

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:- Andrew Royle – chair, Matthew Moore, Julie Smith, Frances Woolston, Philip Bromhall, Marshall Ferguson, Bridget Watts (BC), Sandra Naden-Horley (CC), and 3 Members of the Public.

Apologies:- Mark Thompson, Tim Fox, Terri Meechan, Police, Kevin Watt (BC) Jim McCabe (NW)

Chairman invited councillors to declare an interest whether prejudicial or non-prejudicial on any item

The Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 9th April were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Meeting Open to the Public:-

Elisabeth Jordan reported a break in to the shed next to the Village Hall. Nothing was removed – only toys and old chairs are stored within. The lock was broken and damage to the door was noticed.

As chairman of the Pocket Park committee Elisabeth informed councillors of vandalism in the park when a picnic table and seat were demolished. The Police were informed and a report has been requested. Councillors are keen that all such incidents are reported to Police as no statistics are recorded if no report.

Elisabeth has the original drawings for the War Memorial and these will be stored in the archives of the History Society.

Report on loss of funding for bus services from Northants CC.

Clerk reported that the bus serving the village would cease on 25th May as no funds were available from CC after this date. Alternative sources of funding are being sought and councillors are reluctant for this charge to fall on the Parish Council. It was felt that Corby BC should be involved and Bridget Watts will email the Chief Executive. Chairman and Clerk are attending meetings with other interested parties and a rapid solution is sought.

Appointment of Northants CALC as Data Protection Officer.

This is a free service in conjunction with the updating of the rules on data processing in the GDPR which come into force on 25th May. There is no statutory necessity for parish councils to appoint a DPO but it was felt prudent to do so as there may be situations which arise in the future where the consultation will be of benefit.

Report from County Councillor:-

Sandra Naden-Horley reported that apart from statutory payments nothing was available from Northants CC and Commissioners had been appointed and were soon to be in place. She confirmed that there was no balanced budget and the situation should have been addressed earlier. The county have overspent government funding recently and the intention was to move the various duties to two Unitary Authorities within two years. Sandra felt that this would have the benefit of making administration more local.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 9th April:-

It was reported that the trimming of the trees overhanging the pathway at Tythe Barn had now been completed.

Mark Thompson has sourced a cabinet for the memorial to Ailsa Dempster and a report will be presented next month.

An order has been placed for the replacement flag and this should be delivered in the next few days.

The repair and repainting of the village signposts is soon to be completed. Councillors stated that an excellent job had been done.

No response has been received from the Uppingham Surgery regarding the availability of urgent care for villagers at the walk-in centre in Corby. The Care Trust in Leicester will be contacted for a decision.

The damaged bollard in Huntsfield Drive has now been repaired.

There is an occasional clash between Scouts use of the Meeting room at the Village Hall and the start of PC meetings. Clerk to clarify the position.

Report on Neighbourhood Plan for Gretton:-

Chairman informed councillors that a new grant had been applied for in the region of £8,500 with the first payment of £4,968 to be available shortly. The addressing of housing needs of residents was important to the application. Frances Woolston went on to explain that three theme groups had been created with responsibilities to address specific items under the general headings of housing, environmental and sustainability. More members of the public had become involved since the open day and delegates were keen to cover all items on the opening brief prior to the submission of the final report for village referendum.

Circulation:-

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Report on Recreation Ground:-

The Funday will take place on Sunday 15th July in a similar format to last year. It is understood that further cameras in the CCTV package will be placed soon and signs erected to comply with the recent data processing legislation.

Planning:-

18/00078/DPA Part two storey and single storey extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. External wall installation to front elevation and formation of vehicular access at 1A, Corby Road.

Councillors had no objection to the plans so long as the parking requirements of Northants Highways were taken into consideration.

18/00266/DPA Replacement of existing conservatory to rear of property at 22, Fulwell Avenue.

No objections

18/00271/OUT Construction of up to 120 residential dwellings on land at Southfield Road.

Chairman will reply to this outline planning application by supporting the objections of many villagers and those of the Parish Council. In particular he will allude to the opinion that the possible failure of Corby BC to adequately demonstrate a five year land supply does not justify a development which cannot be described as sustainable for many reasons which he will expand upon in his letter. This will include such things as housing needs, school places, water and sewerage services, access and roads.

18/00024/OUT Construction of 10 houses on land next to the Village Hall.

Chairman and Clerk confirmed that they would be attending the Development Control Committee meeting at Corby BC on 15th May to present objections identified by villagers and the Parish Council

Finance:-

Current balance	£15,367.11
Amounts owing:-	
ACRE for sub for 2018/19	35.00
J. Addy for Pavilion cleaning in April	32.00
MST Construction for repairs to doors at Pavilion	87.00
Anglian Water for water usage at Recreation Ground	30.72
NALC for training day for Clerk	49.00
BHIB for insurance for 2018/19	1,333.63

Signing of Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 and

Signing of Accounting Statements 2017/18; both for External Auditor and website

Following the phasing out of the grant to Gretton PC clerk to undertake a review of the effect to Council over the next two years.

Highways:-

Clerk to email Joe Devlin (PCSO) to request extra patrols in Station Road at this time of excess pavement parking outside nos. 12, 16, 18 and 20.

Any Other Business:-

A Scout group will camp on Pick Playing field from 18th to 20th May.

The Conservation Area Appraisal should go on the website and Julie Smith will organise.

The Welcome Pack for new villagers needs updating; again Julie Smith will undertake.

Chairman has received a communication from Stamford Community Orchard Group with a view to siting an orchard in the village. The correspondence has been passed to Bob. Dobson of the Pocket Park for comment.

The wall at The Bakery at 1, Arnhill Road needs some attention. Chairman to report to Street Doctor as it is a potential hazard to traffic.

The hedge at the junction of School Road and Kirby Road needs cutting back and clerk will discuss with owners.

There is some grassland opposite No. 11, Huntsfield Drive which requires cutting. Clerk to enquire of Suzanne Preston as to the ownership of the land.

Sharon and Stewart Morrow of Fulwell Avenue have asked permission to site a take away Pizza van on a weekly basis in the village. Councillors suggest the Sports Club car park at a cost of £10 each evening with the proviso that all litter is cleared on each occasion.

Date of Next Meeting to be Monday 11th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.