

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th June 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:- Andrew Royle – chair, Phil Bromhall, Tim Fox, Matthew Moore, Mark Thompson, Frances Woolston, Julie Smith, Marshall Ferguson, Kevin Watt and Bridget Watts (BC), Sandra Naden-Horley (CC), Olivia Stinson – Neighbourhood Warden.

Apologies:- John Hindle – clerk

Chairman reminded councillors to declare an interest where appropriate and state whether it was prejudicial or non-prejudicial to the matter under discussion.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 2017 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Report from County Councillor:-

Sandra Naden-Horley drew attention to the lack of HGV signage at the junction of Gretton Brook Road and Corby Road. Also, it was discussed that appropriate signage was needed prior to the Gretton Brook Road junction on the Corby side to warn vehicles of the requirements on the road to Gretton village. Chairman agreed to email Sandra prior to her discussion with Highways at NCC.

Report from Neighbourhood Warden:-

Olivia Stinson stated that the ‘walking bus’ to school had been a success. She has talked to Beavers Cub Group about her role in the community and its impact. Parking vehicles at School time continues to be monitored but no tickets have been issued to date.

Dog fouling and anti-social behaviour patrols continue with nothing to report. She is aware of possible under-age drinking and drug abuse and advises anyone with information to ring 101 with a report.

The recent damage in Pocket Park has been reported to 101 and a crime number issued.

Instances of dogs not under control on the Recreation Ground have occurred recently and chairman had reason to speak to a dog owner who apologised that his dog had been on the Children’s Play Area. A notice was posted on Facebook and Olivia undertook to speak with owners who were seemingly oblivious to the notices on the Ground.

Terri Meechan suggested the formation of a youth club for the children in a bid to stop anti-social behaviour. Chairman felt it would not be supported and Olivia said that she would talk to young people on her patrols to see what could be offered to them. Olivia will pass the telephone number of the JAM group to Terri.

In discussion it was stated that the Neighbourhood Plan should include provision for young people.

Report from Borough Councillors:-

Kevin Watt asked about any progress on the outstanding issues relating to the 67 bus.

Bridget Watts explained that she had been away and would email chairman with notes

regarding a longer stay in Market Harborough. Clerk and/or chairman would meet with Northants CC in the near future to discuss all outstanding problems including timetabling.

Matters Arising:-

Clerk has visited Lamb and Holmes with personal identity documents.

Letter of thanks to Stan Heggs has been done.

The painting and cleaning of the phone box is completed. Thanks are due to Bob Cunningham for his efforts.

It has been accepted by Corby BC that the Pavilion is rated as a small business and therefore entitled to 100% relief. A claim for 2016/17 and before will be lodged.

Information relating to grants available has been passed to Lydia's committee for action.

It is important that the Station Road hedge be kept clear of overgrowing foliage so that the footpath is not impaired. Street Doctor has been informed.

The overhanging branches from Tythe Barn have been reported to Street Doctor.

The gates are in place at the rear of the Sports Club and Pavilion creating a secure area. Padlocks will soon be issued.

School Head Jane MacDonald has asked year six children if they would consider becoming Junior Councillors and attending our Meetings. Parents are not keen on their children attending apparently so Terri will continue to attend School Council meetings as before.

It has been reported that a settee along with coffee tables and fold up chairs have been placed in the dugout on the Recreation Ground for the use of youngsters in the evenings. This is an act of flytipping in a public place and chairman is keen that they be removed by the Football Club. Tim Fox will discuss with Rob McCracken.

No action as yet on the pathway between Recreation Ground and Huntsfield Drive. Mark Thompson will chase.

No report as yet from Rob. McKellar as to progress on Clay Lane street lighting.

No report from Corby BC on the caravans at Keepers Lodge.

The Tree inspection report of 2014 will be discussed with clerk, chairman and Phil Bromhall to see if any specific work is needed.

Clerk to discuss with Steve Gray as to any action required by councillors to redress the encroachment of allotments by adjacent owners.

Report on Neighbourhood Plan:-

Andrew Royle and Frances Woolston reported on the recent meeting of the Steering committee. Funding will be applied for in the near future but a spending plan must be submitted prior to disbursement. This may cause some difficulty and councillors agreed to fund small items in advance of repayment subject to sight of the budget and a breakdown of grant applications.

Tim Fox will act as informal planning consultant and Elisabeth Jordan will advise on the historical aspects.

The new age travellers have been visited by Rob Newby.

The group aim to complete the Plan by 2019.

Report on Recreation Ground:-

The Friends Group are looking for volunteers to assist with the games and the general running of the day's activities on Sunday 9th July.

An electricity bill for over £2,000 has been received. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Friends Group. It needs to be made clear to teams that they are responsible for costs and a system must be put in place to achieve this aim.

Planning:-

17/00154/DPA Erect a fence set back from road and site an 8ft by 6ft shed in side garden at 14, Maltings Road

17/00156/DPA 3 bat garage, porch to front door and canopy to back. Change existing garage doors to glass for office use at Manor Farmhouse, High Street.

17/00192/LBC Re-wiring and damp proofing at 10, Arnhill Road.

17/00260/DPA Ground and first floor rear extension at 44, Kirby Road.

No objections to the above schemes.

Finance:-

Current balance	£16,026.90
Amount owed:-	
Mrs. J. Addy for Pavilion cleaning in May	96.00

Highways:-

The provision of a STOP sign at the Village Green was discussed. This will be debated with Northants Highways on their next visit to the village.

Any Other Business:-

Chair to inquire about the insurance provisions of the Village Hall following the use of a Bouncy Castle at a table top sale recently. As PC is official trustee of the Village Hall this needs to be clarified.

Mark Thompson reported fly tipping as Arnhill Road meets Rockingham Road. He will report to Corby BC.

Chair to deal with a report from Marshall Ferguson as to the state of the handrail on the Village Green.

Date of next Meeting to be Monday 10th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.