

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:- Phil Bromhall, Frances Woolston, Marshall Ferguson, Tim Fox, Matthew Moore, Julie Smith, Mark Thompson, Kevin Watt & Bridget Watts (BC) John Hindle - clerk and 5 Members of the Public.

Apologies:- Sandra Naden-Horley (CC), Rob.McKellar (BC), Jim McCabe (Neighbourhood Warden)

Clerk opened the Meeting informing councillors that they were required to elect a chairperson. Cllr. Frances Woolston was nominated and elected by a show of hands. Cllr. Woolston then took the chair.

Chairman explained that a new councillor was needed to be co-opted to replace the previous chairman who had resigned from Parish Council. Rob. Collis who was present in the Meeting was nominated and elected by a show of hands. Cllr. Collis took his seat.

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 Monday 8th April 2019 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Meeting open to the Public:-

Elisabeth Jordan reported that she had received some documents from ACRE relating to the early days of the Recreation Ground in the village. They will be stored with the History Society and available for examination in the future.

Dave and Elaine Clements from Clay Lane stated that the contractors undertaking the building of houses at the end of Clay Lane near its junction with Station Road are ignoring the one way system and accessing their site proceeding up the road against the flow of vehicular movements. This is a major traffic hazard as is the indiscriminate parking on Station Road near a blind bend. It was decided to issue a Formal Complaint to Corby BC addressed to the Chief Executive and Democratic Services manager.

Paul Hindle and Rebecca Jones attended the Meeting to inform councillors of their objection to a planning stipulation to install obscured glass in the front of their property at 15a Arnhill Road which is currently undergoing refurbishment and extension. This application will be considered later in the Meeting under 19/00140/RVC.

Report from Borough Councillors:-

Kevin Watt stated that although he had been in touch with Corby BC over street lights not working no action had been taken. He agreed to follow up.

Discussion ensued over Section 106 monies which are due to the village for local projects. Stephen James in CBC Legal Dept has prepared a schedule and Kevin and Clerk will obtain further details.

The contents of Green bins in the village are now destined for Kirby Lodge Recycling centre from where compost is produced. A report was made recently of contents of bins being mixed in the collection lorry.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 8th April

Following advertisements, four applications for the post of Parish Clerk were received and after the interview panel had met three of the candidates, chairman recommended the appointment of Jackie Clark of Caistor Road. Chairman will discuss with a local accountant, Julie Ward about employment conditions. A job description will be issued and a hand over month organised between Jackie and the present clerk. Three training courses are being run by NALC and Jackie will be booked into these to give her an insight into the requirements of the post.

Clerk to contact Peterborough Diocese with reference to the repair of the fence bordering the new cemetery on Station Road.

The report from villagers concerning the new bus service to Market Harborough on a Tuesday is very positive. All passengers along the route who require this bus have been catered for adequately.

Corby BC officers to be consulted as to the next move regarding the allotment area off Fulwell Avenue and also the repair to the damaged rail on the fence in Huntsfield Drive.

Clerk reported that Corby BC Finance Dept is unwilling to replace the grant to the Parish Council that is being removed in stages to cover expenditure in the village which would be covered in the town. A report will be made to the next Rural Area Forum meeting in July.

The grounds maintenance contract with Kettering/Corby is now in place. Clerk to ascertain information as to number of cuts proposed over the year.

Corby BC is planning work to be carried out on the driveway to the Recreation Ground from Kirby Road. This will enhance safety following the incident where a child from Chirpy Chicks was injured recently. It is expected that the pothole in the driveway will be repaired at that time.

Clerk is still chasing the removal/re-siting of the dog waste bin at the top of the Recreation Ground by Huntsfield Drive. More lines of enquiry are being pursued.

Phil Bromhall will keep any tree work required around the village under review.

Information on the recycling plant at Shelton Road will be added to Facebook for residents views.

A further email will be sent to Joe Devlin (PCSO) detailing evidence of drug taking around the village and asking him to add this to his Facebook page.

Report on Neighbourhood Plan for Gretton:-

The full report has now been prepared and this along with the appendices will be presented to Parish Councillors in the near future. It will be posted on the Parish Council website and all responses will be considered by the NP committee. The Plan will be submitted to Corby BC and all comments returned to the committee. The final act will be to put the plan to the public by means of a referendum.

Correspondence:-

Letter received from Jim Milligan of Harringworth Road detailing his concerns at the lack of action from Corby BC planners relating to the tree house in the next door garden. He also copied in Parish Council to a letter sent to Corby complaining about the treatment received from officers dealing with the matter. Clerk will write to Corby planners underlining his concern and will suggest a meeting on site with all interested parties.

Circulation:-

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Report on Recreation Ground:-

Tim Fox stated that a meeting of the FGRG committee would be held on Wednesday 15th May to discuss the Funday on 14th July. A quotation from Pat Butler to do various works in the pavilion and to the protective netting around the play area was accepted. 30 metres of netting will be replaced next year.

Planning:-

19/00226/DPA/LBC Proposed internal alterations, windows and doors replacement and renovation works to existing dwelling including replacement of front boundary fence. Addition of first floor door and balcony to outbuilding at 10, Station Road.

Councillors have privacy issues and parking concerns with this scheme and these will be communicated to Corby BC planners. A most important aspect to this is that the outbuilding must never be permitted as a separate dwelling.

19/00140/RVC Removal of Condition 5 following permission granted on 13.2.19 on 18/00633/DPA at 15a Arnhill Road.

As mentioned earlier in the Meeting applicants are seeking to remove the condition which stipulates obscured glass to their kitchen and balcony doors. There was no mention of the glass at Development Control meeting when permission was granted in February. Furthermore when the balcony doors are open this negates the purpose of the obscured glass.

Clerk to write in support of the removal of the Condition.

Finance:-

Current balance	£19,397.47
Amounts owing:-	
Quantum Print Ltd for printing of the Newsletter	310.00
Pat Butler Electrical for work on the pavilion	440.00

Chairman signed the Annual Governance Statement and Accounts for 2018/19 before submission to the External Auditors.

Highways:-

Street Doctor is in receipt of a report about the need to clear the drains in Station Road. This area will apparently be inspected again in September. Councillors will monitor conditions.

Any Other Business:-

There is a report of an application to fell trees in the garden of 36, Arnhill Road. Phil Bromhall will investigate.

Vegetation is again a nuisance spilling over the wall at Tythe Barn. In addition large lorries are proving a traffic hazard at various times. Clerk to pursue with the tenants and landlord.

Date of next Meeting to be Monday 10th June 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.