

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 8th February 2016 at 7.30pm

Present:- Andrew Royle – chair, Tim Fox, Matthew Moore, Phil Bromhall, Julie Smith, Mark Thompson, Frances Woolston, Marshall Ferguson, Kevin Watt, Bridget Watts (BC) John Hindle – clerk and 1 Member of the Public

Apologies:- Terri Meechan, Rob. Mc.Kellar (BC)

Chairman reminded all councillors to declare an interest where appropriate.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th January were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Meeting open to the Public:-

Elisabeth Jordan reiterated her concerns regarding speeding on Corby Road past her house which mostly occurs when vehicles are leaving the village before the derestricted sign. In addition she has noted children under 11 years of age not wearing seatbelts in vehicles as they arrive at School.

Councillors mentioned that a message on 'Facebook' announced there was soon to be a 'rave' taking place in the Gretton area. No further details were forthcoming but it was decided to inform our local PCSOs should they not already be aware.

Certain items of litter have been noticed recently particularly cans of nitrous oxide and empty wine bottles.

Report from Borough Councillors:-

Kevin Watt stated that due to a change in the proposed size of Shelton Road gasification plant the scheme had been called in by the government minister concerned.

The planning application to construct 14 'affordable houses' on land off Fullen Lane has been refused by Corby BC planners.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 11th January:-

Suzanne Preston, Rural Pride Officer at Corby BC has stated that the Housing Association with tenants in Hunts Field Drive monitor such tenants to ensure they are not in breach of any of the agreements set up when the properties were occupied. Rubbish has started to appear, particularly bikes and toys in the Balancing pond and PCSOs will patrol the area and engage with residents if necessary.

The outstanding works on the trees in the Pocket Park and Church Gap have been completed. A concern has arisen regarding a branch on the oak tree on the Village Green and clerk will contact Steve Rainbow with a view to making this safe.

It has been decided to undertake the work required to limit the flow of water at the top of Lyddington Road during week commencing 15th February to coincide with the closure of

Station Road under the bridge. It is hoped that the reduction of traffic will be a positive step in the speedy completion of the task.

There is now a weatherproof sign in place at Pick Playing field.

Rubbish left in Church Gap following work in a neighbouring field will be removed as soon as conditions allow.

There are various parcels of land which are awaiting registration with Land Registry. The paperwork is nearing completion and Tim Fox and clerk will submit as soon as possible.

It would appear that Corby BC do own the fence at the back of the Doctor's Surgery where it borders the Recreation Ground. This will be repaired soon.

The Parish Council website is nearing completion and will go live soon. Chairman has written an introduction which has now been passed to Julie Smith.

The information following the survey of road signs and litter bins completed by Frances Woolston has been passed to Corby BC and Highways. Officers from both bodies have agreed to schedule the work required.

Street Doctor has confirmed that the work to prune the ash tree by Tythe Barn on High Street will be completed soon.

Chairman and Mark Thompson attended Gretton House on 22nd January with a view to the provision of tidier facilities where cars are parked on High Street opposite the Gretton House entrance. There is no Highways money available and councillors were keen to establish a way forward. House staff agreed to stress again to their employees that the Village Hall is available for parking and other ideas were explored to limit the number of cars using High Street. The situation will be monitored and another meeting planned for later in the year.

The water run off from the building site on Station Road and Hatton Lane is causing concern and Corby BC and Highways will be contacted soon.

Parish Council Minutes will be made available on the new PC website as well as the established village website.

Correspondence:-

Letter from KierWSP informing of Bridleway closure under the bridge at the end of Arnhill Road. This coincides with the work to the bridge in Station Road.

Circulation:-

NCALC Update Magazine

CPRE Agenda and Minutes from meeting on 20th January.

Report on Recreation Ground:-

Tim Fox stated that a meeting had taken place between himself, Andrew Royle, Suzanne Preston and the consultant from the skateboard equipment supplier to look at the possible locations to site a skateboard park and it had been agreed that there was insufficient space and no suitable positions to accommodate such a structure. He indicated that the Friends committee would keep the matter under consideration in the event that other feasible alternatives could be suggested.

Chairman reported on discussions with the Sports and Social Club committee on various aspects of their current licence. It was agreed that the membership requirements would be tightened at the AGM in March to include the issue of cards and the payment of fees. The patio area is not included in the licence or the lease provided by Parish Council. Both these items will be addressed.

A disturbance happened recently which resulted in two customers receiving banning orders. A formal complaint from a member will be dealt with by the committee.

Council has received a request for financial assistance to provide extra shuttering to protect the windows and improve security. A decision will be taken in due course.

The Pavilion cleaner June Turkington has resigned and the search will now begin for a replacement.

Planning:-

15/00368/DPA Over drawing room extension to provide more living space in the roof area at 42, High Street

16/00017/DPA Replace existing conservatory with single storey extension at 7, School Road

No objections were forthcoming to either of these schemes.

Chairman reported that another villager had volunteered to be a part of the Neighbourhood Plan working party. A meeting will be called during March and an officer from Corby BC Planning will be invited to attend to discuss feasibility.

Finance:-

Current balance	£20,556.68
Amounts owing:-	
Corby BC – Election expenses for May 2015	1,084.44
June Turkington – Pavilion cleaner	72.00
Brigstock Tree Services – tree work in Pocket Pk and Church Gap	775.00

Highways:-

The potholes in High Street and Corby Road will be reported to Street Doctor.

The Clerk at Lyddington PC will be contacted to discuss the cost of traffic calming signs.

Any Other Business:-

All villagers are invited to attend the village AGM on Monday 14th March at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The question of providing permanent signs around the village to the Village Hall was raised and clerk will contact NCALC and ACRE to explore possibilities.

There is considerable dog mess on Clinkers footpath and clerk will contact Suzanne Preston regarding the provision of notices and the involvement of the Dog Warden.

Terri Meechan has been in touch with Martin McEvoy and the plans to use the Phone box as some sort of library for village use are underway.

The Litter Pick days will be Saturday 16th April and Saturday 15th October this year.

The question of introducing junior parish councillors once again will be discussed with the School head.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 14th March at 7pm for the AGM and 7.30pm for the regular Parish Council meeting in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.