

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 14th October 2019** at 7.30pm.

Present: Frances Woolston, Rob Collis, Phil Bromhall, Tim Fox, Marshall Ferguson, Mark Thompson, Cllr Kevin Watt (CBC), Jim McCabe (CBC) and Clerk.

	Action
<p>19/21 To receive and approve apologies for absence. RESOLVED: Matthew Moore, Julie Smith, Terri Meechan, Cathie Layland (CBC), Cllr. Bridgit Watts (CBC), PCSO Joe Devlin, Cllr. Naden-Horley (NCC).</p>	
<p>19/22 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2019. RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed by the chairman as a correct record of the meeting.</p>	
<p>19/23 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only. RESOLVED: No matters raised.</p>	
<p>19/24 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct Related to business on the agenda. RESOLVED: No declarations of interest given.</p>	
<p>19/25 Public participation session. RESOLVED: A member of the public spoke about the forthcoming Remembrance Day Services and the Parish Council agreed to cover the cost of printing 200 copies of the leaflets.</p>	Clerk
<p>19/26 To receive a verbal report from the Greener Gretton Group. RESOLVED: Representatives from the group informed the PC that GG is a new, non-profit making group that meet once a month with an aim to reducing plastic in the community. Following a recent meeting with a Master Composter, they were advised that a community compost is not a good idea, therefore, they will encourage households to have compost bins in their garden. They hope to secure an allotment on Fulwell Avenue with a view to this becoming a village allotment. Project ideas for the future include tree planting, providing each household with a handmade, recycled morsbag and a pop-up refill shop offering plastic free alternatives to reduce waste. The Chairman thanked them for attending the meeting and asked that they let the Parish Council know if there is anything the PC can do to help the group.</p>	

<p>19/27 To receive report from County Councillor. RESOLVED: Report sent, with apologies, via email to Clerk. It was noted that Cllr. Naden-Horley asked that councillors be reminded to report any highway issues to 'fix my street' so urgent issues can be dealt with before any possible bad weather.</p>	
<p>19/28 To receive report from Borough Councillors Kevin Watt and Bridget Watts. RESOLVED: Contributing to the Greener Gretton discussion, Cllr. Watt suggested that, following the introduction of Unitary Authorities, this will provide an opportunity for the PC to take over responsibility for these allotments. He agreed to investigate how many allotments are available at Fulwell Avenue. He commented that both himself and Cllr.Watts agree that education and Greener Gretton's small steps forward are the way to go. Cllr.Watt informed the Parish Council that the footpath, which had previously been reported by a resident as not having a smooth surface, is not shown on any planning documents detailing that the builder has to install a footpath. He reiterated the importance of the Parish Council reporting which services they will be unable to provide in the parish due to the withdrawal of the grant from Corby BC. Cllr.Watt and Mr McCabe (Neighbourhood Warden Team) spoke about the knee rail in Huntsfield Drive. Mr McCabe informed the Parish Council that a meeting was planned for Tuesday 15th October regarding this fence. The Parish Council confirmed they would like the fence repaired. The PC also confirmed they would like the padlock on the balancing lake replaced and the grass trimmed. That both Councillor Watt and Mr McCabe reports be noted. Councillor Watt and Mr McCabe left the meeting.</p>	
<p>19/29 To receive a verbal report from the Police. RESOLVED: PCSO Devlin's report, sent via email, reads as follows and was noted. "Northants Police have been busy conducting a rural week of action this week. In the Corby rural area, I have been focusing on establishing a Farm Watch scheme. This now has 11 members and is still expanding. I would like to acknowledge that I have received Mark Thompson's email but due to time off and the week of action I have not been able to make contact. I will link in with him next week. I will be holding a surgery at Lydia's on Friday 18th at 10am, all being well. Please feel free to advertise this locally. I will be dropping a poster in to Lydia's on Wednesday when I am next on duty."</p>	
<p>19/30 To receive Finance Report, October 2019 and approve payments listed (attached). RESOLVED: This was approved and noted, to include the additional payment for Mr S Gray £29.40.</p>	
<p>19/31 To receive and note the minutes of the Finance sub-committee</p>	

<p>meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2019.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance sub-committee be noted.</p> <p>Clerk to contact NatWest regarding the possibility of having two accounts with them, a working account and a reserve account.</p>	Clerk
<p>19/32 To receive a report from Working Groups.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>19/32a Website – Julie Smith and Rob Collis A meeting has been arranged for 28th October 2pm. FW/JS/RC and Clerk to attend.</p> <p>19/32b Police liaison – Mark Thompson M.Thompson has made contact with PCSO Devlin and is hoping to attend the surgery that PCSO Devlin will hold in Lydia’s on 18th October.</p> <p>19/32c School liaison - Terri Meechan</p> <p>19/32d Source grant applications – Terri Meechan Clerk passed on a message from T.Meechan informing the Parish Council that a wish list needs to be drawn up to enable applications for appropriate grants. Chair commented that T.Meechan discuss possible grant applications with the Greener Gretton Group.</p> <p>19/32e Trees and environment - Phil Bromhall Report, previously submitted, was noted. It was agreed that a parish tree inspection is required. Clerk to obtain quotes for a tree risk assessment from three companies</p> <p>19/32f Recreation ground – Tim Fox T.Fox reported that the S106 monies allocated to the children’s play area had not been spent before the end of September 2019. He will, therefore, write to the builder requesting that this money still be allocated to spend. Corby Archery Club are using the recreation ground and T.Fox has a copy of their insurance.</p> <p>There is a serious issue of flooding on the MUGA from the carpark. Phoenix Builders, who installed the carpark, will look at this. T.Fox to make contact.</p>	<p>FW/JS/FW Clerk</p> <p>TM</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>TF</p> <p>TF</p>
<p>19/33To receive a report on any correspondence received since previous meeting.</p> <p>19/33a Resident regarding waste bins High Street/Orchard Lane (website). RESOLVED: Comment from resident was noted and will be passed to CBC.</p> <p>19/33b Resident regarding School Road incident (website). RESOLVED: Comment was noted. Any requests for new parking restrictions should be directed to Northamptonshire Highways.</p>	
<p>19/34 To discuss and report Matters Arising document.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>134 – Disabled access to village green. Clerk to contact Highways Department regarding installation of a drop kerb for wheelchair access.</p> <p>182, 215, 239 – Clerk to chase up outstanding work with Highways Department.</p>	Clerk
<p>19/35 To receive a verbal report regarding Gretton Neighbourhood Plan 2019 - 2031</p> <p>RESOLVED: Chairman stated that the Parish Council will need to support the NP as it moves forward. It is important that residents are encouraged to</p>	

comment on the plan. It was suggested that a flyer be put through letter boxes encouraging people to do this. Chairman to contact Jacki Lilley.	FW
19/36 To receive a verbal report from Chairman regarding arrangements for forthcoming Elections in May 2020. RESOLVED: Chairman asked that councillors consider the forthcoming elections in 2020 and whether they might be stepping down.	
19/19 Any other business. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Village litter picking: Mel Jarvis has informed the Parish Council that he is stepping down from this role. It was suggested that a resident could possibly be recruited from outside of the parish council. - A resident has contacted the Chairman to complain about a dishwasher being left on a neighbouring drive. They were informed that, because it is a private drive, the Parish Council are unable to take any action. - Email received from J.Smith regarding a patch of grass outside the allotments on Kirby Road. A resident has reported that this area has not been cut since the new grass cutting contract came into force. P.Bromhall stated that the grass has been cut. 	
19/20 The meeting closed at 9.45pm Date of next Meeting to be Monday, 11th November, 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.	

Signed: _____

Frances Woolston,
Chairman, Gretton Parish Council.