

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:- Andrew Royle – chair, Tim Fox, Matthew Moore, Mark Thompson, Terri Meechan, Francis Woolston, Marshall Ferguson, Kevin Watt and Bridget Watts (BC) and 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies:- Julie Smith, Phil Bromhall, Rob. McKellar (BC), Anita Hambly (PCSO) and the Neighbourhood Wardens.

Chairman reminded councillors to declare an interest where appropriate.

On behalf of the Parish Council, chairman expressed his condolences to Cllr. Phil Bromhall on the recent death of his wife.

The Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 11th July 2016 were declared to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Meeting open to the Public:-

Elisabeth Jordan drew attention to the fence on Huntsfield Drive which is broken in three places. The maintenance is Corby BC responsibility and the situation will be referred to Street Doctor.

Report from Borough Councillors:-

The application to construct a recycling plant in Shelton Road, Corby is under consideration by Northants CC and as part of the consultation process the papers were passed to Corby BC where councillors were unhappy with the quality of the submission and returned the scheme to County. It is understood that additional environmental reports have now been received.

At a meeting with county councillors it was realised that due to the increased housing in Corby another secondary school is urgently required. The site chosen is Stanion Plantation which was cleared some years ago for a scheme which did not materialise. There is also another school planned for the Priors Hall catchment area.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 11th July:-

Chairman will contact NCC Highways to enquire about the results of an engineer's visit to Lyddington Road where water is still running down the road.

Work has been done on the new cemetery extension and land is now available for new graves when required.

Chairman and clerk will pursue Street Doctor regarding the foliage on the bank on Arnhill Road. Considerable pruning is necessary.

A site meeting will take place soon to discuss the re-siting of the flagpole on the Village Green.

The old Phone box is will be repainted in the near future.

Quotations will soon be received for the creation of a secure area at the rear of the Social Club and Pavilion.

The formal application for the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Gretton has been submitted to Corby BC and an acceptance reply received. Susan Forsey has volunteered to join the Steering committee and this was welcomed by councillors.

Gretton Sports and Social Club committee has had confirmation that the new patio area alongside the main building is included in their liquor licence.

At the Rural Area Forum meeting in July Suzanne Preston – Rural Pride Officer announced that electronic mobile speed signs may be acquired by Corby BC for the use in villages on a rotational basis. Alongside this initiative clerk is looking at the possibility of purchasing such devices for permanent use in Gretton. A report will be produced in the next few months.

The provision of permanent signs to the Village Hall has to be submitted to Highways for approval.

Mrs. Jane McDonald, School Headteacher has been invited to the October meeting of Parish Council.

Mrs Kathleen Brotherton has accepted the task of Editor of the village Newsletter. Councillors recorded their thanks to her and noted that she will liaise with Mel Jarvis prior to the next issue.

Anglian Water has contacted Gretton PC with a view to taking over the running of private pumping stations in their area. It may be that the sewage pump on the Recreation Ground is covered by this scheme and clerk and Sports Club committee will pursue.

A reply from Orbit Housing is still awaited regarding the ownership of the hedge on Latimer Close which is in urgent need of attention.

Correspondence:-

Letter received from Corby BC Planning confirming receipt of our application to present a Neighbourhood Plan at a future date. The letter confirms that Gretton Parish Council is a 'relevant body' under the terms of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 amended by the Neighbourhood Plan regulations of 2012. The consultation period runs from Friday 16th September to Friday 28th October 2016 when interested bodies and residents will be invited to submit responses. Chairman will prepare an entry on Facebook as part of this process.

Jill Sheffer of High Street, Gretton has been in touch with Northants CC regarding the condition of the Bus Stop on Kirby Road outside the Village Hall. Her letter of November

2015 has not been acted upon by CC under the Street Doctor facility. On 10th September 2016 she sent a copy of this letter to Parish Council alongside a request that the new timetable be properly displayed around the Bus Stop. As the Parish Council Noticeboard is next to the stop it is proposed to use this facility for the purpose. Clerk will follow up progress on the clearance of vegetation using the Street Doctor reference supplied. Jill has also requested the provision of seating inside the shelter but Parish Council has been reluctant to provide this for vandalism and vagrancy reasons and do not propose to change this policy.

Circulation:-

Clerk and Councils 'DIRECT Magazine
CPRE 'FIELDWORK and 'COUNTRYSIDE VOICE' Magazines
NALC 'UPDATE' Magazine

Report on Recreation Ground:-

Tim Fox informed councillors that a meeting is planned of the Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground committee to discuss the usage of the capital sum received from Carlsberg Brewery for recreation purposes in the village.

There has been recent vandalism on the Children's Play area where the surface has been disturbed.

Following a recent tragic incident at the Sports Club additional training will be undertaken on the use of the defibrillator.

Planning:-

16/00369/DPA Convert existing garage into a two storey house extension and erect a detached garage at 88, Kirby Road.

Cllr. Matthew Moore declared a non-prejudicial interest.

This property has been the subject of a previous application and the owner has now sought permission to fulfil the works above. It is understood that there are more documents to follow and councillors will await these before coming to a decision on the plans.

Network Rail has informed Council that repairs to the bridleway by the embankment at the end of Arnhill Road will take place between 5th September 2016 and 12th February 2017. Clerk will contact Ken Healy of Network Rail to ensure access to the site is via Rockingham Road and not through the village. It is also understood that J. Murphy – contractors have applied to remove a hedge adjacent to the site.

Finance:-

Current balance	£32,878.64
Amounts owing:-	
Quantum Print – Funday leaflets printing	399.50
CPRE sub for 2016/17	36.00
Pavilion cleaning July & Aug, J. McGregor	200.00

Eon – MUGA electricity for June – Aug	25.74
Savills for Anglian Water – rent of car park space at Rec. Grnd	239.74
Corby BC – rates bill for Pavilion	526.82
Pat Butler – electrical work on Pavilion	402.00

Police:-

In the absence of PCSO Anita Hambly a report was available to the Meeting detailing various problems with unruly dogs and a car fire in a field between Gretton and Rockingham. Councillors requested that a message should be forwarded to Anita expressing thanks to the Police for their actions after the recent ‘rave’ on land at the end of Southfield Road. Many attendees were interviewed as they left the site.

Any Other Business:-

A concerned villager has requested that trees on the Pocket Park bordering Kirby Road be pruned as they are shading surrounding areas and overhanging the road. The Pocket Park committee will not take action at the present time as it is considered that the trees perform vital screening and are attractive on the site. This request has brought another issue to light regarding the possible interference to power cables from tall trees. Clerk is awaiting a reply from Western Power Distribution as to what action may be necessary.

There is an abandoned fridge alongside the picnic table on Harringworth Road. Street Doctor to be informed.

Potholes on the junction of Corby Road and Gretton Brook Road will be referred to Highways at Northants CC. Also, the surface water collecting on Gretton Brook Road during recent heavy rain rendered the road extremely dangerous for vehicles.

Neighbourhood Wardens will be asked to comment on a quantity of scrap metal on the edge of the allotments on Kirby Road/ Southfield Road. Also, there is damage to kerb stones outside the Parchment Works on High Street probably caused by contractor’s vehicles accessing the site. The kerb outside The Old Fox on High Street also requires attention.

The hedge on Clay Lane/ Station Road is again a hazard to traffic and the landowner will be informed.

The allotment area on Fulwell Avenue/ Kirby Road is completely overgrown. As there is a waiting list of villagers for allotments it is proposed to contact Corby BC with a view to clearance of the land and allocation to local people.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 10th October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall