

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Apologies:- Marshall Ferguson, Julie Smith, Terri Meechan, Joe Devlin – Police, Jim McCabe – Neighbourhood Warden, Sandra Naden-Horley – CC

Chairman reminded councillors that they should declare an interest on any item where appropriate.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January 2018 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Meeting Open to the Public:-

Elisabeth Jordan commented that large amounts of dog mess are currently on Huntsfield Drive. Clerk to report to Neighbourhood Warden and ask for recommendations.

The plaque in memory of Ailsa Dempster will be surrounded by plates showing village scenes and will require a cabinet. Mark Thompson to source this item.

The grit bin at the top of Winchelsea Drive seems to have disappeared. Kevin Watt to ask County Council for a report.

Local housing for local people relating particularly to bungalows which become available will be discussed at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan committee.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 8th January:-

Councillors will investigate the setting of a commemorative beacon on West Hills to signal the 100 years anniversary of the end of World War 1.

Street Lights are out and require repair outside 32, Arnhill Road and 36, Station Road.

Clerk to receive quotations for the necessary pine tree works on the Recreation Ground.

The additional football nets to be purchased will be discussed by the Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground committee at its next meeting. The boot cleaner also has to be replaced.

A letter has been sent to the Bluebell pub regarding the removal of various advertising signs around the village.

Council is in receipt of the presentation by Jim McCabe – Neighbourhood Warden explaining his role in the community. Clerk to express thanks to Jim for his efforts. This presentation can be used to improve our relations with Corby BC and local residents.

New information has been sent to Tim Fox regarding the expected refund of monies paid to British Gas after doubt was raised as to the tariff applied to some meter readings.

No response has been received from Corby BC regarding the increased Precept requested. Gretton PC should receive around £18,000 in Precept and reduced grant in 2018/19. The grant was instituted to cover activities such as grasscutting which were available in town but not the villages. Councillors are concerned that costs will increase while the grant is reduced. Clerk to have further discussions with officers at Corby BC.

Report on Neighbourhood Plan for Gretton:-

The committee met on 4th January and good progress was made towards the Open Day on 3rd March with the design of leaflets and posters. Councillors are invited to attend between 11am and 3pm in the Village Hall on that day. Frances Woolston reported that members are in discussion with Corby BC to gain a map showing all footpaths within the Parish. 57 listed properties have been identified with other interesting buildings and a report is in the course of preparation as to which will be included. Letters will go to statutory stakeholders outlining the Plan's purpose and aims. In the event that the current survey of the Conservation Area changes the boundary of this then the recommendations will be reflected in the report and play a major part in the decision as to where additional houses should be sited. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 8th February.

Circulation:-

Clerk and Councils DIRECT Magazine
CPRE Agenda for 10th January.

Report on Recreation Ground:-

Tim Fox reported that no competitive football is taking place at present due to lack of players available for the Club. It is possible this may change in the Spring and another Junior team may be created. Cleaning is down to one hour per week at this time. Clerk is discussing with officers of the Football Club what impact the current situation will have on the annual hiring fees. The showers will receive regular maintenance to ensure no water stays in the pipes and is allowed to become infected with bacteria.

Finance:-

Current balance	£24,996.74
Amounts owed:-	
Mrs. J. Addy – Pavilion cleaning in December	32.00
Quantum Print – Printing Newsletter	298.00
Eon – Electricity for MUGA lights in December	64.75
Gretton Village Hall – Parish Council meetings in 2017 – rent	250.50
J. Hindle – clerk – Salary and expenses	860.81

Police:-

Clerk to inform Joe Devlin – PCSO that councillors have decided not to join the Speedwatch initiative but to pursue the TVAS signage which is being purchased by Corby BC for use in all the villages on a rota basis.

Any Other Business:-

It has been noted that young people are congregating in the Pocket Park around 3.30pm some evenings. It is important to keep a watch on this in the light of previous incidents.

Arnhill Road residents have informally complained to Parish Council about a large horse box being parked on the road making it extremely difficult if not impossible for emergency vehicles to pass. Clerk to write to the householder concerned.

The chair of the Clinical Commissioning Group of the NHS in Corby has informed councillors of a consultation period running from February to April this year to determine the future face and structure of the NHS for the next twenty years. A surgery will be held in Lydia's Café on 13th March and all are welcome to join the discussion. Councillors will consider an invitation to a future meeting of PC.

The cost of an allotment will remain the same - £20 for a year's rental in 2018. It is pleasing to note that there is a 100% take up by villagers of this amenity.

Date of next Meeting to be Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.