Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 13th February 2023**, 7.30 pm at the Gretton Village Hall.

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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| ***22/257 To receive and approve apologies for absence***  Apologies from Cllr Husk and PC Wilson  **RESOLVED:** Approved - all in favour. |
| ***22/258 To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda***  None.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/259 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2022***  Minutes approved without amendment and signed by Chair.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/260 Open Forum***  Village residents attended the meeting to express their views on Planning Application NC/23/00012/DPA. See agenda item 22/269 Planning Application  **RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/261 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council***  No report received prior to the meeting.  **RESOLVED**: Noted and approved. Votes - all in favour. |
| ***22/262 To receive a report from the Police***  Report submitted prior to the meeting.  The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for JANUARY 2023 are as follows:  **CRIMES – NINE**  SEX OFFENCE (23000037368): HISTORICAL REPORT (SUSPECT KNOWN, PREVIOUSLY INVESTIGATED, FILED)  CRIMINAL DAMAGE (23000050583): VEHICLE TYRES DAMAGED (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, NO ENQUIRIES POSSIBLE, FILED)  HARASSMENT (23000030416): UNWANTED & ABUSIVE ONLINE MESSAGES (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED) \***LINKED**\*  MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS (23000030440): UNWANTED & ABUSIVE ONLINE MESSAGES (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED) \***LINKED**\*  ASSAULT (23000041801): NO INJURY (SUSPECT KNOWN, NO COMPLAINT, FILED)  THEFT (23000011753): MOBILE PHONE STOLEN (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES ONGOING)  HARASSMENT (2300044320): UNWANTED PHONE CALLS (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, ENQUIRIES ONGOING) **\*\*LINKED\*\***  MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS (23000045123): UNWANTED PHONE CALLS (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, ENQUIRIES ONGOING) **\*\*LINKED\*\***  PUBLIC ORDER (23000003395): THREATENING BEHAVIOUR (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, NO COMPLAINT, FILED)    **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE**    **CLAY LANE \ HOLLY RISE \ STATION ROAD – NO ENTRY SIGN**  I have visited and been in liaison with the resident of CLAY LANE about the NO ENTRY SIGN on CLAY LANE junction of STATION ROAD being breached. Following consultation with the Parish Council a letter has been created and will be delivered to all dwellings of HOLLY RISE advising them and their visitors against breaching the NO ENTRY SIGN.    **HATTON LANE – PARKING ISSUE**  PCSO 7030 CHRIS ASANTE-AMPADUH has identified the vehicle, placed a parking notice on the vehicle and spoken to and advised the owner of the vehicle in relation to the position it was being parked. PCSO 7030 CHRIS ASANTE-AMPADUH has also carried out further patrols and the vehicle is now being parked appropriately.  **RESOLVED:** This report was noted and approved.  Votes- all in favour |
| ***22/263 To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator***  No report submitted prior to meeting. T. Smith has provided Clerk with a Neighbourhood Watch poster which will be displayed in noticeboards, this includes details on how to join the scheme.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***22/264 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team***  Report sent prior to meeting. The North Northamptonshire Council Safer Communities Team, in partnership with local communities, businesses and other agencies, are supporting the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean, running 17th March – 2nd April 2023. A programme of community clean-ups, public awareness events and litter education activities will be delivered during the week, to encourage and educate local communities on the importance of keeping Corby Borough cleaner and greener.  **RESOLVED:** Noted. Votes all in favour**.** |
| ***22/265 To receive a report from the Highways Working Group***  Report submitted prior to meeting.  The Highways Working Group have contacted NNC to arrange a meeting to discuss proposals.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes- all in favour. |
| ***22/266 To receive Financial Statement dated 1st-31st January 2023: payments received, and invoices paid***  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Date | **PURPOSE** | **PAYEE** | **Amount** | | **PAYMENTS** |  |  |  | | 05/01/23 | VAT Invoice 2427 | NCALC | **140.40** | | 09/01/23 | Plywood – Noticeboard | Howarth Timber | 3.44 | | 09/01/23 | PC mobile phone | Tesco | 15.49 | | 16/01/23 | Gretton Life Printing | Kanda Print | 350.00 | | 16/01/23 | Skate Park & gym | FCC Environment | 10,750.00 | | 16/01/23 | Mowing & hedge cutting | NNC | 702.88 | | 18/01/23 | Salaries (December) | Clerk & RFO | **702.88** | | 23/01/23 | Gretton Good Neighbour Scheme Phone | Tesco | 11.00 | | **RECEIPTS** |  |  |  | | 03/01/23 | Sports & Social Club Rent |  | 192.46 | | 09/01/23 | MUGA 1099 |  | 50.00 | | 09/01/23 | The Hunger Hut 1005 |  | 7.38 | | 09/01/23 | MUGA 1098 |  | 10.00 | | 11/01/23 | Garage Rent (January) |  | 35.83 | | 13/01/23 | The Hunger Hut 1006 |  | 20.00 | | 17/01/23 | MUGA 1100 |  | 60.00 | | 17/01/23 | MUGA 1101 |  | 35.00 | | 19/01/23 | MUGA 1102 |  | 95.00 | | 26/01/23 | Gretton Allotment Charity |  | 726.66 | | 31/01/23 |  |  |  | | **BALANCE** |  |  | **£47,590.21** | | |  | | --- | | **NATWEST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 31st January 2023 Statement**  Balance £47,590.21  Add undeposited cheques Nil  **BALANCE** £47,590.21  Less unpresented payments: Nil  **Balance 31st December 2022** £47,590.21 | | | | | |
| ***22/267 To receive a report from the following Working Groups:***  **22/267a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters – Cllr. Lilley**  Prior to the meeting, Cllr. Lilley reported on: Neighbourhood Plan: An application has been submitted to NNC to register the Village Hall as an Asset of Community Value. Village Emergency Response Plan is underway. Cost of Living Crisis/Gretton Good Neighbours. Previously donated clothes to be moved to Kingswood Church, Advertisements have been put out for volunteers to be “experts” for the Gretton Repair Shop, hoping to organise a meeting with the volunteers next week to determine the logistics. A date will then be set to hold the event. Picks Playing Field - The owner of the property next to the field is prepared to continue to be the keyholder, and have the field opened during the day.Village Nature Recovery Plan - Along with Cllr Newby Cllr Lilley met with Sophie Van den Bergh who is the project manager for the Links for Rockingham Forest group to discuss Gretton’s Nature Recovery Plan. Aligning with aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan of protection and improvement of our ecological environment. Van den Bergh will make a presentation at the March PC Meeting. **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.  **22/267b Communications including website, newsletters, press and blog – Cllr.Smith**  Prior to the meeting Cllr. Smith reported: The Clerk has received training on the Parish Council Website, as well as becoming an admin on the Facebook Page. A new page has been created on the website under ‘Community Hub’; this will be used for various things including the Cost-of-Living Scheme.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.  **22/267c Highways Working Group – Cllr. Thompson**  Prior to the meeting, Cllr. Thompson reported: The Highways Working Group has contacted NNC to arrange a meeting to discuss proposals.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.  **22/267d Community – including buses, doctors’ surgery, school liaison – Cllr. Husk**  Prior to the meeting, Cllr. Husk reported: Gretton Primary School: Visited the school on 26th of January and met with Julia Dickinson about issues relating to road safety, speeding and parking. Cllr Lilley and Cllr Husk will meet with The School Council on 15th of March. Traffic Buddy signs - an application has been made to a community fund for 8 signs. Re-routing of the rear exit gate due to current being in a dangerous location. Police visits continue to act as a deterrent to those parking irresponsibly. Bus: Trail bus to Rushden Lakes received many positive comments. Recent Welland Wanderer meeting- outstanding £1500 outstanding from NNC. Cllr Husk to contact Cllr Watt to ask if any funding available in his discretionary fund.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.  ***22/267e Environment – including trees Pocket Park, fly tipping, litter collecting groups, Parish Path Warden, Welland Valley Partnership – Cllr. Newby***  Before the meeting, Cllr. Newby submitted a report: Picks Playing Field- tree has now been removed by Special Branch Tree Services; Pocket Park workday was cancelled due to weather; Ongoing issues with fly tipping- Cllr Newby to prepare a letter to NNC over concerns. Tree survey, previously done in 2020 is coming up for renewal; Cllr Newby to map out trees of note in preparation.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.  **22/267f Recreation ground – Cllr. Fox**  Report submitted prior to the meeting by Cllr Fox.  Tender documents awaiting approval before publishing.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.  **22/267g Village Hall – Cllr. Smith**  Report submitted prior to meeting by Cllr. Smith.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.  **22/267h Sports and Social Club – Cllr. Nicholls**  No report was sent prior to the meeting.  Games and groups are continuing to meet at GS&SC and are receiving a good response. Ongoing issues with the drainage are being escalated further by the Clerk with a senior engineer involved.  **RESOLVED:** Noted. Votes all in favour.  **22/267i Youth Council – Cllr. Blamire**  Cllr Blamire met with charities NAYC and CYPN to discuss the different approaches that were tried last year.  CYPN support Parish Councils with strategy for young people, help with designing programs for groups from start-up, running the groups and involved in outreach work.   Youth Council wishes to provide a provision whereby we can equip our youth with life skills, leadership skills, community involvement, opportunity to shape the future of Gretton for generations to come, meet new friends and build confidence. CYPN are going attempt at increasing village engagement using social media accounts.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/268 To receive an update on Gretton Parish Council Deliverables***  Deliverables to remain the same as previous month.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/269 Planning Applications***  **Planning Applications**  **22/269a** NC/23/00012/DPA  Re: Planning application.  At: 33 The High Street, Gretton  Although The Talbot isn’t a listed building, it is in the conservation area and was identified in the Conservation Area Management Plan as a building of distinctive architectural quality and which makes a significant contribution to the character of the area.  The High Street is one of the most picturesque streets in Gretton Village and concerns are that a tall fence will not complement this but instead will be detrimental to the overall street scene and obstruct from the character of the property being appreciated. As the planning application does not show a drawing it is hard to be able to predict the desired outcome. Councillors have concerns that the fencing will also limit parking and consequently increase the number of cars parked on the road, something the Council actively tries to prevent.  As the property does fall in the conservation area, we would request that the conservation officer is consulted to advise on the application before moving forward.  There are no objections towards the block paving on the assumption that materials used will complement the local area in appearance and be suitable to prevent any drainage issues.  **RESOLVED:** Votes – all in favour |
| ***22/270 To discuss and update Councillor’s register of disclosable interests***  All Councillors have received a link from The Clerk with details of how to update their disclosable interests; this will also be updated on Gretton Parish Council’s website.  **RESOLVED:** Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/271 To discuss the use of Councillors’ social media and email accounts***  The Clerk has made a recommendation to all Councillors to create and use designated Parish Council email and social media accounts when undertaking Parish Council business to remove any confusion when expressing personal views and opinions.  **RESOLVED:** Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/272 To discuss Gretton Coronation Day plans***  It has been agreed that the Coronation Day celebration will be held on Sunday 7th May 2023 on the Recreation Ground. Various entertainment and activity ideas are currently being investigated. Grants and other funding are being looked into and applied for. An open invitation to meetings has been posted on village Facebook sites.  **RESOLVED:** Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/273 To discuss the Recreation Ground Mowing Contract***  The contract is to be increased to allow 4 extra cuts. Clerk to receive quotes from several sources for the Recreation Ground Mowing Contract and relay findings.  **RESOLVED:** Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/274 To receive Bus Survey Results***  The survey results were informative and showed the desired bus journeys and demographic. However, due to Cllr Husk being heavily involved with the Bus service and not being present for the meeting, this will be carried forward onto March’s Agenda.  **RESOLVED:** Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/275 To receive a report of any correspondence received since the previous meeting***  The Clerk has received emails: PC Wilson regarding a previously reported parking and breach of ‘NO entry’ signs, plans to arrange Gretton Litter Pick, several emails regarding an ongoing planning application and an invitation to attend NNC Place Development Event.  **RESOLVED:** Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/276 Councillors’ questions***  The Parish Council are now officially owners of the land located on Rockingham Road; this will now be added to assets register. The Clerk is to add updated contact details onto the Parish Council Website.  **RESOLVED:** Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/277 Date of next meeting:***  Monday 13th March 2023  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes all in favour. |
| ***22/278 Close***  Meeting finished 9:05pm  **RESOLVED: Votes all in favour.** |

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

Cllr. Lilley, Chair Gretton Parish Council.

Date: 13th March 2023