Distribution (000012)		4.60
03/09/21	MUGA (inv 1049)		25.00
10/09/21	Square payment Fun Day		1.00
13/09/21	Square payment Fun Day		132.00
13/09/21	Square payment Fun Day/Red Kite Bakery (		25.00
22/09/21	Fun Day receipts (000013)		1,214.80
<b>BALANCE</b>			<b>£73,965.44</b>
<b>NATWEST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 STATEMENT</b>			
Balance			£73,965.44
Add undeposited cheques			Nil
<b>BALANCE</b>			<b>£73,965.44</b>
Less unpresented cheques			Nil
<b>Balance 30 September 2021</b>			<b>£73,965.44</b>
<b>21/221</b> To receive a report from Working Groups.			
<b>RESOLVED:</b>			
<b>21/221a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters</b> – Cllr. Jacki Lilley			
The following report was circulated prior to the meeting.			
<u>Community Action CF1:</u> Cllr.Lilley has been in contact with NNCC and now has the procedure and nomination template form for listing the following assets:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lydia's Coffee Shop</li> <li>2. The Hatton Arms</li> <li>3. The Sports and Social Club</li> <li>4. The Bluebell Inn</li> <li>5. Doctor's surgery</li> <li>6. Chirpy Chicks Pre-School</li> <li>7. Baptist Church</li> <li>8. St. James Church</li> <li>9. Village Hall</li> <li>10. Primary School</li> <li>11. Water Tower</li> </ol>			
Cllr.Lilley will discuss this again with Councillors at a later date.			
<b>21/221b Communications</b> including website, newsletters, press – Cllr.Julie Smith			
<b>RESOLVED:</b> Prior to the meeting, Cllr.Smith circulated a link to enable Councillors to view the new website suggestion. Although the initial set up fee of £1,500 is more expensive, after five years, year to year costs would be less. The website complies with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. Training by the website provider is available. All Parish Councillors at the meeting			

provisionally approved this website on the understanding a formal contract detailing terms and conditions is received from the website supplier and agreed.

Cllr.Smith reported that the subject of the next Blog would be Trees and the Pocket Park.

**21/221c Police and Neighbourhood Watch liaison** – Cllr. Mark Thompson

**RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.

Cllr.Thompson has not received any feedback from PCSO Asante-Ampaduh regarding the McDonalds Community Scheme.

**21/221d Highways matters** – including speeding measures, parking, and street lighting

**RESOLVED:** Cllr.Fox suggested that the two residents who have expressed an interest in Highway matters be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to participate in a discussion about forming a Highways Working Group to work alongside the P.C. This was agreed and approved.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to the two residents and invite them to the meeting.

**21/221e Community** – including buses, doctors' surgery, school liaison – Cllr. Susan Husk

**RESOLVED:** Cllr.Husk submitted the following report prior to the meeting.

"I popped into the school on Wed 22 Sept to meet with Mrs MacDonald and we discussed:

(1) Speed Awareness - will ask children to design a poster to highlight dangers of speeding, inconsiderate parking etc. Will be run as a school competition, and I will go in before half term or thereabouts to judge a winner or two from each class. I'm happy to provide some small prizes but wondered, for future, is there any funding or grant available to support liaison work with the school? Jackie has been in touch with Highways who are happy for posters to be displayed around the village but just checking the same with the Corby Safer Community Team.

(2) Neighbourhood Watch - happy for some information to promote this scheme to be included in a forthcoming fortnightly newsletter. I will get in touch with Mel Jarvis.

(3) I'll be attending a School Council in November to outline the role of the Parish Council.

(4) Mrs MacDonald is very keen to involve the school (probably Year 6) with any new Youth Council.

(5) Agreed that I would visit / email termly to maintain liaison.

**Bus Update** - After several attempts some paper copies of the Bus Improvement Survey are being sent to me as I have spoken to a few in the village who would like to complete the survey but don't have access to a computer. The deadline is extended for those received via post. Have promoted the survey via Facebook and encouraged residents to respond.

**Doctor's Surgery** - No further news about the full re-opening of the surgery.

**Clothes Bank** – Cllr.Watt has advised that a clothes bank is available within the school grounds, but access is restricted to school drop off / pick up times. This is good news but I wonder if a more accessible location is required? I have asked Julie to raise at the next Village Hall Committee as a space in the rear car park might be an ideal location."

Councillors agreed to support any reasonable funding for the liaison work with the School.

**21/221f Environment** – including trees, Pocket Park, litter collecting groups – Cllr. Rob Newby

**RESOLVED:**

Pocket Park – Cllr.Newby attended a monthly meeting where several issues were raised: Membership and volunteers being the primary concern. Moving a commemorative bench – Would like younger people to get involved to develop a Remembrance area. Tree work. Tree planting. Haymaking. Maintenance of Sundial. Cllr.Fox suggested that volunteers are encouraged to join specific days i.e., bulb planting. The P.C. could fund coffee and bacon rolls, for example.

Grant funding for hedgerows. Cllr.Newby reported that a lot of hedgerows and trees will die and need removing.

Mowing. **ACTION:** Clerk to obtain an up-to-date mowing map from the contractors.

Tree Inspection Report. **ACTION:** Clerk to provide details of dates for future inspections and highlighted actions.

Welland Valley Partnership. There has been a change of staff and Cllr.Newby will feed back at the next meeting.

**21/221g Recreation ground** – Cllr. Tim Fox reported that 115 completed skate park/outdoor gym surveys have been received from residents and will be discussed at the Recreation Ground committee meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

The Football Club have decided not to remove the floodlights and Cllr.Fox has informed them that they are responsible for maintaining, inspecting, testing and refurbishing the lights on the grounds of health and safety. If the Club do not intend to use the lights, they should arrange for them to be removed.

**21/221h Village Hall** – Cllr.Smith reported that, following complaints about a noisy, late party, the Village Hall Committee are considering installing a noise limiter. It was suggested that the Committee publish a timetable to show details of the groups using the hall, so residents are aware of the range of activities available. The Committee declined this idea, stating residents can access the website when it is up and running. It is hoped that the renovation work to the outside of the building will be completed by the end of this year.

**21/221i Sports and Social Club** – Cllr.Nicholls

**RESOLVED:** A recent charity event raised £4,000. A forthcoming fund-raising event for RBL is fully booked. The Club is hoping to organise a darts team and the skittles table is back in the Club. Halloween and Christmas parties are planned.

**21/221j – Youth Council** – Cllr.Blamire

**RESOLVED:** Following a recent meeting with Cllr.Lilley and the Clerk, Cllr.Blamire spoke about the Constitution of Gretton Youth Council. This was discussed and a few minor amendments were agreed.

**ACTION:** Cllr.Blamire will amend the document as agreed and will present it at the November meeting to be formally adopted.

<p>Clerk to confirm process for DBC checks for Councillors involved with the Youth Council. Cllr.Blamire and Clerk to discuss relevant P.C. policies for Youth Council.</p>
<p><b>21/222</b> To discuss and report Matters Arising Document. <b>RESOLVED:</b> 21/057 The Contractor is hoping to start work on the disabled access to the Village Green in 4-6 weeks' time. 12/07/21 M.Thompson has cleaned out the drain in the Recreation Ground car park, but he thinks the soak away is blocked. This would need digging up and replacing, the alternative would be to dig a new soak away. He will use a tracker camera to look underground and investigate this further.</p>
<p><b>21/223 Planning</b> <b>Application NC/21/00400/DPA</b> Re : Ground floor extension to side and rear. At : 30 Fulwell Avenue, Gretton, Northamptonshire NN17 3DG <b>RESOLVED:</b> No objections or comments to make. <b>Application NC/21/00420/DPA</b> Re : Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 16/00406/DPA (Proposed development of five detached dwellings and new vehicular access onto Clay Lane – Allowed on appeal): Addition of chimney stacks to plots 2 and 4 At : 9 Station Road, Gretton, Northamptonshire NN17 3BU <b>RESOLVED:</b> Following a discussion, it was agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Due to the level of each of the chimney stacks, in relation to the neighbouring properties, particularly No 3 Clay Lane and others on Arnhill Road, it is highly likely that nuisance will be caused through emissions connected with the smoke or gasses emitted and blown on the prevailing wind.</li> <li>2. The proposed chimney stack on Plot No. 4 is immediately adjacent, and on the same level, to the balcony and living areas of No 3 Clay Lane.</li> <li>3. The height of the chimney stacks exceeds the levels permitted in the original permission, granted on appeal, and will create an unacceptable intrusion into the landscape and views into and around the site.</li> <li>4. The drawing of the chimney stack on Plot No. 2 does not represent the design or size of what has actually been built.</li> </ol> <p><b>Application NC/21/00407/RVC</b> Re: Variation of condition 3 of planning application NC/21/00066/DPA to change external finish material from brick to render At : 6A Maltings Road, Gretton, Northamptonshire NN17 3BZ <b>RESOLVED:</b> No objections were raised but P.C. to request that the colour of the render is in keeping with properties in locality.</p>
<p><b>21/224</b> To discuss and approve TVAS sign and location in Gretton <b>RESOLVED:</b> It was agreed to purchase one Morelock solar panel system to be positioned on the righthand side just past the gateway and Gretton sign as you come into the village on the Corby Road. <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to obtain quote for installation of new post for the sign. Clerk to contact Highways Regulations Team to finalise Section 50 licence</p>
<p><b>21/225</b> To discuss the Queen's Green Canopy tree initiative to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 <b>RESOLVED:</b> It was agreed to plant one tree on each side of the entrance into Fulwell Avenue. A suitable tree for this location will be agreed at the November meeting.</p>
<p><b>21/226</b> To discuss Gretton Jubilee Street Party <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr.Wright is meeting T.Meechan on 13<sup>th</sup> October to discuss this and will report back at the November meeting. He reported that the Sports Club would like to organise the lighting of a Platinum Jubilee Beacon on the Recreation Ground. This would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. This was approved by the Parish Council, subject to appropriate risk assessments and public liability insurance.</p>
<p><b>21/227</b> To discuss maintenance of the War Memorial on the Village Green. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated information about the cleaning of memorials obtained from the War Memorials Trust website. She has contacted the Trust directly to request specific information relating to the Memorial in Gretton. Cllr.Thompson suggested that a sign could be displayed explaining what the gold leaf means.</p>
<p><b>20/228</b> To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting. <b>RESOLVED:</b> NC/21/00200/DPA Correspondence has been received asking if the P.C. would continue to object to this application if another planning application was submitted. This was discussed, and it was agreed that the P.C. response to a further application would not change. 14/00120/DPA The correspondence was discussed, and it was agreed that the P.C. would not be willing to initiate further discussions.</p>
<p><b>21/229</b> Councillor questions <b>RESOLVED:</b> (i) Overhanging vegetation from property at the end of Kirby Road. <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to write to resident to request vegetation is cut back. (ii) Cllr.Thompson has reported overhanging vegetation and bush on Arnhill Road on Fix My Street.</p>
<p><b>21/230</b> The meeting closed at 10.41 pm.</p>

**Date of next Meeting** to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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

Jacki Lilley, Chair of Gretton Parish Council

8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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