

# GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:-** Andrew Royle – chair, Frances Woolston, Tim Fox, Matthew Moore, Mark Thompson, Julie Smith, Phil Bromhall, Kevin Watt (BC), Joe Devlin (PCSO), Jim McCabe (Neighbourhood Warden), John Hindle - clerk and two Members of the Public.

**Apologies:-** Terri Meechan, Marshall Ferguson, Sandra Naden-Horley (CC), Bridget Watts (BC)

**Chairman reminded councillors to declare an interest whether prejudicial or non-prejudicial on any item under discussion.**

**The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.**

**Meeting Open to the Public:-**

The situation relating to the lack of bus service had prompted two residents to attend the Meeting. Clerk gave a statement as to the current position leading up to the loss of service. Kevin Watt agreed that there is cash available at Corby BC and he will raise the problem at the Council meeting later this month. Beth Murray the prospective Labour Parliamentary candidate has held a meeting on the subject and a petition is being prepared. The two Parish Councils in our area namely Gretton and Rockingham are unwilling to meet the cost of a bus service in the present situation.

**Report from Neighbourhood Warden and Police:-**

Jim McCabe informed the Meeting that his team were now down to just two and a half officers and he was liaising with Charmain Taylor and the JAM team to increase visits to the village in the light of the anti-social behaviour incidents predominantly in the Pocket Park. Suzanne Preston (RPO) had previously informed councillors that efforts were being made to increase the involvement of the PCSOs. Joe Devlin stated that he was now receiving occasional reports largely relating to noise nuisance. He was pleased to report this as in the past residents had been reluctant to involve the Police but events have moved on.

Chairman stated that he was grateful to hear the Police stating that Gretton does have an anti-social behaviour problem fuelled by under-age drinking and possible drug taking leading to excessive noise and spates of vandalism. A Neighbourhood Watch group has now been set up and it remains to be seen what effect this will achieve. Other councillors drew attention to engagements with young people in Church Gap and Huntsfield Drive and Joe promised to take note.

Councillors also reported that drivers of white vans had been seen examining the contents of skips on the road side and entering resident's driveways. Joe stated that he was aware of the

problem and encouraged people to continue to report sightings. Chairman raised the problem of pavement parking particularly on Station Road and Joe noted this for future investigation.

Joe stated that he and PC Mark Walker are now based in Desborough which reduces his time on the rural patch. It was decided to raise this situation with senior officers. In addition Joe reported that the parishes of Cottingham and Weldon were now engaged with the Speedwatch programme and Gretton councillors would study the results with interest.

### **Reports from County Councillor and Borough Councillor:-**

Prior to the Meeting Sandra Naden-Horley had circulated a paper detailing the changes at Northants CC. Kevin Watt stated that the change to Unitary Authorities would impact on all aspects of civic life and could lead to a change of leadership for Corby Rural. There is a full Council meeting before the end of June.

Kevin stated that planning would still be dealt with locally and the Safer Corby and Housing development sections were working as normal with affordable homes a high priority.

### **Appointment of Councillors to various village committees:-**

Councillors agreed to stand in the capacities shown for the next twelve months.

Andrew Royle	PC chairman, Rural Area Forum, Sports and Social Club (depending on Agenda) and Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground committees
Phil Bromhall	Vice chairman of Parish Council
Marshall Ferguson	Gretton Silver Band committee
John Hindle	Village Hall committee
Matthew Moore	Chirpy Chicks Pre School committee
Mark Thompson	Gretton Pocket Park committee
Tim Fox	Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground and Allotments Charity committees
Frances Woolston	Neighbourhood Plan committee
Terri Meechan	School Liaison Officer
Julie Smith	Allotment Charity committee

### **Matters Arising from Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> May:-**

Chairman reported that his wife Alison along with Sarah and Alistair Peak from Hatton Lane had done a good job on restraining the hedge on Station Road. It was decided to ask Charles Woolston to use his hedge cutting equipment to complete the task.

Solicitors Lamb and Holmes have managed to convince Land Registry to formally register the Right of Access to the allotments on Southfield Road.

Dave Clements has acquired extra cameras for the Recreation Ground and will fit free of charge following settlement of the invoice for the equipment by Parish Council.

Clerk to discuss with Bob Cunningham the placing of direction signs to the Village Hall on the refurbished village posts.

The trees overhanging the road from Tythe Barn have been trimmed but will be monitored as the job will require repeating soon.

Mark Thompson has sourced a cabinet to house the Ailsa Dempster memorial plaque.

A new flag has been purchased and will be flown when the need arises.

The situation for patients who are registered in Rutland and wish to use the Corby Urgent Care Centre is still unclear. Clerk to pursue with the Uppingham Surgery.

In the light of the planning approval by Corby BC for 10 houses to be constructed next to the Village Hall Clerk will ask Anglian Water for assurance that their infrastructure is sufficient for the increased demands.

Anglian Water will also be asked to address the damage to their fencing by the Water Tower.

Street Doctor has been informed of the request for yellow zig zag lines to be painted on the road outside School along with appropriate traffic calming measures.

New locks following the theft of Parish Council keys will be placed in the next few days.

Clerk and Scout leader to liaise over timings when Council meetings clash with Scout usage of the Meeting room at the Village Hall.

#### **Report on Neighbourhood Plan:-**

Frances Woolston informed councillors that the committee will meet with Terry Begley from Corby BC on 21<sup>st</sup> June to discuss progress. It was also reported that the work of the various sub committees is underway.

#### **Circulation:-**

Rural Services Network and NCALC 'Update' Magazine distributed digitally.

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#### **Report on Recreation Ground:-**

Tim Fox reminded councillors that the Funday will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Assistance is requested from councillors to set up and be on hand to oversee the various events.

The MUGA is 7 years old this year and Tim has consulted with Lloyd Baines Davis at Corby BC as to the requirement to check the surface. He will obtain prices from interested contractors.

**Planning:-**

The Pocket Park committee will be asked to liaise with Corby BC as to the placing of Tree Protection Orders on the trees which border the land on which 10 houses will be built.

18/00284/LBC Internal replacement of first floor and roof structures, and stabilisation of stone walls to ground storey at 5, High Street

No objections

18/00361/LBC Replacement roof covering to Buckworth Barn, slate in lieu of concrete tiles at 74, High Street.

Matthew Moore declared a non-prejudicial interest. No specific objections from councillors but will ask planners to be aware of any requirements in the Conservation Area.

18/00414/DPA First floor extension, habitable loft space and internal alterations at 15a, Arnhill Road.

Julie Smith, Mark Thompson and John Hindle declared an interest. No specific objections from councillors but will ask planners to ensure the privacy of overlooked properties is maintained.

Tim Fox informed councillors that the area on the corner of Clay Lane and Station Road now has planning permission for 5 houses.

**Finance:-**

Current balance	£22,342.34
Amounts owing:-	
R. Cunningham for refurbishment of signposts	626.42
Lamb and Holmes for legal expenses	412.00
YourLocale for consultancy charges for Neighbourhood P	1,500.00
S. Bullimore for replacement window in Pavilion	90.00
Mrs. J. Addy for cleaning Pavilion in May	64.00
Mrs. S. Preston for expenses of the defibrillator	69.85

The balance includes £8,450 received as the second grant payment for the Neighbourhood Plan expenses.

**Highways:-**

Chairman to remind Street Doctor of the urgent need to repair the railings outside the 'Old Fox' which are dangerous if leaned upon.

Clerk to email Joe Devlin regarding lorries waiting to enter a factory premises near RS Components around 7.30am each morning creating a possible traffic hazard.

**Any Other Business:-**

Chairman drew attention to the fact that Stewart Morrow had driven his Pizza trailer on to the field itself at the Recreation Ground at the weekend. It must be strongly stated that he stays in the car park when serving villagers. He will be invoiced quarterly at £10 per visit.

The Scouts AGM will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall. Frances Woolston will represent Parish Council.

It is time for Northants CC officers to perform their round of weedkilling in village streets. Clerk to pursue this with Highways.

The Fulwell Avenue sign needs repainting along with the Footpath sign to Thorpe by Water. Clerk to consult Bob Cunningham.

**Date of next Meeting** to be Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.