

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Gretton Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Tuesday 9th May 2023**, 7.30 pm, Gretton Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Lilley, Wright, Husk, Fox, Blamire, Smith,

Newby, Nicholls, Thompson and The Clerk (S.Golding). PC B. Wilson, PC Abbie Etherington and Six members of the public

23/001 The election of The Chair

Chair Lilley announced to Councillors that she is wanting to step down from the role due to personal reasons. It was agreed that the Chairs workload be spread out amongst the councillors whilst Cllr Lilley remains presiding as Chair until a more permanent option is decided on.

RESOLVED: Votes all in favour and 'declaration of acceptance of office' signed.

23/002 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Smith is absent due to illness.

RESOLVED: Approved.

23/003 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.

No declarations.

RESOLVED: Approved.

23/004 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2022

These minutes are to be carried forward until June's meeting for approval.

RESOLVED: Approved.

23/005 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2022

Cllr Husk requested further detail provided to agenda item '22/311 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council'. Minutes carried forward to June's meeting for approval.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

23/006 Open Forum

Seven village residents in attendance. G. Earl wished to vocalise how grateful he was for the Skatepark, he feels this will give the youth of the village not only a sense of purpose but also provide a safe place to go rather than the danger of skating on busy roads. M. Brooks who is part of British Cycling has recently received a medal for BMXing and is looking forward to having a place she is able to practise locally for free and without having to arrange travel for.

K. Marshal and B. Turner shared reservations they have regarding the Skate Park, after attending the 'Friends of Gretton Recreation Park' meeting recently, they questioned is there a need for this facility and does it best serve the community with inclusivity. With the proposed location of the Skate Park, it was quired if emergency services would be blocked access and the park is already a heavily facility. Raising the concerns from the previous Skate ramp which was heavily graffitied and destroyed. Research was referenced which states open spaces historically and presently being designed around boys and fear that girls will not feel safe in the park due to figures which show 85% of young women and girls experience some form of sexual harassment in parks and open spaces. It was suggested that the council look at a registered charity called 'Make Space for Girls' which works to create better parks and facilities for girls.

Cllr Lilley responded to the residents explaining that the Parish Council have tried to support the youth community and welcomed suggestions of alternative propositions. As projects like this are specific it is hard to include inclusivity to all residents however, it is felt that this will be to the benefit of both boys

and girls who have an interest. A range of ages and abilities were considered at the time and balanced by the Outdoor Gym which is suit to a broader.

Cllr Nicholls clarified that it was heavily researched with what they community wanted, this was carried out via surveys both published online and posted through residents' doors. There has been lots of consultations and previous opportunities to voice concerns. The location must be visible and covered by CCTV so the current position in the park was the only suitable location, this is also supported by research which shows that high visibility areas deters bad behaviour. If research was to be relooked into and potential other avenues explored funding would be lost.

Cllr Newby agreed with some of the comments made by the residents and doesn't feel that the survey fully represents the village as a unity.

Cllr Balmire expressed the importance of having a youth focused provision when the youths of the village have previous been unforthcoming with getting involved and speaking out.

Cllr Fox emphasised that the design is still open to change, and opinions are welcomed on how it is felt best to design to ensure maximum visual appeal, it was agreed that community engagement could be improved across all areas in the council.

Cllr Thompson explained that the Parish Council are reacting to the current need of the youths and although the Council understand this need may change over time with trends as this is a sturdy concrete structure it will be present long term for when the need arises again.

The Parish Council reassure the residence in attendance that the Skatepark usage will be monitored.

RESOLVED: Approved.

23/007 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

23/008 To receive a report from the Police.

Report submitted prior to meeting.

The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for APRIL 2023 are as follows:

CRIMES – FIVE

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (23000199552): PHONE CABLE STOLEN (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, FILED)

LINKED

INTERFERE WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE (23000203811): FORCED ENTRY ATTEMPTED BUT UNSUCCESSFUL (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, FILED) *LINKED*

BLACKMAIL (23000216616): THREATS FOR MONEY OVER INDECENT IMAGES (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, FILED)

HARASSMENT (23000220692): UNWANTED SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED)

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE (23000259756): STOLEN & RECOVERED (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, ENQUIRIES ONGOING)

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE

RESOLVED: Report noted and approved.

23/009 To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

No report submitted prior or given at meeting.

RESOLVED: Approved.

23/010 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team

No report submitted prior or given at meeting.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved

23/011 To receive a report from the Highways Working Group

Cllr Thompson is in the process of arranging a meeting with S. Barnwell. This will include a conversation over possible charging points in the village and the best location for them.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

23/012 To receive Financial Statement dated 1st-30th April 2023: payments received, invoices paid

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

<u>Date</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
03/04/23	TVAS tool	S. Gray	14.52
11/04/23	Membership	NCALC	603.63
11/04/23	Sports Pavilion lock repair	S. Bullimore	130.00
11/04/23	Clerk Training	NCLAC	222.00
11/04/23	MUGA Electric	British Gas	29.92
17/04/23	Coronation Trophy	Trophy Store	45.88
20/04/23	Salaries	CLERK & RFO	621.08
20/04/23	PAYE	HMRC Cumberland	81.80
21/04/23	Pavilion Electric	British Gas	39.10
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
03/04/23	Gretton Sports and Social Club Rent		192.46
11/04/23	Garage Rent March		35.83
26/04/23	The Hunger Hut		20.00
26/04/23	NNC Finance		26,880.00
BALANCE			£68,320.83

NATWEST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 31st May 2023 Statement

Balance	£68,320.83
Add undeposited cheques	Nil
BALANCE	£68,320.83
Less unpresented payments:	Nil
Balance 30th April 2023	£68,320.83

RESOLVED: Finance report to be approved at the next meeting.

23/013 To discuss Tenders received.

The following tenders had been received by the deadline of 21st April 2023:

Skatepark: Gravity Skateparks, Wheelscape and Boardroom Skateparks. Outdoor gym: The Great Outdoor Gym Company, Proludic and Broxap

Skatepark: tenders had been evaluated independently and individually using the agreed scoring matrix, (80 Quality: 20 Cost) as set out in the tender documents, the result was that the tender from Boardroom Skateparks is recommended for acceptance. The tender includes further consultation with the users and community over the final design and layout.

Outdoor gym: Proludic offered the best solution and have been recommended to the Parish Council. It was considered that the equipment was more adjustable, providing differing levels of resistance, and would appeal to a wider range of users and offering progression as individual's fitness levels improved. A full consultation process over the final design and layout of the gym is included in the tender.

The proposed successful tenders shall now be put forward to the FCC for grant funder approval.

RESOLVED: Votes received: Skatepark– 7 yes, 1 no. Outdoor Gym- approved by all.

23/014 To receive a report from the following Working Groups:

23/014a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters – Cllr. Lilley

No report received prior to meeting.

Clerk has begun to submit community assets. Nature recovery plan requires further reading.

The Community Resilience Plan is ongoing, and a meeting is to be arranged including Darren Dovey and Ziggy Westphal, the Emergency Planning Officer for North Northampton Council.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

23/014b Communications including website, newsletters, press and blog – Cllr. Smith

Report received before the meeting.

Cllr Smith has added the resilience plan to the parish council website.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

23/014c Highways Working Group – Cllr. Thompson

Report received prior to meeting. See agenda item 23/011

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

23/014d Community – including buses, doctors' surgery, school liaison – Cllr. Husk

Report received prior to meeting.

School: Article has been prepared by the Chair of the School Council for newsletter, highlighting concerns around speeding and parking in the vicinity of the school. Buddi Parking Signs - Head Teacher to chase PSA for response. Cllr Nichols has indicated that GSSC may be able to support purchase of signs.

Bus: CommMiniBus trip for Rushden Lakes on 18 May - all 15 seats taken, with waiting list in place.

Clothes Bank: The Gretton Clothes Bank continues to out-perform all the other North Northants First Responders' Clothes Bank in the area. Details of quantities being collected have been requested.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

23/014e Environment – including trees Pocket Park, fly tipping, litter collecting groups, Parish Path Warden, Welland Valley Partnership – Cllr. Newby

Report received prior to meeting.

Rockingham Forest Vision Nature Recovery Plans Launch Event 09/05/2023. Welland Valley partnership advised that local fishing groups looking for volunteers to monitor water quality.

Work has been done on Gretton Brook Road and water is now no longer running across.

Enquiries made concerning the Hedgerow on Clinkers

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

23/014f Recreation ground – Cllr. Fox

Report received prior to meeting.

Tenders – please see agenda item 23/013. Sara Earl reported that a sum of a further sum of £5000 had been awarded to the projects by North Northamptonshire Council. Further fundraising was taking place at the Coronation Big Lunch. It was agreed to remove the damaged goal from the MUGA and to investigate the grants available through the Football Association for replacement of goals.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

22/014g Village Hall – Cllr. Smith

Nothing to report.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

22/014h Sports and Social Club – Cllr. Nicholls

Report received prior to meeting.

The Sports and Social Club upcoming events; Bingo – Every Monday, Bongo Bingo – 27th May. Hosted by Steve Chapman and Music Quiz – early June. Hosted by Sharon Ward Fundraising race night in April a success and raised £662. Cricket the recreation ground will also be hosting Weldons team also this year. Cricket for the village to watch almost every Saturday until September. The Sports and Social Club helped to facilitate raising money during the Coronation Celebrations as well as paying for the evening entertainment- an Elvis tribute act.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

22/014i Youth Council – Cllr. Blamire

Report received prior to the meeting.

A survey has been posted on one of Gretton Social Media page to find more on what viable options for the youth provision. This was posted on one of the Gretton Facebook pages, Cllr. Blamire has requested for this to be posted onto Gretton News & Views and for canvassing to continue. With the intention of receiving more responses and specific ideas.

Report received prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

22/015 To receive an update on Gretton Parish Council Deliverables

Tender plans are on target and the Coronation plans have now been completed. Youth Council, Queens Canopy, Highways and Resilience plan remain on going and have received extensions.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved.

22/016 Planning Applications

Planning Applications:

22/319a Ref: NC/23/00052/DPA

Re: Erection of 6 dwellings with associated garaging and car parking on land off Kirby Road, Gretton

At: Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby Road, Gretton, NN17 3DB

RESOLVED: The Parish Council feel that the previous objection still stands.

22/319b Ref: NC/23/00134/CLE

Re: Conversion and change of use of outbuilding to a single dwelling house

At: Keepers Lodge Farm, Corby Road, Gretton, Corby NN17 3BW

RESOLVED: The Parish Council is investigating the planning application further.

Cllr Lilley brought to the Councils attention that there has been a planning request NC/23/00109/CLD for a static caravan to be placed at a property 58 Arnhill Road, as this is under the 'caravans act' it was not a planning application received by the Clerk, Cllr Thompson has a conflict of interest with this which was not realised at the start of the meeting so at this point he left the room. The Parish Council wish to do further

research into the Caravans act before commenting on the application. Once this discussion had finished Cllr Thompson was invited back into the room.

RESOLVED. Approved

22/017 To discuss missing application NC/21/00255/TPO.

Application has been now found.

RESOLVED: Votes – all in favour.

22/018 To discuss Gretton Coronation Day plans.

Gretton Sports and Social Club helped to facilitate raising money for the Football club, Cricket Club, Recreation ground and the Skate Park group and paid for the entertainment, an Elvis tribute. During the Coronation Day events a total of £692 was donated. The day was well supported and benefited from a Tombola, Raffle, Magician, Coconut Toss, BBQ, Hunter Hut, Bouncy Castle, Face painting, WWI cakes, Beavers Group, visit from a Fire Engine, Childrens sport contest and Tug-of-war amongst more.

RESOLVED. Approved

22/019 To approve an ecologist visit to neighbourhood plan site.

The Clerk has been contacted by an interested investor who is intending on submitting a planning application onto the allocated potential build site as stated in the Gretton Neighbourhood Plan. Before applying, for planning applications it has been requested by the potential investor that an ecologist visits the site to identify animals present. The Parish Council have approved this on premise that they follow set conditions. The Clerk will now gain contact with the tenants of the land to inform them of this request.

RESOLVED: Approved

23/020 To discuss upcoming rent reviews on Stone Pit Close and the Fire Station Garage

It has been agreed that the Clerk will advertise the above for rent on social media, website and display boards, the sealed bids will be submitted in the Gretton Parish Council letter box. As well as the named assets being re-advertised the Clerk will also advertise the recently acquired Arnhill Lane Field. As currently Stone Pit Close is being rented out for £420 per annum it has been recommended the sealed bids be of a higher value. All bids need to be in for Monday 12th June 2023 for the next Parish Council meeting for a decision to be made.

RESOLVED: Approved

23/021 To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.

The Clerk has received 2 reports of Japanese Knot Weed. Been alerted to and reported a faulty streetlight on Stafford Road. A resident concerned regarding the Skatepark and Outdoor Gym and a personal request to use Picks Playing Field.

RESOLVED: Approved

23/022 Councillor questions

The felled Ash Tree from Picks Field has partly now been cut into logs for the Pocket Park. It has been agreed that the remaining wood be used in exchange of work done by MST Construction. The tree will be assessed for value independently.

The ongoing sewer issue is continuing and as a result The Sports and Social Club toilets blocked during the Coronation Day Celebrations. Cllr Nicholls requested it be noted that he does not believe that Cllr Wright or any other member of the public should be rodding the system and that it should only be done by a trained professional, concerns that doing this will potentially lead to an injury.

RESOLVED: Approved. Votes- all in favour.

22/329 Date of next meeting

12th June 2023.

RESOLVED: Approved.

22/330 Close

Meeting closed 22:03

RESOLVED: Approved.