

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Apologies:- Terri Meechan, Phil Bromhall, Jim McCabe (Neighbourhood Warden), Joe Devlin (PCSO), Bridget Watts (BC), Sandra Naden-Horley (CC)

Chairman reminded councillors to declare an interest whether prejudicial or non-prejudicial on any item under discussion.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018 were deemed to be a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

Meeting Open to the Public:-

An update on the bus service was requested by the villagers present and Chairman responded with a report on recent negotiations with Northants CC led by Wilbarston Parish Council. It is hoped to arrange a two day a week service with a 23 seater bus commencing in early October covering Gretton, Corby and the villages to the east of Corby terminating in Market Harborough. The finance is in place with Corby BC planning to debate their provision of £3,000 on 18th October. Parish Council money has been forwarded to make the service operational and this will be refunded if the decision from Corby BC is favourable. Kettering BC has also contributed £3,000. The period from October to March 2019 will give a good indication of the usage of the service by villagers and enable parishes to precept for the required funds if necessary to take the service forward.

Elisabeth Jordan reported that the fence in Huntsfield Drive was damaged and clerk agreed to take up with the Neighbourhood Warden with a view to repair.

In answer to a question Mark Thompson agreed to pursue the erection of a beacon on the outskirts of the village as part of the celebrations to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1.

Mark was thanked from the floor of the Meeting for his efforts in securing a display cabinet in memory of Ailsa Dempster which will be sited in the Village Hall.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 9th July

An additional CCTV recorder has been fitted on the Recreation Ground and the invoice will follow when Dave Clements is ready to acquire and fit the new cameras.

Dogs have been seen in the MUGA and chairman will put a note on Facebook to encourage owners to take charge of their pets.

Permanent signs to the Village Hall are now in place.

Northants CC is conducting a review of Grit Bins and chairman and clerk will progress.

Clerk is continuing to press Anglian Water for a response to the impact which extra housing will have on the village infrastructure.

The railings on the corner of High Street and Caistor Road are still not repaired and Kevin Watt will contact Sarah Barnwell at Northants CC.

It is noted that Anglian Water has cleared much of the litter around the Water Tower and repaired the fencing. This area will be kept under review.

Our Neighbourhood Warden team have asked Northants CC to install yellow zig zag lines outside School for the safety of children.

Councillors will ask the installers of the MUGA to undertake a check on its surface.

Phil Bromhall will follow up the installation of Tree Protection Orders around the Pocket Park.

Bob Cunningham will arrange the refurbishment of the Footpath sign to Thorpe by Water.

Report on Neighbourhood Plan for Gretton:-

Frances Woolston reported that various internal committees had been set up to ensure that areas relating to sustainability, building environment and national and historic environment on a local level are properly represented when it comes to the final report. This task is huge and will require many hours of manpower. Local landowners have been contacted to identify any sites where controlled development may take place in the future. So far some nine responses have been received asking for further information. The details of these areas of land have been passed to the consultant who will report in due course. This activity mirrors Corby BC in their efforts to complete Part 2 of the Local Plan. GDPR requirements in the collection of data are strictly observed.

It is understood that the land bordering Fulwell Avenue which has been used for allotments and is now derelict will be refurbished by Corby BC and a water supply laid on to restore the land for its original purposes.

It is worth reporting at this stage that local government reorganisation will not affect the construction or presentation of Local Plans.

Report from Borough Councillors:-

Although Corby BC rejected the idea of Unitary Authorities in Northamptonshire it appears to be a requirement of government and therefore some £500,000 has been set aside to move to this situation. It is hoped that hostility to the idea will not prevent Corby from having a seat at the table as the plans are drawn up.

The old office blocks next to the Steelworks will be redeveloped as apartments and further additional low cost housing developed on adjacent land. The area will be known as Deer

Park and will feed into the 5 year land supply requirement. Plans for the West Corby development are progressing and it is hoped that the first new homes will be available in winter 2020. Much work is being undertaken in respect of highway improvements and the target date for presenting to the Planning committee is 30th October.

Correspondence:-

Letter from Ian Douglas regarding damage to the area of land around the Jo Stone on the junction of Corby Road and Kirby Road. Mark Thompson will inspect and a report will be considered at the next meeting.

Circulation:-

Clerks and Councils DIRECT Magazine
Rural Area Forum Minutes from 19 July

Report on Recreation Ground:-

Tim Fox noted that the lock had been forced on the Pavilion electricity casing next to the water tap. Mark Thompson will attend to the repair along with a broken knee rail in the car park fence.

The Fun day in July had been a good success again with teams from our twin town in Germany taking a full part.

Councillors will write to the PSA regarding the upkeep of the willow shelter on the children's play area.

Planning:-

18/00555/DPA Rear first floor extension above garden room at 14, Harringworth Road

18/00331/REG3 External wall insulation and pebbledash render finish to front and rear elevations to property and within passageway at 48, Kirby Road

No objections to either scheme.

Finance:-

Current balance	£32,175.12
Amounts owing:-	
E.on for electricity on MUGA	35.84
Bouncetime for Bouncy Castle at Funday	175.00
Anglian Water for field supply at Rec.	28.78
Police for Neighbourhood Watch scheme	252.00
Quantum Print for Newsletter and Funday leaflets	346.00
Bob Cunningham for Village Hall signs	200.00
Wilbarston PC for funds towards bus service.	1,000.00

Mrs. J. Addy for Pavilion cleaning in July and August	128.00
Treespace for work on trees in Pocket Park	225.00

Police:-

Five reportable crimes occurred in Gretton during July. Clerk to email Joe Devlin (PCSO) to ascertain whether Police are working with Neighbourhood Watch to reduce offending. There is a possible problem with drug taking on the Recreation Ground and in the Pocket Park. Also Joe will be informed of vehicle nuisance from 57, Finch Hatton Drive near the walkway to Huntsfield Drive.

Any Other Business:-

Reports were received of overhanging vegetation at 78, High Street and 60, High Street. Clerk to inform property owners.

Date of next Meeting to be Monday 8th October 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm