

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Apologies:- Terri Meechan, Joe Devlin (PCSO), Sandra Naden-Horley (CC)

Chairman reminded councillors that all interests whether prejudicial or non-prejudicial should be declared where appropriate.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Report from Neighbourhood Warden:-

Lennie McIlhatton informed councillors that the next Litter Pick around the village would be late March or early April. Clerk to check with Suzanne Preston that the usual facilities would be available again to assist Mel Jarvis in his organisation.

Councillors are concerned that the pothole at the end of the drive to the Sports Club is now dangerous and Lennie will inform his colleagues. In addition the path from Kirby Road to the Recreation Ground is suffering damage from tree roots appearing through the asphalt and this will also be reported.

Clerk reported on the Friday bus service to Corby which is turning out to be well used by villagers. There has been a request by a significant number of travellers that the Tuesday service to the west of Corby be extended to Gretton in order to give an option to visit Market Harborough on that day. The bus currently commences its journey in Cottingham and the proposal is that it should start in Gretton. Cllr. Nick Richards at Wilbarston PC is co-ordinating discussions on this proposal and a report is awaited. The possibility of a ‘hail and stop’ service around villages is also being considered.

Clerk will attend the Development Control meeting at Corby BC tomorrow as an Agenda item deals with the amount of cash available to Gretton for village projects from Section 106 payments made by housing developers to Corby BC. He will ascertain the procedure for securing this funding and liaise with Matthew Moore who will advise on the detail.

Chairman reported that Corby Ltd is undertaking a pre-application consultation relating to the provision of an Energy Recovery Facility at Shelton Road, Corby which borders Gretton parish. He attended an exhibition at Stephenson Way Community Centre on 7th February where the plans were explained. The concerns for Gretton are similar to those raised after the previous application was made namely the efficient handling of the traffic management plan and the potential impact on the village of large vehicles taking short cuts; emissions and air

quality and also health and safety risks leading to the possibility of fires and accidents. Councillors questioned the need for this facility and in the event of the case being proven that the correct development was constructed in keeping with its surroundings.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 14th January:-

The additional CCTV cameras to be fitted at the Recreation Ground are imminent and councillors will contact Dave Clements.

Both chairman (end April) and clerk (end June) have submitted their intentions to retire from Parish Council. Advertisements for a new councillor and clerk will be posted in the near future.

The dead elm tree at the corner of the entrance to the new cemetery in Station Road has been reported to Peterborough Diocese for action.

Phil Bromhall will discuss with Jon Dixon in Cottingham the work needed on some trees in the Pocket Park.

The report on the bus service was made earlier in the Meeting. There is enough cash available to see the current arrangements survive through the summer months. The position relating to future funding is unclear at the present time.

The painting of yellow zig zag lines outside School has been reported to Street Doctor.

The damaged knee rail poles on Huntsfield Drive have been removed and new ones are awaited.

The situation surrounding repair to the Jo Stone wall will be activated when Highways report on a possible solution to the traffic management question.

The budget for PC expenditure and income has been prepared for 2019/20 with provision made for some unknown costs. A Precept of £14,000 has been requested from Corby BC.

Following the resignation of Gretton Cricket Club who have been performing the grasscutting contract around the village with distinction in recent years a new contractor is sought. Clerk is in possession of papers detailing all areas covered.

Chairman has had communications with Terry Begley at Corby BC regarding the Conservation Area review which was held at the end of 2018. Despite representations being made relating to many of the changes no movement on the report has been forthcoming. Chairman after much deliberation has decided not to pursue.

Various highway matters around the village approaches have been raised with Highways at Northants CC. Clerk will pursue.

Following the malfunction of the zip wire on the Children's Play Area no replacement has been made by Corby BC.

Report on Neighbourhood Plan for Gretton:-

Frances Woolston discussed the point that communication with residents is now high on the N. Plan committee's agenda. As the end of the project draws near the possibility of appointing an officer to oversee this with improvements to the PC website along with the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan website is being considered. The Plan when concluded will be subject to an annual perusal and a complete review every five years. The report now runs to 73 pages and the next step is a full review by Parish Council. Corby BC planners will then examine the report followed by the Planning Inspector who will ensure that any provisions do not contravene local planning policies. The final step is for Corby BC to organise and pay for a referendum where a simple majority of those voting is sufficient for the Plan to be accepted.

Report from County Councillor:-

In the absence of Sandra Naden-Horley chairman reported that they had attended a meeting with the local MP Tom Pursglove in the recent past. The meeting centred on the appeal by Gladman Developments who wish to facilitate the building of 120 houses on land to the east of Southfield Road. Mr. Pursglove was sympathetic to the stance of the Parish Council and his support is welcomed.

Report from Borough Councillor:-

In the few days prior to the Meeting Kevin Watt had supplied extracts of Minutes of Rural Area Forums from October 2003 to March 2004. Following a complaint from villages that Corby BC were supplying services to the town which were not replicated in the villages it was agreed that grants should be made after details were received of such expenditure. In the event Gretton received a grant of around £4,500 for the financial year 2004/5 rising to £9,615 in 2017/18. Clerk will produce the documents supporting the original claim and argue the case with Corby BC for reinstatement of the grant.

Correspondence:-

Letter from David Lock Associates regarding the next stage of development at Priors Hall. It was decided not to invite them to our meeting in March. Clerk will respond highlighting councillor concerns centred around traffic and HGV flow through the village during construction.

Communication from Joe Devlin (PCSO) informing councillors of his intention to hold a surgery in Lydia's Coffee Shop on Friday 8th March. Timings will be advertised.

Circulation:-

Information on local policing from the Police Commissioner.
UPDATE from NALC. Both communications sent by email.

Report on Recreation Ground:-

Tim Fox informed councillors that the next meeting of Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground would be held on Thursday 7th March and invited all councillors to attend if convenient.

Planning:-

18/00715/DPA Retrospective application for the retention of a tree house in the rear garden at 26, Harringworth Road.

Councillors expressed concerns relating to the size of the structure and the possibilities of overlooking into the garden next door. In addition the proximity to the boundary would also be communicated to Corby BC.

As previously stated the Gladman Developments application has gone to appeal. Chairman will send a statement on behalf of Parish Council to the Planning Inspector underlining the reasons for opposition sent to Corby BC at the time of the original application. In addition the statement will detail relevant information arising out of the ongoing preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan for Gretton.

It has come to the notice of councillors that some building has occurred in the garden of 6, Hatton Lane. Corby BC planners will be asked for their comments.

Finance:-

Current balance £28,808.49

This balance includes £3,000 received from Groundwork UK in respect of grant towards expenses of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Amounts owing:-

Gretton Cricket Club for grasscutting in 2018	4,692.00
Mrs. J. Addy for pavilion cleaning in January	64.00
Gretton Baptist Church for grounds maintenance	525.00

Highways:-

The drains on Station Road, Clay Lane and Arnhill Road are in need of clearing. NCC Highways will be informed.

Police:-

No crime statistics for December and January were available to the Meeting.

Any Other Business:-

Gretton Silver Band has applied for a grant to facilitate improvements to the Band Hut on the Recreation Ground. Councillors have expressed their support and further details are awaited.

The Parish Council team for Quiz Night on Friday 22nd February will be Frances Woolston, Mark Thompson and Joan Chamberlin from School Road.

Phil Bromhall reported that a commercial vehicle is causing a traffic hazard on occasions through poor parking on High Street. Phil will pass the information to the PCSO.

Date of next Meeting to be 11th March 2019. AGM at 7pm followed by Council Meeting at 7.30pm both in the Village Hall.