

# GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**Present:-** Andrew Royle – chair, Tim Fox, Matthew Moore, Frances Woolston, Phil Bromhall, Marshall Ferguson, Mark Thompson, Bridget Watts and Kevin Watt(BC), and 2 Members of the Public.

**Apologies:-** Julie Smith, Terri Meechan, Rob McKellar (BC) Stan Heggs (CC).

**Chairman reminded councillors to declare an interest where appropriate**

**The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.**

## **Meeting Open to the Public.**

Ken Healy from J. Murphy Ltd informed councillors that repair works are due to the brickwork on the bridge at the end of Station Road . Each arch and face will be separately worked on from the outside into the middle and the compound for materials will be established on the right hand side as you leave the village. The job is scheduled between December and March of next year and will involve road closure for about 3 weeks of this time with a diversion in place. The contractor has undertaken to leaflet all properties in the village with details nearer to the start of proceedings.

In the absence of Stan Heggs (CC) chairman reported that an application had been received at County for a development of industrial units at Rockingham Speedway. Further details would be available in the next few months.

## **Report from Borough Councillors:-**

Kevin Watt reported that a precedent had been set relating to Section 106 payments from developers. The contractor at Little Stanion had sought to vary the work promised at the start of the operation and a legal charge will now force him to complete the playing fields and community centre. This is of special interest to Gretton should the village find itself in a similar position in the future.

Corby BC has recognised that a problem exists at the Balancing pond in Huntsfield Drive and a new fence will be constructed soon.

Some of the potholes in Finch Hatton Drive and Stafford Road have been filled in but it is not a good job. The whole area should be resurfaced. The Corby Road 30mph sign has been cleared of vegetation but the sign on the Rockingham Road remains obscured.

The process of recycling avails 10% of the mass being converted into energy. Only 45% of waste in this area is recycled with 75% being the target to be achieved in due course. The application for the gasification plant to be built in Shelton Road, Corby will be heard by Northants CC at 10am on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

A course for councillors was held in Corby in August to discuss the formation of neighbourhood plans. These require considerable commitment from councillors and villagers in the preparation stages but they do give communities the opportunity to have a say in the

amount of development in an area. A discussion ensued over infrastructure; medicine, sewers, water provisions etc. An article will be produced for the next village Newsletter. The Love Corby website has experienced a good start with lists of places to eat and entertainments.

Rob. Mc.Kellar has received a reply on Highway matters from Northants CC and this will be discussed at a later date.

### **Matters Arising:-**

Steve Rainbow has indicated that he will attend to the outstanding tree work next week. There is a dangerous tree which requires felling adjacent to a garden in Stafford Road. This will be completed as part of the process.

Northamptonshire Highways has been asked to attend a site meeting on Lyddington Road to discuss the drainage ditches at the top of the road. Clerk is awaiting a response.

The Street Doctor service will issue compliance notices to the landowners relating to the footpath and overgrowing hedge on Station Road. Councillors hope that this will prompt action on a dangerous footpath.

An order has been placed with Brunel Signs for a permanent sign to be erected at the entrance to Pick Playing field.

Street Doctor has been informed of the condition of the bank in Arnhill Road. Overgrowing foliage represents a hazard to motorists and a reply is awaited.

The area of thistles on the Recreation Ground has been cleared by Cricket Club members.

The growth of foliage from Welland Close which is pushing over a road sign on Corby Road will be addressed by contacting the resident. The hedge at the corner of the footpath on the Recreation Ground has now been trimmed back.

Terri Meechan is discussing the future of the Phone box with Martin McEvoy.

The additional CCTV installation on the Recreation Ground is being dealt with by Dave Clements and Corby BC.

The Gretton village walkabout on 2<sup>nd</sup> September was attended by chairman and two Neighbourhood wardens who were asked to enquire of Corby BC what action may be taken to repair the fence between the Sports Club and the Doctor's Surgery. A reply is awaited.

Planings have now been laid on the footpath between the Recreation Ground and Huntsfield Drive.

It is reported that the scrap metal has been removed from the allotments at the back of Southfield Road

An enquiry with Corby BC planners has revealed no progress with the application for 14 affordable houses on Fullen Lane.

**Correspondence:-**

Fields in Trust have sent two plaques for erection on Pocket Park and Recreation Ground.

**Circulation:-**

Clerk and Councils DIRECT Magazine  
Augean Newsletter

**Report on Recreation Ground:-**

Tim Fox reported that on the back of the recent successful Funday the Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground committee would be looking at ways of revamping the format to attract even more people.

The Pre and After School activity in the Pavilion has closed following difficulties filling the places required to make it a viable project.

There is the possibility of an additional course being run to instruct volunteers on the workings of the defibrillator. This may be organised by East Midlands Ambulance Services.

The showers in the Pavilion are not working properly and MST Construction will progress.

**Planning:-**

15/00316/DPA Conversion of existing double garage to lounge and erection of a new detached garage at 88, Kirby Road.

Matthew Moore declared an interest in this project and no objections were raised to the scheme.

**Finance:-**

Current balance	£29,689.90
Amounts owing:-	
Grant to Village Hall	850.00
Grant to Baptist Church	525.00
Corby BC for sports coaches at Funday	120.00
Eon for electricity supplied to MUGA	10.91
Pat Butler for work on Pavilion	144.00
D. Clements for CCTV work at Recreation Ground	180.00

**Any Other Business:-**

The Rural Day of Action is scheduled for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October and gangs will be asked to do work in Church Gap, West Wells and Clay Lane

The Ash tree by the wall of Tythe Farm is becoming a hazard to walkers and will be reported to Street Doctor.

**Date of next Meeting** will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.