

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th August 2105 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Andrew Royle – chair, Tim Fox, Matthew Moore, Julie Smith, Mark Thompson, Marshall Ferguson, Phil Bromhall, Frances Woolston, Terri Meechan, Stan Heggs (CC), Bridget Watts and Rob. McKellar (BC), PCSO Loveday, John Hindle – clerk and 1 Member of the Public.

Chairman reminded councillors to declare an interest where appropriate.

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

Report from County Councillor:-

Stan Heggs informed councillors that he had been in discussion with officers from Highways and the grasscutting at the village approach on Corby Road and on Gretton Brook Road was scheduled but as yet not completed.

Marshall Ferguson raised with Stan the condition of the grass bank on Clay Lane which had been weedkiller treated by CC officials and was now in danger of soil erosion.

Meeting Open to the Public:-

Elisabeth Jordan asked that action could be taken to reduce the hedge growth on the pathway between Kirby Road and the Recreation Ground. In addition a bush is growing at the end of Kirby Road which is having a detrimental effect on the road sign. Clerk agreed to discuss both instances with the landowners.

Frances Woolston agreed to check on all road signs around the village and to report accordingly.

Report from PCSO:-

Babs Loveday presented the crime report for the previous month comprising one incident each of a burglary, criminal damage and handling stolen goods.

Councillors are concerned with the current lack of PCSO cover and asked Babs to make the comments known to her superiors.

Matters Arising:-

Chairman will discuss with Kevin Watt the possibility of suggesting to Corby BC the use of plastic soakaway crates over the Balancing pond on Huntsfield Drive. These would allow liquid to run away and the tops can be grassed to cover the area. If acceptable this would remove the danger to residents inherent on this site.

Steve Rainbow will soon undertake the work required on the various trees around the village which were highlighted in the Tree report prepared by Lockhart Garratt. The work to include trimming of the oak tree on the Village Green. This will involve contact with Corby BC to ascertain if a Tree Preservation Order is in place and to seek permission for the proposed work in the conservation area.

Rob. McKellar has been in touch with a member of the NCC cabinet regarding a list of works required to Gretton roads. He has been assured that they have all been scheduled and a report is awaited.

A site meeting is sought with NCC officers relating to the drainage problems at the top of Lyddington Road.

The overgrown hedge on Station Road is again causing problems and chairman has followed up his initial report to Street Doctor with a specific complaint from a resident. There is a health and safety dimension to this problem and a reply is urgently awaited.

A permanent sign on Pick Playing field to replace the one in position will be ordered shortly.

Chairman has reported the hedge and bank on Arnhill Road to Street Doctor as it is encroaching on the highway and a reply is awaited.

Grasscutting duties in the absence of Steve Ellis are being covered by the cricket club and clerk will monitor the ongoing situation.

It has been decided that a move of the flagpole on the Green is desirable and Mark Thompson has been asked to quote in the first instance.

Chairman and Dave Clements have been in discussion over the CCTV position on the Recreation Ground. No pictures have been available recently and Dave will seek the best way forward along with Corby BC.

Following the refurbishment of the Pavilion there is no secure area at the back of the building and this situation extends to the Sports Club. Mark Thompson has produced an estimate and discussions will be held with the Sports Club committee to determine their share of the cost. At the same time it would be desirable to discuss with Corby BC the repair or replacement of the fence bordering the Doctor's surgery as this is in poor condition.

In view of the regular problems with the sewer and pump servicing the Club and Pavilion it has been decided to ask Pat Butler to accept a retainer of £300 per annum to carry out regular inspections which it is hoped will identify future problems quickly and keep costs to a minimum.

grettonpc.co.uk has been registered as the new website for the Parish Council. Julie Smith will continue to develop the site and it is hoped that there will be links to Corby BC planning and news and events. In addition, Terri Meechan has been asked to collect together 'pen pictures' of councillors and clerk for inclusion on the site.

Terri Meechan is in contact with Martin McEvoy relating to the suggested use of the Phone box as a source of books for lending and return.

Scrap metal removal from the allotments on Southfield Road is scheduled and should be completed soon.

Chairman is in touch with Network Rail over planned works to the tunnel embankment between Gretton and Corby. There is concern that HGVs will come through the village over a number of months and the road surfaces will not survive the impact let alone the problems with parked cars.

Clerk has been in contact with Gavin Ferries in Planning at Corby BC to ascertain the current position regarding the application to build 14 'affordable' houses on land at the end of Southfield Road. Planners are awaiting a report from Legal Dept. to see if this scheme can be regarded as an exception to legislation which gives tenants the right to buy their properties after a certain time thus removing the 'affordable' description. In addition there is a new site 'access' plan in preparation which will go out to consultation and this will be received shortly.

Report from Borough Councillor:-

Rob. Mc.Kellar informed councillors that he would respond personally to Northants CC over the planning application in respect of varying the consent to bring a gasification process into the recycling plant on Shelton Road, Corby.

The 67 bus will continue to service the village for the next two to three years.

Tom Pursglove MP for Corby has requested a meeting with the Brookfield protesters and Rob will organise.

Corby BC Overview and Scrutiny committee has a vacancy for a Parish Council representative.

Corby BC has placed a bid for an Enterprise Zone to be established in the town. This would be a five year scheme and involve rates discounts for incoming firms. Rob will check on the planning rules and report later.

Members will assess the situation regarding Kier Services and decide whether their contract is renewed or a new tender process is undertaken.

Circulation:-

NCALC UPDATE Magazine

CPRE COUNTRYSIDE VIEW Magazine

Report on Recreation Ground:-

Tim Fox reported that the recent Funday had been a tremendous success and all participants had enjoyed lovely weather.

Planning:-

15/00279/DPA Two storey extension – double garage with bedroom over at 1, The Parks, Harringworth Road.

15/00188/DPA Demolition of a bungalow and construction of one dwelling with associated garage and parking at 38, Arnhill Road.

15/00280/DPA Conversion of garage roof to bedroom with balcony to rear of 6a, Maltings Road.

No objections to the above applications.

15/00282/COU Change of use from public house to dwelling and associated works to building at Talbot Inn, 33, High Street.

No objections from councillors but concerns were raised over the arrangements for parking and turning of cars in the plans for the new dwelling.

15/00056/WASVOC variation of planning conditions at waste recycling plant, Shelton Road, Corby.

Tim Fox to compose the response to Northants CC objecting to the variation of conditions at this recycling site.

Corby BC have granted permission for 15/00239/DPA Viewing gallery/balcony to front elevation and additional dormer window to rear elevation at 11, Arnhill Road.

Finance:-

Current balance	£30,312.70
Amounts Due:-	
BDO LLP External audit on accounts for 2014/15	360.00
Quantum Print Leaflets for Funday	30.00
UCC Newsletter printing	232.80

Highways:-

There is a problem with the kerbstones outside Gretton House. This is a concern for councillors who will monitor the situation and report soon.

Any Other Business:-

The water troughs at the top of Clay Lane require clearing out and Mark Thompson will discuss requirements with an interested contractor.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.