

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th July 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:- Andrew Royle – chair, Tim Fox, Matthew Moore, Mark Thompson, Julie Smith, Marshall Ferguson, Phil Bromhall, Frances Woolston, Olivia Stinson – Neighbourhood Warden and 1 Member of the Public

Apologies:- Kevin Watt, Rob McKellar, Bridget Watts (all BC)

Chairman reminded councillors to declare an interest where appropriate.

The Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 13th June 2016 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Meeting open to the Public:-

Elisabeth Jordan produced several items of village memorabilia for the interest of councillors.

Report from Neighbourhood Warden:-

Olivia Stinson explained that Mark Tooley from the Road Safety team had recently visited Chirpy Chicks Pre School to demonstrate the use of the vehicle Speed gun. This was obviously done for educational purposes and not to intimidate motorists.

The next village Walkabout will take place on Wednesday 7th September meeting at 1pm at the Cottage Salon on Kirby Road. All villagers are welcome to take part to discuss local issues.

A vehicle check has recently taken place to identify those with no tax or insurance. Any vehicle seemingly abandoned was checked using the ELVIS Police computer system.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 13th June

The hedge on Station Road is currently overgrown impeding the easy passage of pedestrians. The tenant will be asked to trim back the hedge and councillors will explore alternative means of keeping this area clear.

The freshly cleared land at the new cemetery on Station Road will be soon re-sprayed with weedkiller prior to planting new grass.

Northants CC Street Doctor service has been used to report the overgrown bank on Arnhill Road using the reference allocated to this area last year.

The Welcome Pack for new villagers has been sent to chairman for proof reading.

The Flag pole on the Village Green will be re-sited to the other side of the War Memorial. Mark Thompson will undertake a feasibility study.

A village contractor is interested in painting the phone box on High Street. Clerk to progress this project.

A Rates demand has been received by Gretton Sports Club seemingly related to the Pavilion. Corby BC has been informed of the Clerk's address and developments are awaited.

Frances Woolston and the Clerk attended a Workshop at the offices of ACRE at the end of June. This was designed to inform Parish Councils of the mechanics involved in the production of Neighbourhood Plans. Chairman will convene a meeting between himself, clerk, Frances Woolston and Mrs. J. Lilley who has displayed interest in chairing the steering group for this project.

Staff at Gretton House have been sent reminders to reduce parking on the verge on High Street opposite the House entrance. Councillors will monitor progress.

In the endeavour to improve the condition of Church Gap the area will be visited on 12th July by operatives on the Payback scheme and representatives of the Woodland Project. Labour will start in August with toilet facilities provided in St. James Church and Phil Bromhall has been authorised to offer £25 towards equipment.

Clerk to liaise with Terri Meechan with a view to inviting School Head Jane Macdonald to an Autumn Council meeting to discuss the possibility of appointing junior councillors.

Following the generous offer from Gretton Gardening Club to place flower troughs at the village entrances Clerk has responded to Northants CC complying with their stated conditions.

Mr. Ian Douglas has been formally thanked for his efforts in keeping the Jo Stone in Kirby Road so well supplied with flowers.

Interest has been shown in the job of Editor of the Gretton Newsletter following the resignation of Mel Jarvis. A lively discussion ensued around the format of the Newsletter as to whether it should include colour and photographs. Clerk to pursue with chairman prior to a decision being made.

The discovery of a door under the trough on West Wells was reported last month. Mark Thompson has inspected and will make safe with treated timber.

Correspondence:-

Notification of the closure of the A43 on the approach to the roundabout at Duddington on the A47. The affected dates are 29/30 July. Diversion will be via the A6003.

The Agenda for the Rural Area Forum meeting on 21st July has been received.

Corby Railway Station will be closed from 10th September to 24th October while the track to Kettering is upgraded. Replacement buses will be on hand for passengers.

Anglian Water is inviting residents to notify them of any private pumping stations operating in the village as the authority will take over the maintenance of all such installations.

Circulation:-

CPRE Minutes from the meeting on 21st June
Clerks and Councils DIRECT Magazine

Report on Recreation Ground:-

Tim Fox informed councillors that preparations were well underway for the Funday on Sunday next the 17th July. All the usual attractions will be present with an invitation for small groups to take part in various games with a trophy for the winners.

A section of surplus fencing has been removed from the Sports Club grounds.

Planning:-

16/00235/COU Change of use of land to Builder's yard at rear of 54, Arnhill Road

Both Mark Thompson and Marshall Ferguson declared an interest. Cllr. Ferguson decided to leave the meeting at this point while chairman gave Cllr. Thompson the option to stay and be on hand to answer any direct question but not participate in the discussion and this he agreed to do.

This application follows Corby BC officers enforcement of a return to open space of the land owned by Cllr. Thompson. Due to the decease of his brother Paul who owned the adjacent parcel of land Cllr. Thompson was invited to apply for change of use and move his building materials to this plot and restore the original land to countryside.

Councillors cannot endorse this application as the land is outside the village envelope and all development must be opposed. The reply to Corby BC will include the statement that if planners are moved to grant permission conditions must be set to control future use.

Considerations relating to environmental impact, use of highway, impact on neighbours and the character of the land must be set down. It was proposed to take a vote at this point and Cllr. Thompson left the Meeting.

The above statement was proposed by Julie Smith and seconded by Tim Fox and carried by those present.

At this point Cllrs Ferguson and Thompson rejoined the Meeting.

16/00239/LBC Excavate out impacted floor slab materials within the kitchen and install a vacuum extraction system via piezometers into the impacted external wall of the property at The Yews, 24, High Street.

1600255/DPA First floor extension to side, above study and utility room at 15, Stafford Road.

No objections were raised to either of the above schemes.

Councillors understand that the developers of the recycling plant on Shelton Road, Corby have decided to submit a new application for the site to include a bigger building. At the same time the process is changed from anaerobic digestion to gasification which will result in much higher temperatures being produced.

Council did not object to the original application but it is felt that some comments should be made on this revised submission. The original letter will be located and used as a guide to the reply.

Finance:-

Current balance	£33,964.14
Amounts owing:-	
Trophy Store – cup etc.for winners at Funday	103.49
PB Electrical – work on sewer pump at Sports Club	501.00
Anglian Water – Water supplied for Recreation field	35.99
Uppingham CC – printing of Newsletter	261.60
J. Hindle – clerk – Salary and petty cash to June '16	931.34

Highways:-

The surface on High Street outside the Bluebell and on Corby Road as it leaves the village are areas which will be reported to NCC Highways. There is a large pothole outside the Doctor's Surgery on the edge of the Recreation Ground. Chairman will contact Corby BC

Any Other Business:-

The footpath towards Rockingham seems to disappear into a field planted with rapeseed. The Rights of Way officer at Northants County is the representative of the responsible authority.

The hedges on Latimer Close and at the back of Stafford Road where it borders the Recreation Ground need attention. Clerk to contact the local residents to facilitate action.

The footpaths between Fulwell Avenue and Kirby Road require clearing of foliage. Clerk to organise.

A concerned resident has raised the problem of safety around the corner of High Street as it meets Corby Road. NCC Highways to be consulted.

No Meeting will take place in August unless deemed necessary by the receipt of a contentious planning application.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 12th September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm