

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:- Andrew Royle – chair, Tim Fox, Matthew Moore, Julie Smith, Mark Thompson, Terri Meechan, Frances Woolston, Phil Bromhall, Marshall Ferguson, Kevin Watt and Bridget Watts (BC), John Hindle – clerk and 3 Members of the Public

Apologies:- Joe Devlin (PCSO) , Sandra Naden-Horley (CC)

Chairman reminded councillors to declare an interest either prejudicial or non-prejudicial on any item where appropriate

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2019 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Meeting Open to the Public:-

Steve Ellis raised the question of a successor to the groundwork maintenance in the village formally carried out by the Cricket Club under his direction. Steve offered to complete a cut for the village as a one off and this was accepted. The contractor who cuts the Recreation Ground will continue in his duties for at least 2019 and pass the invoices to Parish Council. Steve will continue to cut the cricket wicket and outfield where appropriate at Cricket Club expense. Clerk has contact details of contractors who will cut the other areas of the village which were hitherto included in the contract undertaken by the Club and quotations are expected soon.

Elizabeth Watt, chair of the Village Hall committee asked about the possibility of Section 106 monies being available for Village Hall projects. Clerk confirmed that some payments from developers have been ring fenced for this purpose and will consult Suzanne Preston (RPO) and Steve James in the Corby BC Legal Dept. on the way to proceed.

Karla at Chirpy Chicks Pre School reported that a child had suffered a broken leg in collision with a car on the driveway from Kirby Road to the Recreation Ground which passes the back entrance to the School. On the basis that the driveway is owned by and therefore the responsibility of Corby BC we should liaise with Suzanne Preston and initially request the existing yellow markings which identify the pedestrian walkway area and chevrons on the speed bumps be repainted. They are faded and worn and a fresh coat of paint should remind users of the need for care. It was agreed that we should discuss the possibility of requesting extra signage and also the reconfiguration of the gateway which at present has limited vision so pedestrians will access the driveway through the Doctor's surgery car parking area which is also CBC property. It was stressed that the vehicle was travelling very slowly or the accident could have been so much worse.

Report from County Councillor:-

In her absence from the meeting Sandra Naden-Horley had sent details of a Cabinet Decision taken on 28th February by Northants CC. The establishment of a North Northamptonshire Joint committee with representatives from Wellingborough BC, Corby BC, E. Northants Council, Kettering BC and Northants CC. This would take effect when the Secretary of State takes a decision to proceed with the proposals to set up a Unitary Council. A similar Decision was taken covering the south of the county.

Report from Borough Councillor:-

Kevin Watt reported that the allotments owned by Corby BC bordering Fulwell Avenue had been partially cleared. Chairman made the point that after the job was finished representations could be made to Corby officers as to the future usage of the land.

There are a number of street lights not operating in the village and Kevin promised to follow up progress on repairs.

Frances Woolston asked what involvement Parish Councillors will have in the determination of tenants for Council housing in the village after the advent of the Unitary Authorities. It was expected that the likelihood was councillors would have minimal influence as was the case at present.

Councillors reported that in a recent bin collection trip by Kettering / Corby only one bin lorry was used for green rubbish and recycling items. Kevin agreed to check on the situation.

Chairman stated that he was disappointed that Council had no contact with Rob. Mc.Kellar in recent times. He had done so much for the village in his early days as a councillor it was a pity that he now did not come to meetings. Kevin stated that Rob's personal circumstances had changed recently and he would discuss our concerns.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 11th February:-

Tim Fox reported that the extra CCTV cameras at the Recreation Ground had now been fitted and would be attached to the Sports Club soon.

Clerk reported that applications had been received for the post of Parish Clerk. A job description for councillor would be sent to an interested villager.

Street Doctor reported that an inspection of the drains in Clay Lane and Station Road had not revealed any risk of flooding to the area. There would be another inspection in September. The clearing of drains in Rockingham Road was scheduled and would be completed in a month.

Clerk informed councillors that a reply had been received from Peterborough Diocese and work had commenced on the dead elm tree on Station Road. The fence in the field bordering the new cemetery would now be examined and a report received in due course.

Clerk has examined Minutes from Rural Area Forum and Parish Council meetings from October 2003 to March 2004 searching for information regarding the granting of funds for

expenditure on items which were performed in the town by Corby BC but not covered in the villages. No information has come to light for Gretton. Payments for grasscutting made up at least half of the grant but what gave rise to the rest needs further investigation. Corby BC officers have decided without reference to the villages to remove the grant after the end of the financial year 2019/20. Clerk will attend the Rural Area Forum meeting on 21st March to argue the case for retention.

Various highway works are still outstanding and clerk will talk to Sarah Barnwell regarding their completion

Chairman circulated an update on the application from Gladman Developments which has gone to Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate and will be heard in July. A letter has gone to the Inspector underlining the objections from the village. An online petition has been set up through Facebook. Corby BC confirm that another application for the same area of land has been received from Gladman but this has not been validated by Planning officers.

The next Litter Pick will be held on Saturday 30th March and thanks are due to Mel Jarvis and Suzanne Preston for all their efforts.

Report on Neighbourhood Plan for Gretton:-

As part of the preparations for the final report the Neighbourhood Plan committee wrote to all local landowners seeking sites for development. Identical assessments of the submitted areas were carried out by the consultants using a scoring matrix and taking into account a combination of the information provided, site visits and 'desk top' appraisals. The land on Corby Road opposite Huntsfield Drive owned by Mr. Griffiths achieved the highest ranking and therefore qualified as the preferred site. The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee will arrange a meeting with the landowner to discuss how they can progress the potential suitability of the site for residential development

The committee is now on Version 6 of the Plan. It runs to 73 pages and has appendices on top. It will soon be ready to submit to Parish Council prior to submission to Corby BC.

Circulation:-

CPRE information by email.

Clerks and Councils DIRECT Mag.

Report on Recreation Ground:-

Tim Fox reported that the Funday this year will be on Sunday 14th July. Details of the format will be reported later.

The Recreation Ground committee has received the resignation of Geoff Addy as caretaker / cleaner for the Pavilion. An advertisement is in the Notice Boards with the hourly rate of £8.25

Planning:-

No formal application has been received for the Energy Recovery Facility at Shelton Road in Corby which borders Gretton Parish. As soon as this is received from Northants CC councillors can react to the provisions.

19/00068/DPA Demolition of existing garden room. Erection of oak framed larger garden room at 55, High Street.

No objections from councillors to this scheme.

Finance:-

Current balance	£21,643.73
Amounts owing:-	
J. Addy for Pavilion cleaning for February	64.00
Gretton Pocket Park for expenses during 2018	192.73
Pat Butler Electrical for work on sewer at Sports Club	75.00

Police:-

Chairman reported that the National Crime map has not been updated since November 2018. Clerk to report to Joe Devlin. Joe held a surgery in Lydia's Coffee shop on Friday 8th March.

Any Other Business:-

Councillors will hold a farewell to Andrew Royle at Hatton Arms after the meeting next month.

An unofficial waste bin has been attached to the bench in Church Gap and will be emptied regularly.

The Baptist Minister Peter Lloyd was inconvenienced by a motor vehicle parked across his driveway opposite the Bluebell pub during the evening of Saturday 9th March. He often has to respond to calls out of hours so this action was particularly thoughtless by the driver. An entry was put on Facebook to deter any more anti-social behaviour of this type.

Date of next Meeting to be Monday 8th April 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm