

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th December 2015 at 7.30pm

Present:- Phil Bromhall – Acting chair, Marshall Ferguson, Tim Fox, Frances Woolston, Terri Meechan and one Member of the Public.

Apologies:- Matthew Moore, Andrew Royle, Julie Smith, Mark Thompson, Bridget Watts and Kevin Watt (BC), Stan Heggs (CC)

Chairman reminded councillors that they should declare an interest where appropriate.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th November 2015 were deemed a true record and duly signed.

Meeting Open to the Public:-

Elisabeth Jordan on behalf of the History Society thanked councillors for the loan of the Gretton Enclosure map of 1837. This had been displayed at an open meeting of the Society and was found to be of great interest to all visitors.

Matters Arising:-

The felling of the dangerous tree on the Recreation Ground bordering Stafford Road gardens has been completed. There is also a potentially hazardous tree in the Pocket Park which requires attention and clerk will contact interested contractors.

Anglian Water officers have visited the site of the leakage of water on Lyddington Road and a report is awaited. Clerk to speak to other landowners in the same area to formulate a plan of action.

Mark Thompson will be asked to fit the weather proof sign to the entrance to Pick Playing field.

Steve Ellis's operatives have completed the mowing of Pick Playing field and will undertake Church Gap in the near future.

The inserts to the Newsletter relating to councillor's pen pictures and the Neighbourhood Plan have been completed and circulated.

No response as yet from Corby BC and Northants CC relating to the condition of waste bins and road signs in the village highlighted recently.

The question of parking by Gretton House employees opposite their gates on High Street will be discussed with House management in early January.

Correspondence:-

An email received from Sara Earl at Corby BC announcing Home Energy Awareness sessions locally in January and February. Clerk to circulate to councillors.

Circulation:-

CPRE 'OUTLOOK' and 'COUNTRYSIDE VOICE' Magazines

Rural Area Forum Agenda for 19th November 2015

Northants CALC UPDATE Magazine for November and December 2015

Planning:-

15/00433/DPA 2 storey side extension to 17, Stafford Road

15/00437/DPA 2 storey side extension to 1, The Parks

No objections were raised to either of the above schemes

15/00448/OUT Outline application for 4 houses with access from Corby Road.

This application is for the development of 4 houses opposite the entrance to Huntsfield Drive on Corby Road at the edge of the village. This is agricultural land and the details of actual positioning and associated services to the properties have not as yet been set out.

Councillors were opposed to the development as the proposed scheme is outside the village boundary and would add nothing to the environs. In addition the details of the plans may well give rise to specific objections when they are documented in the future.

Clerk to write to Corby BC planners explaining the objections.

The plans to erect a dwelling alongside 7 and behind 9, Caistor Road have been turned down by Corby BC and the applicant has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. Clerk to write to Planning officers at Corby reiterating councillor's comments raised at the time of initial consideration to be forwarded to the Planning Inspector.

The Northants CC consultations on the Minerals and Waste Local Plan are now open for interested parties to comment. Tim Fox outlined the proposals as they might affect the village and concluded that the only area which may be of concern is the widening of industrial areas already identified. These would include Heritage Road and Earlstrees Industrial Estate, the entire Storefield Plant site on Gretton Brook Road and an expansion of the Cronin Road Estate. These extensions may give rise to additional areas for development but any proposals would still be subject to existing planning requirements.

Clerk to check with chairman as to any mention of Neighbourhood plans during the meeting of the Rural Area Forum last month.

Clerk to contact Corby BC planners as to the permitted progress of construction on the site on Clay Lane/Station Road and the site at the top of Clay Lane on Arnhill Road.

Highways:-

The Southfield Road and the Finch Hatton Drive areas are still causing considerable concern relating to the state of the roads. Clerk to discuss with chairman as to what can be done to progress resurfacing work as a matter of urgency.

Finance:-

Current balance	£27,134.28
Amounts owing:-	
Royal British Legion – wreath at Remembrance Service	40.00
Eon – supply of electricity to the MUGA Oct & Nov	49.05
RW.Rutt – tree work on Recreation Ground	105.00
Gretton Village Hall – rent of Meeting Room 2015	240.00
UCC – printing Newsletter etc.	520.65
Gretton Cricket Club – Grasscutting and Maintenance 2015	4,198.00
BHIB Insurance Brokers – MUGA insurance 2015/6	912.63

Police:-

There was no Police presence at the meeting. Councillors were aware of the theft of vans from a village business in recent days.

The stone throwing on Gretton Brook Road from Dunlop Close has resulted in actual damage to vehicles in past days and clerk will contact the local PCSO for an update.

Any Other Business:-

The Gretton Allotments Charity may require changes to its list of Trustees. Tim Fox to contact those involved.

The odour from Kirby Lodge recycling plant was nasty recently. Villagers are invited to ring 0800 807060 with reports.

A considerable amount of building rubbish has been left in Church Gap by contractors working in an adjacent field. Clerk to contact the landowner to facilitate removal.

The street light in Caistor Road which requires attention was reported recently to Corby BC.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.