

# GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:-** Frances Woolston – chair, Marshall Ferguson, Matthew Moore, Mark Thompson, Julie Smith, Tim Fox, Terri Meechan, Rob Collis Phil Bromhall, John Hindle – clerk, Jackie Clark – clerk elect and 3 Members of the Public.

**Apologies:-** Sandra Naden-Horley(CC), Jim McCabe-(Neighbourhood Warden)

**Chairman reminded councillors to declare an interest either prejudicial or non-prejudicial on any item which may be discussed.**

**The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.**

**Meeting Open to the Public:-**

A resident drew attention to the problems surrounding 57, Finch Hatton Drive where the occupant has apparently covered a footpath adjacent to his land. Corby BC has been informed of this situation and both the Enforcement Officer and the Neighbourhood Warden have visited.

Clerk reminded councillors that the Unitary Authorities would be in place from April 2021. Elections to existing Councils would take place in May 2020 and Gretton Parish Council would be subject to an election along with Corby BC. Councillors were advised to consider their position in advance of this date.

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

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

Frances Woolston	PC chairman, Rural Area Forum, Sports and Social Club (depending on Agenda)
Phil Bromhall	Vice Chairman of Parish Council
Rob Collis	Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground committee
Marshall Ferguson	Gretton Silver Band committee
John Hindle/Elisabeth Jordan	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

Terri Meechan

School Liaison Officer

Julie Smith

Allotment Charity committee

### **Report from Neighbourhood Plan chairman:-**

Jacki Lilley explained that the formal draft of the Neighbourhood Plan for Gretton was ready and would be distributed to councillors online for comment. A meeting would be arranged between councillors and the Plan committee in the near future to produce the final document. This would then be submitted to Corby BC where officers have six weeks to examine and comment. The village residents are then invited to show acceptance by way of a questionnaire

The Plan is a living document designed to develop the parish and sustain community and the environment to 2031. It will adhere to local strategy driven by feedback from the residents and be monitored regularly by Parish Council after the disbanding of the Plan committee. The appendices are specific with subjects such as historic buildings and housing needs. It is not a prescriptive document but designed to sustain the ecological environment and keep the village separate from Corby.

### **Introduction of New Clerk:-**

Jackie Clark will take over her duties on 1<sup>st</sup> July. She was introduced to councillors who responded with a quick pen picture of themselves. Chairman welcomed Jackie to the Parish Council.

### **Matters Arising from Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> May:-**

There is only one legal matter outstanding relating to the access to the allotments behind Southfield Road. Lamb and Holmes have identified a problem with title going to Parish Council and a report is awaited.

Contact details for chairman and new clerk have been supplied to Corby BC

The landlords of Tythe Barn have been contacted with a view to the trimming of trees on the site.

Peterborough Diocese has confirmed that they will inspect the fence bordering the new cemetery on Station Road at the end of the field.

The repainting of the zig zag lines outside School will be referred to Sandra Naden-Horley to chase up Northants CC.

The damaged fence on Huntsfield Drive has been reported to Neighbourhood Warden for repairs to be effected.

Weight limit signs for vehicles using Caistor Road will be investigated.

The incidence of inappropriate parking on Southfield Road may have disappeared as the resident has moved house.

Clerk has requested a schedule of visits from the contractors who are attending to village grasscutting. A report will be made soon.

The proprietors of the fish and chip van who attend the Recreation Ground on a Tuesday evening have been sent an account for rental of the area.

The dog waste bin on Huntsfield Drive may be relocated to the end of Arnhill Road.

Highways at Northants CC have been contacted about various matters around the area and a report is awaited.

Corby Borough Council will make a decision on the replacement of the zip-wire when they have reviewed the health and safety situation on this equipment across the Borough.

Following the sad death of Maurice Kellner it is understood that Steve Chapman is working with the family to store all data relating to Maurice's village website and Facebook page so it can be incorporated elsewhere.

Mark Thompson will unveil the West Wells light very soon.

Corby BC has confirmed that the improvement work required to the driveway leading to the Sports Club has been scheduled.

The Sports Pavilion is still in need of a cleaner. All applications to Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground committee.

Joe Devlin (PCSO) has been requested to note evidence of drug taking in the village and make a point of this on his Facebook page.

#### **Circulation:-**

Papers from CPRE

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

Tim Fox reported that the next meeting of the Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground committee would be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The plan for the Funday would be discussed along with a project to provide an open air gym for the Recreation Ground. Section 106 monies may be available for this along with additional funds which would need to be the subject of a grant application.

#### **Planning:-**

19/00194/RVC Variation of Condition 2 pursuant to Application No. 16/00406/DPA. Alterations to external finishes to all dwellinghouses. Alterations to the Plot 1 (design, detached garage and siting) at 9, Station Road.

Councillors were not concerned as to the finish of the houses but will bring to the attention of planners issues relating to possible overlooking and individual plot boundaries.

19/00237/CON Discharge of Conditions at 9, Station Road. For information only following Formal Complaint registered on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

In a detailed reply to Corby BC chairman will object in the strongest terms to work started on site before the above conditions are authorised.

19/00234/6/TPO Various trees in the garden behind 36, Arnhill Road.

Councillors are not concerned with the state of the trees bordering the road. However there are 5 trees in the garden which can be retained and developed. There is no justification for these to be removed.

The appeal by Gladman Developments against the decision by Corby BC to reject the application to build 120 houses in Gretton will be heard by the Planning Inspectorate on 9<sup>th</sup> July and it is expected to run for four days. All objections previously lodged will be carried forward and added to the body of opinion against this scheme.

#### **Finance:-**

Current balance	£18,631.01
Amounts owing:-	
S. Ellis for 2 village grass cuts and netting for Play Area	480.00
NALC subs for 2019/20	526.00
BHIB insurance for 2019/20	1,384.31

#### **Highways:-**

Overgrown foliage on the corner of Gretton Brook Road and Corby Road makes this a hazard for vehicles. In addition the signs restricting heavy vehicles are down and should be restored. Clerk to pursue with Highways at Northants CC.

The hedge on Arnhill Road next to the Pound is again overgrown. Mark Thompson agreed to follow up.

#### **Any Other Business:-**

Some clearance work is required to Stonepit Close rented by Andy Wheatley. Clerk to speak to the tenant.

The recent heavy rain has shown up the inadequacy of many drains around the village. A complete clearance is required.

The election to Parish Council will take place in May 2020. All interested residents are asked to consider standing.

A Street Party is planned for May 2020 to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. All interested in organising this are asked to attend a meeting at the Bluebell on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Four street lights in Huntsfield Drive are out of action. Marshall Ferguson to report.

The railing at the corner of Caistor Road and High Street is damaged again. It is understood that the work will be carried out in the next 28 days.

There is extensive unauthorised building in the garden of 6, Hatton Lane. Corby BC Enforcement team to be informed.

Thanks were expressed to John Hindle for his years of service as Parish Clerk.

**Date of next Meeting** to be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Frances Woolston

Chairman, Gretton Parish Council