

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 9th December 2019** at 7.30pm.

Present: Frances Woolston, Rob Collis, Phil Bromhall, Matthew Moore, Tim Fox, Mark Thompson, Marshall Ferguson and Clerk.

	Action
19/60 To receive and approve apologies for absence. RESOLVED: Julie Smith, Terri Meechan, Cllr.K.Watt, Neighbourhood Warden Team.	
19/61 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019. RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed by the chairman as a correct record of the meeting.	
19/62 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only. RESOLVED: 19/49 Budget sheet distributed to all Councillors. 19/50 Clerk confirmed that Point 15.5 insurance is in place.	
19/63 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct Related to business on the agenda. RESOLVED: No declarations of interest given.	
19/64 Public participation session. RESOLVED: No matters raised.	
19/65 To receive a report from County Councillor. RESOLVED: No report given.	
19/66 To receive a report from Borough Councillor. RESOLVED: No report given.	
19/67 To receive a report from the Police. RESOLVED: No report given.	
19/68 To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Warden Team. RESOLVED: Clerk distributed report on behalf of NWT. That the report be noted.	
19/69 To receive a report from Brian Ogden, Tree and Landscape Officer, Kettering and Corby Shared Service. RESOLVED: Mr Ogden explained that his role is for the care and management of BC and CC tree stock, in addition to statutory planning function. In Gretton, he is responsible for the trees in the Churchyard where all trees have been inspected and a plan of maintenance put in	

<p>place for the next three years. Some work will be carried out within one year. There is nothing of high risk in the survey that needs immediate action, if this was the case, PC would be notified.</p> <p>Although the Pocket Park is the responsibility of the PC, Mr Ogden has carried out an inspection for the trees here and he will provide a tree policy. His department is also happy to supply a quote for any necessary work.</p> <p>Mr Ogden will aim to secure as much landscaping as he can in planning applications.</p> <p>Any overhanging trees (Section 144 Highways Act), should be reported on FixMyStreet.</p> <p>Mr Ogden confirmed that he will report to the PC once a year, together with a walkabout during the summer with whoever wishes to join him. The Parish Council is relying on the survey carried out by Brian Ogden and will not be instructing a separate report from another company. The Parish Council will need to consider those trees other than the Pocket Park.</p>	
<p>19/70 To receive Finance Report, November 2019 and approve payments listed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: This was approved and noted.</p> <p>There remains an overdue payment to the PC by the owner of the fish and chip van. MT asked the Clerk to check bank statements once more to confirm that this amount is still overdue. If this is the case, an invoice needs to be produced and MT will deliver it to the person concerned.</p>	<p>Clerk MT</p>
<p>19/71 To receive and note the minutes of the Finance sub-committee meeting held on Monday 4th November 2019.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance sub-committee be noted.</p>	
<p>19/72 To discuss and agree precept payment in respect of the year ending 31st March 2021.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The total Gretton Parish Council precept for 2020/21 of £25,800 was approved and noted.</p> <p>PC to produce a letter to residents explaining the reasons for the rise in Precept payment in 2020/21. First draft to be written by TF. Agenda item for January 2020 meeting.</p>	<p>TF</p>
<p>19/73 To receive a report from Working Groups.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>19/73a Website – Julie Smith and Rob Collis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still no access to Gretton.info. - PC site needs to be the focus. <p>19/73b Police liaison – Mark Thompson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. <p>19/73c School liaison - Terri Meechan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. <p>19/73d Source grant applications – Terri Meechan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. <p>19/73e Trees and environment - Phil Bromhall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report from PB. - Review tree inspections in the summer 2020. 	

<p>19/73f Recreation ground – Tim Fox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A.Royle is investigating fitness trail. - Approval was given for the car park drain repair work. Estimates have been received from Phoenix Surfacing, Pino Plant and Mick Cannon with the price of £1,000 plus VAT from Pino Plant being accepted. TF to write letter to Pino Plant confirming agreed work and cost for Clerk to forward. 	<p>TF/Clerk</p>
<p>19/74 To discuss and report Matters Arising document. RESOLVED: 59 – Clerk to email MT to ask if he would still like to submit a quote. 98 – TF has spoken to David Clements who confirmed that he will continue to look after the cameras. There is still some work to do and, once completed, he will submit an invoice. 134 – Clerk to contact Highways Dept. again to ask if planning consent is required re the installation of dropped stone kerb. 180 – Clerk has spoken to Bob Cunningham who has confirmed he is happy to replace the Picks Playing Field sign. 182 – Clearing of drains - Clerk has reported 30 different drains to SB, Highways Department, as well as on FixMyStreet. 185 – Ongoing discussion between Church Warden and Diocese regarding responsibility of fence repair. 220 – MUGA surface will be inspected once the car park drain repair work has been completed. 225 – FW reported that area had been cleared and allotment areas being cared for.</p>	
<p>19/75 Planning: 19/00538/DPA Side and rear extension linking house and annexe - re-submission of planning application 19/00114/DPA. 31 Kirby Road Gretton NN17 3DB RESOLVED: No objections raised. 19/00527/COU Change of use from residential to mixed-use cattery and residential including erection of concrete bases and 10 pens. 44 Arnhill Road Gretton Corby Northamptonshire NN17 3DN RESOLVED: No objections raised. 19/01769/FUL Erection of a maintenance building, a concrete inspection area and the resurfacing of loose gravel hardstanding to tarmac at car park and land. Rockingham Motor Speedway. RESOLVED: No objections raised but a statement to be sent to planning stating that it is imperative building work ensures adequate drainage is put in place to prevent any risk of flooding on roads in vicinity. 19/00561/DPA Proposed new dwellings. 36 Arnhill Road, Gretton. RESOLVED:</p>	

<p>Objected on grounds that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Houses should be no taller than surrounding properties. 2. Insufficient amount of parking for accommodation space in dwellings. 	
<p>19/76 To consider the need to promote candidacy at the May 2020 elections. RESOLVED: January agenda item.</p>	
<p>19/77 To discuss Risk assessment register (Statutory Requirement). RESOLVED: January agenda item. Clerk to compose a template form and send it out to PC Cllrs. Clerk to forward links showing sample risk assessments to PC Cllrs.</p>	Clerk
<p>19/78 To receive a report on any correspondence received since previous meeting. 19/78a Street Lighting RESOLVED: MF and Clerk have reported defective lights. 19/78b Corby Road RESOLVED: PC are pursuing NCC Highways Department. Latest update from SB Highways, received 8/12/19 is as follows: "Thank you for your email. In light of the ongoing situation, we are planning to attend the site before Christmas to tanker the standing water away from site. At present this is our only option, as has been done before. We are hopeful that removal of the standing water on the carriageway and associated groundwater will allow us to access the ditch and uncover the outfall. I will keep you updated with our progress."</p>	
<p>19/79 Any other business. 19/97a – NCC Highways are no longer responsible for all salt bins in Gretton. RESOLVED: Clerk to note salt bins that will no longer be maintained by Highways and report this information to all PC Cllrs.</p>	
<p>19/59 The meeting closed at 10.05 pm. Date of next Meeting to be Monday, 13th January, 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>	

Signed: _____

Frances Woolston,
Chairman, Gretton Parish Council.