

# GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:-** Andrew Royle – chair, Tim Fox, Matthew Moore, Terri Meechan, Frances Woolston, Marshall Ferguson, Phil Bromhall, Sgt. Scott Little (Police) and 1 Member of the Public

**Apologies:-** Julie Smith and Mark Thompson (GPC) and Rob. McKellar, Kevin Watt, Bridget Watts (BC)

**Chairman reminded Councillors to declare an interest where appropriate.**

**Minutes of the Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.**

**Police:-**

Sgt. Little has recently taken up his post in charge of policing the rural areas around Kettering and Corby. He is assisted by a PC and 5 PCSOs. He outlined four local incidents in the previous month where the Police had attended and drew attention to the fact that the burglaries were perpetrated when residents had left doors unlocked. He underlined again the importance of security especially at this time of year. Sgt. Little acknowledged past failures of police response in the rural areas and undertook to keep these to a minimum in the future and in addition to have strong lines of communication through Neighbourhood Watch groups and in Gretton to hold regular surgeries in Lydia's café. Clerk will forward PC Minutes on a monthly basis.

**Matters Arising from Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> November:-**

Chairman agreed to report to Street Doctor the overgrown state of the hedge on Station Road and the condition of the blue kerbstones outside The Old Fox in High Street on the corner of Caistor Road.

Phil Bromhall will apply for a grant to facilitate the cleaning of the War Memorial.

Three quotations have been received for the moving of the flagpole on the Village Green. The plan is to re-site behind the War Memorial. The successful tenderer is E. Britnell from Uppingham and Clerk will discuss with him an early completion of the work.

Following the painting of the old phone box Clerk will arrange for the inside to be cleaned.

In pursuance of constructing a secure area at the rear of the Sports and Social Club one quote has been received and another is sought from an interested contractor.

Clerk will contact Rates Office again seeking a reduction in the rates charged for the Pavilion.

Following the contribution of £2,400 from the Sports Club towards capital items for use by the clubs using the Recreation Ground some £1,790 has now been allocated.

Suzanne Preston from Corby BC has reported that a mobile traffic calming device could be purchased for use in the villages. If all parishes were in agreement they would contribute £350 each and Corby BC £200. A report will be issued shortly.

No information on costs relating to the installation of direction signs to the Village Hall has been received from County Council. Clerk will follow up.

School Headmistress Jane MacDonald has requested PC Minutes to be forwarded regularly. No objections were raised.

Clerk is awaiting a report from Anglian Water as to the responsibility of the sewer pump servicing the Sports Club.

Clerk will try again to ascertain ownership of the hedge by the entrance to Latimer Close. Corby BC is now in the frame and will be consulted.

The free bus timetable case has now been delivered and will be fitted shortly.

Discussions are continuing with Corby BC as to their plans for the allotments on Kirby Road/ Fulwell Avenue.

### **Report on Corby Local Plan:-**

Frances Woolston on behalf of the sub-committee reported on the discussions aimed at producing a response to the first part of the Corby Plan. This has to be received by Corby BC prior to 20<sup>th</sup> December and Frances will liaise with the Clerk.

Chairman thanked all councillors who attended the exhibition in the Village Hall recently and afforded special thanks to the sub-committee whose work was much valued.

Chairman will contact those residents who showed an interest in a Neighbourhood Plan for Gretton to update them on the current situation relating to the Plan for Corby BC. The Gretton group will meet early in the new year.

### **Planning:-**

16/00489/DPA Demolish existing single storey side extension and erection of new two storey side extension at 12, Fulwell Avenue

No objections from councillors to this scheme.

16/00494/DPA Proposed new dwelling at 76, High Street

Councillors decided to object to the plans as the structure would have a detrimental effect on the street scene in High Street in view of the fact that the outside wall would be reduced from eight feet to three feet high. This procedure would also remove a window from a previous building on the site, Japonika Cottage which is integral to the heritage of the village. The

plans as stated would have an overbearing effect on Barn House next door which is a listed building in the village conservation area.

16/00505/DPA Extension to existing bungalow and the erection of one new dwelling at 44, Arnhill Road.

This application is for a backland/tandem development which is not permitted unless specific reasons are involved which may make the structure desirable. The access to the property is considered of insufficient width for motor vehicles and the access from Arnhill Road is on to an already narrow street with cars parked on both sides. The visual impact of the structure is considered undesirable for neighbouring properties and on this basis councillors will register an objection to Corby BC.

**Finance:-**

Current balance	£29,127.36
Amounts owing:-	
Uppingham Community College – Newsletter printing	269.78
KJ Services – Floor cleaning machine for Pavilion	297.00
Mrs. J. Addy – Cleaning wages for Pavilion	128.00
BHIB Insurance Brokers – Insurance for the MUGA 2016/17	916.80

Clerk to report to the next Meeting on plans to provide the village with its own traffic calming signs on each entrance.

**Highways:-**

Councillors welcomed the improvements to road surfaces recently delivered but drew attention to further works required particularly where High Street approaches Harringworth Road.

**Any Other Business:-**

The Neighbourhood Plan will be an addition to Agendas for future Meetings

Tim Fox has completed the registration of Council assets with Land Registry apart from a couple of issues. An Agenda item will be included for the next Meeting of P.C.

The question was raised as to the ownership of the pathway outside nos 9 and 11 Huntsfield Drive. Tim Fox agreed to consult Land Registry records.

A street light is out in Stafford Road and Marshall Ferguson will report to Corby BC

**Date of next Meeting** to be Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017