

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Andrew Royle – chair, Tim Fox, Marshall Ferguson, Frances Woolston, Terri Meechan, Mark Thompson, Kevin Watt (BC), PC Brad Wilson and visiting Superintendent, John Hindle – clerk and 2 Members of the Public.

Apologies:- Julie Smith, Phil Bromhall, Matthew Moore

Chairman reminded councillors to declare an interest where appropriate.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th March 2017 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Meeting open to the Public:-

Elisabeth Jordan drew attention to an incident in the Pocket Park recently where a large party of youths had congregated and left mess consisting of broken bottles and empty cans along with other rubbish. The Police present commented that there were steps which could be taken consisting of increased patrols at times identified by residents, the installation of CCTV if this was considered appropriate and the display of notices alerting park users to the dangers of broken glass. Elisabeth undertook to discuss with her committee.

Police:-

Two thefts and two reports of criminal damage were highlighted in the last month. Attention was drawn to a report on Facebook by a Gretton resident who had sighted a white van with no lights in the early hours one morning recently. Marshall Ferguson disclosed details of the registration number of a van seen locally but this proved inconclusive when checked by PC Brad Wilson.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 13th March:-

It can now be reported that the Community Enhancement Team have cleared the hedge on Station Road. Steps will be taken to ensure the weeds are regularly cleared.

The Welcome Pack has still not been put on the website due to technical difficulties. Julie Smith will address as soon as possible.

Clerk to enquire as to whether the old Phone box has been cleaned inside.

Clerk to check with Corby BC if a full rates reduction is available for the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground.

Clerk to approach Village Hall committee as to whether there may be an agreement to contribute half the cost of the placing of road signs to the Village Hall around the village.

No report as yet received from Anglian Water as to the status of the sewage pump on the Recreation Ground. Clerk to chase.

Clerk to apply to Northants CC for an up to date bus timetable to be installed in the bus shelter on Kirby Road.

No action on the clearance of gravel from Lydia's or Station Road. Clerk to chase.

No action as yet on the replacement fridge for Lydia's Café. Various ideas were suggested and will be followed up.

Clerk to check with Olivia Stinson as to the inclusion of various items of work for the Enhancement gangs in May.

The HGV warning sign at the junction of Gretton Brook Road and Corby Road has still not been repaired. Highways to be informed.

The repair of the street lights in Clay Lane is ongoing.

The pot hole outside the doctor's surgery has now been repaired.

Report on Neighbourhood Plan:-

Frances Woolston reported that Terry Begley at Corby BC has now sent to Jacki Lilley some of the further details requested by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. In addition large scale maps showing the Gretton Village and Parish Boundary have been supplied to the Group. At a recent meeting of the Village Plan Group Jeff Sharnock outlined the proposal to communicate with all local activities to ascertain the needs of each with reference to the Village Plan.

Jo Lister will give guidance for the placing of posters around the village. It was also reported that Susan Husk has agreed to be secretary of the Group.

Report from Borough Councillor:-

Kevin Watt explained that there were still problems with Kier Services and their various duties around the Borough in particular with keeping burial grounds tidy.

The Academy Trusts are not performing and representatives have been asked to meet with councillors.

No plans are afoot as yet to charge for the collection of green waste.

Circulation:-

CPRE Countryside Voice Magazine

Report on Recreation Ground:-

Tim Fox informed councillors that there would be a meeting of the Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground committee on 13th April to discuss the date of the Funday.

A request has been received by the chairman from Pat Butler of the Sports and Social Club committee asking to be relieved of this year's donation to the F.G.R.G committee as the Club

is in financial difficulties and they need to build up funds and pay off debts. Councillors were supportive of the personal email response from the chairman suggesting that a small amount should be paid as a gesture with a request that the annual payment is delayed for the time being. This would be discussed by the Sports and Social Club committee at their meeting which was due to take place at the same time as this PC meeting.

Planning:-

17/00122/DPA Rear, partly two and partly single storey extension with side single storey extension at 27, Kirby Road.

No objections from councillors to this scheme.

Finance:-

Current balance	£20,622.59
Amounts owing:-	
3D Sports – Cricket Net for Recreation Ground	1,308.00
Eon – MUGA lights for January and February	52.15
EB Groundworks – Flagpole re-positioning	560.00
Mrs. J. Addy – Cleaning Pavilion	128.00

Any Other Business:-

The letting off fireworks in High Street on 8th April was mentioned in connection with dogs being frightened.

Corby Radio is seeking permission to use the Sports Club car park from 1pm to 4pm on Thursday 27th April. Their bus will be used for a broadcast. No objections from councillors. Terri Meechan agreed to liaise with Steve Ellis regarding the specific location of the bus.

The light outside the Village Hall will be repaired.

Revised costings will be obtained before a decision is reached regarding traffic calming signs at the village entrances.

The requirement for new bins to be supplied in the Pocket Park has been communicated to Environmental at Corby BC

Date of next Meeting to be Monday 8th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.