# Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.30pm at Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby Road, Gretton. NN17 3DB

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Present:** Cllrs Lilley, Fox, Newby, Thompson, Nicholls, Wright, Smith Watt, Trevor Smith PC Wilson and The Clerk (C Watts).

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| ***23/333 To receive and approve apologies for absence.***  **Cllr Blamire was unable to attend**  **RESOLVED:** Approved - all in favour. |
| ***23/334 To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda***  No declarations made.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
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| ***23/335 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on ist August 2023***  Minutes approved without amendment and signed by the chair  **RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes – all in favour. |
| ***23/336 Open Forum***  G Heather a Gretton resident attended the meeting to ask for information to the incident that occurred on Saturday 7th October where a party was held at the Village Hall where quite a lot of anti social behaviour took place. Liz Watts (Chair of committee of VH) attended the meeting to explain the chain of events that occurred. The Hall was booked for a 16th birthday party for tea cake and soft drinks. The party was posted on Social Media which lead to a high volume of uninvited youngsters who turned up drunk and proceeded to damage property in the VH. The police were called and it spilled out to the surrounding area, park and throughout the village. The police managed to control the situation but it took sometime.  The VH to communicate with PC Wilson for help and support on future bookings for checks. PC Wison has offered to be involved in making the Police aware of events happening in the Village and providing a presence if available for prevention of these situations arising.  GPC have confirmed their ongoing support for the VH  The VH committee are looking to review their hire agreement.  Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Wright raised concerns that young age parties will sometimes attract these type of issues.  Two parties that have been booked for this year have been cancelled.  L Watts to prepare a report with solutions going forward and submit to GPC  L Watts to post on Gretton News and Views  GPC to support and to receive an action plan in place from VH committee for future events at VH within one week.  GPC suggested looking at different events at the VH to continue making the VH a financially viable venue.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
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| ***23/337 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptionshire Council***  Cllr Watt and Cllr Newby walked and found that 1.3Km of path is unpaved from Dusty track to Kirby Hall. Still believe that this is still the best route for the cycle path and will keep up momentum on this matter  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/338 To receive a report from the Police***  This report was received before the meeting  The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for SEPTEMBER 2023 are as follows:    **CRIMES – TWO**  HARASSMENT (23000549054): UNWANTED CONTACT – NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES ONGOING) \***LINKED**\*  ASSAULT (23000603456): NO INJURY (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES ONGOING)    **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – TWO**  263 – 02\09\23: NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE (WORDS OF ADVICE GIVEN TO ALL PARTIES)  107 – 04\09\23: NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES ONGOING) \***LINKED**\*  **RESOLVED*:*** Approved |
| ***23/339 To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood Watch***  ***Co-ordinator***  Trevor Smith reported at the meeting that the Horse safety event that was held on Saturday 7th was well received and well attended. Three hundred leaflets were issued and the feedback was positive.  Photos to be submitted for publication in Gretton Village Magazine  **RESOLVED*:*** Approved |
| ***23/340 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team***  No report received  **RESOLVED: Noted** |
| ***23/341 To receive a report from the following working groups***  **23/341a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters -Cllr Lilley**  Before the meeting Cllr Lilley reported on  **Picks Playing Field**  The Grant applied for to refurbish the field and set up the Forest School has been received favourably by the  Rockingham Forest Vision Group. Final comments to be received before 3rd November  **NCALC AGM 07/10/2023**  A rise for subscriptions, in line with inflation at 6.4%, was voted in.  A presentation was given on AI for Parish and Town Councils. NCALC has set up an AI Task group to:   * consider risks to parish and town councils * identify opportunities * identify and disseminate good practice * work with Unitary Councils on AI * feed into any similar initiatives.   George Candler, Chief Executive of NNC made a presentation.     The budget for 2023/24 was set at £336.6m, and at the current run rate they are projecting an overspend of £8m.  NNC are taking on board a person to be a single point of contact for parish councils.   A new full list of all contacts will be sent out soon.  Planning: The results for the Planning Advisory Review are now on the NNC website. A new head of planning will join the council next week.  The planning enforcement team has 950 live cases at the moment.  The headcount has been increased by 50%, namely from 5 to 7.5 personnel.   Outstanding cases are coming down. £1.4m has been invested in a new planning IT system which should go live next year.  S106: historically the monies have been held in different ways across the sovereign councils. They now have a single database on S106s. Requests for information about S106 must be succinct and focussed to enable the council to respond.  Training: NNC recognise that parish councils want to better understand how the planning process works.   A video training session is about to be rolled out for PCs to view.  Cllr Lilley visited the school on 9th October and a positive meeting was had. The application for funding for Picks Playing field will be tweaked and is hoped that the location will become a beneficial place for the junior school.  .  **RESOLVED: Approved**  **23/341b Communications** **including website, newsletters, press** **and blog- Cllr Smith**  Before the meeting Cllr Smith reported on  The Village Life Magazine Hoping it will be ready for delivery the last week of October. We're still looking for a new editor if anyone has any suggestions.  The Welcome to Gretton Pack is also being updated. I will get back to this when Gretton Life is finished.  **RESOLVED:** Approved  **23/341c Highways Working Group – Cllr Thompson**  Before the meeting Cllr Thompson reported on  The report is below. In addition. The results of the Speed Watch are as follows:  The Teams went out 11 times in 1 -2 hour stints. These were split between Corby Road, Kirby Road and Station Road.  7 speeding vehicles were recorded on Corby Road, 3 on Kirby Road and 2 on Station Road. These were vehicles travelling in excess of 35 miles an hour. A significant number of vehicles slowed down on seeing us and just being there affected driver behaviour.  The next opportunity to have the equipment will be next year. I will arrange that when the Northants Police CSW Team contact me early next year.  **RESOLVED:** Approved  **23/341 d Community-buses, doctor’s surgery, school liaison – Cllr Husk**  Before the meeting Cllr Husk reported on  **School**   * Meeting with the School Head on Monday 9 October - opportunity to continue to work with the school around road safety, parking etc, and for them to raise any concerns which the PC may be able to assist with.   **Bus**   * Next scheduled meeting for the Welland Wanderer Bus Service is on Tuesday 17 October. * Contribution from NNC towards funding for the service has not yet been received despite positive messages and indications of support.  This is being followed-up by Cllr Richards, Wilbarston PC who hold the contract. * Cllr Richards has also been approached to participate in the NNC North Plan project, one strand of which will look at the ability of rural residents to access services in nearby towns.  Update in due course.   **Community Minibus**   * The minibus, is now back on the road and arrangements are in hand for a trip to Dobbies Garden Centre, Northampton on Thursday 19 October   At the meeting Cllr Husk updated the Cllr’s that NNC have now paid the £4400 for the Welland Wanderer bus ervice which takes it up to end of the year. Passenger numbers confirm it is well supported by Gretton.  Cllr Husk visited the school and they confirmed the Buddy signs would be delivered within one week.They supported the need for a Zebra and extra Zig Zag lines.  Cllr Nicholls shared that the school are not consistent with displaying the yellow cones. When displayed they seem to work.  **RESOLVED:** Approved  **23/341e Environment-trees,Pocket Park, Litter collecting groups – Cllr.Newby**  Before the meeting Cllr Newby reported on:  Tree Survey date and time, Roadside vegetation issues Arnhill and Maltings, A request for River Wardens. Mercian River Trust will be talking to interested people in the Village.  Picks Playing Field. Fence from adjoining property has been replaced (Forest School)  Pocket Park. Major clearance planned this season.  Fly Tipping. Private land tipping still issue  Parish Path Warden. Hedgerow on Clinkers no recent maintenance  River pollution at Gretton Weir.  **RESOLVED:** Approved  **23/341f Recreation ground – Cllr.Fox**  Cllr Fox reported before the meeting:  1. Skate park has commenced with Phase 1 completed.  The Outdoor Gym is due to be installed at the end of November  2. OTHER MATTERS ONGOING  Fees and hiring rates, Review and updating of byelaws, Replacement of MUGA goal.  At the meeting Cllr Wright asked if there had been any quotes received for the sewage and Drainage issue.  Discussed that PC have agreed that this needs the budget to be set so it can be moved forward to the approval process.  Cllr Wright proposed that a budget was set at 10K and Cllr Fox seconded it.  **RESOLVED**: Approved Voted-All in favour  **23/341g Village Hall – Cllr.Smith**  Discussed as above in Forum  **RESOLVED:** Approved  **23/341h Sports and Social Club – Cllr.Nicholls**  **RESOLVED:**  **23/341i Youth Council – Cllr.Blamire**  Before the meeting Cllr Blamire reported on:  No Update on Youth Services  Raised Bollard at back of Container in the Recreation Ground reported to NNC advised that this is on PC Land.  Cllr Fox to Investigate if it is Anglian Water land  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/342 Planning Applications received***  **23/342a: 23/00341/DPA**  **Modernisation and alterations to 1960’s chalet style detached house 3 Winchilsea Drive Gretton NN17 3BT**  The resident attended the meeting to explain the plans to improve the property  **RESOLVED:** No objections or comments to make**.** Vote – all in favour.  **23/342b: 23/00346/DPA**  **Two storey extension and attached garage. 76 Kirby Road Gretton NN17 3DB**  **RESOLVED:** No objections or comments to make**.** Vote – all in favour.  **23/342c: 23/00183/DPA**  **Review of Conservation office comments on 2 Caistor Road**  **RESOLVED:** No objections or comments to make**.** Vote – all in favour.  Cllr Lilley raised the issue on the incinerator on Shelton Road that a new licence application had been submitted for the environmental permit.  Points raised included that the original plan was before Priors Hall was built, the plan is 175 trips a day, Gretton Brooke Rd will not cope with the increase in traffic. Cycle access has been quoted on the application but not clear, Public transport is deemed adequate but this is not a true reflection as not buses before 8am or after 6pm.  Cllr Watt to contact the Planning department to ask if there has been an updated planning application with the changes. |
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| ***23/343 To receive Report from Finance Metting held on 28th September2023.***  Clerk to complete and submit at next PC Council meeting  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/344: Full Review of PC Website to be completed by the clerk***  Date to be arranged between Clerk and Cllr Smith for access and training on the website  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/345: To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.***  Tree Survey confirmed for 18th October Time to be confirmed and issued to councillors. Cllrs confirmed Lower Churchyard to be included as a site. Clinkers is not on PC land.  Correspondence received from the Baptist church in relation to the annual payment they receive from the PC (for grass cutting)  PC to discuss if small increase would be given £545 plus 5%  **RESOLVED:** Approved Voted-All in Favour  Cllr Newby raised the point that Highways have cut back the growth at the Pocket Park but stumps are now on show and could be a danger.  Correspondence received from Kier that hedges have become overgrown at 15 Maltings Road. PC have confirmed they have never maintained this part of the road either side.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/346 Councillor questions***  Cllr Newby raised the question does the PC get informed by Highways or the weekly lists from NNC of road closures or traffic signalling for road repairs. Clerk to check.  Overgrown Hedge at Fullwell still not cut. Clerk to check back on the correspondence.  Cllr Smith asked who owns the Bus Stop at the Village Hall. Confirmed by PC it is not owned by the Parish Council  Cllr Wright and Thompson have been approached by a local business asking if they can donate the Village Green Christmas Tree and show a sign naming their business. PC have agreed to this stating the sign to be no more than A4 size.  Cllr Nicholls shared that the AGM is being held on 12th Oct for the PSA and there maybe a possibility that there will be a lot stepping away.  Cllr Lilley raised that the Finance Budget meetings are taking place and if any Cllr’s have budget projects to submit their request to the Clerk to raise at the next Finance Meeting.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***22/347 Date of next meeting:***  Monday 13th November 2023  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. |
| ***22/327 Close***  Meeting finished 9.35pm  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved |

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Cllr. Lilley, Chair Gretton Parish Council.

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