

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on Monday 2nd January 2024 at 7.30pm at Gretton Village

Hall, 61 Kirby Road, Gretton NN17 3DB

Present: Cllrs Lilley, Fox, Husk, Nicholls, Wright, Newby, Blamire, The Clerk (C Watts) and Trevor Smith.

24/001 **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Cllr Smith, Cllr Thompson

RESOLVED: Approved

24/002 **To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/003 **To Discuss the Budget and approve for the Clerk to prepare Precept paperwork to be submitted.**

Cllr Lilley shared that she had made amendments to the Budget report to show Grant Application monies coming in. This now shows our General Reserve to be at 49%. A report has been shared with the Cllr's showing the comparison of Gretton rates to similar sized communities, all the local area Councils and the Welland Wanderer Councils.

Cllr Lilley asked if there was any other questions or points that needed to be considered.

Cllr Wright raised a point of order in that could the budget be approved at this meeting as the agenda was only raised on 2nd January and no members of the public have had the opportunity to be present. Cllr Lilley agreed this was a fair point of order and that the final Budget approval would be carried forward to the next meeting so that Members of the public would be given enough notice to attend.

RESOLVED: To be carried forward to next meeting.

24/004 **Councillor questions**

At the meeting Trevor reported that there was an abandoned vehicle on Kirby Road. This was reported and moved. A quiet New Year's Eve in the village with no incidents reported.

Cllr Lilley raised the issue that Gretton News and Views have raised the question "why haven't the Parish Council invoked their resilience plan?" This is in relation to the heavy rainfall that has occurred over the Christmas period and the flooding it has caused.

Cllr Lilley asked the Councillors their views on how to respond to this situation.

It was discussed that these are extreme circumstances and the sheer volume of water is affecting towns and villages all over the country. The Parish Council to share that we are in regular communication with the Highways and NNC to ensure that as much as possible is being done. Regular maintenance programmes are key.

Emphasis on contacting the Parish Clerk with any issues that need to be reported to the relevant departments and this will be acted on.

It was agreed that the Parish Council are not invoking the resilience plan as the village is not flooding.

It was agreed that the Parish Council Facebook page needs to be used more by the admin team for information regarding the village. Approval rights to be checked out by the clerk.

Cllr Newby raised the topic of the West Corby Development Consultation. He shared he has reached out to all the local Parish Council's including Weldon, Caldecott, Cottingham, Rockingham, Grettton should be included in this consultation. He shared 4500 houses will impact the village and the road structure that will be implemented. The Clerk shared that a letter has been received from NNC stating that notice is being given that the contract for mowing and hedge cutting in Grettton would cease as of 31st March 2024.

A complete review of the existing map to update for it to go out to tender.

The clerk to acknowledge the letter from NNC and to look into correspondence recently received enquiring about the opportunity to submit a tender.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/005

Date of Next Meeting

8th January 2024

RESOLVED: Approved

24/006

Close

7.55pm

RESOLVED: Approved

Signed Cllr Lilley:

Date