

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 11th April 2022** at 7.30 pm. This meeting was held in the Meeting Room, Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby Road, Gretton. NN17 3DB

Present: Cllrs.Lilley, Thompson, Smith, Nicholls, Blamire, Wright, Newby, and Watt, the Clerk (J. Clark) and eight members of the public.

22/065 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Apologies received from Cllr. Fox, Cllr.Husk and the Safer Corby Team.

22/066 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.

RESOLVED: No declarations were made.

22/067 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2022

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chair. Votes – all in favour.

22/068 Matters arising from Minutes dated 14th March 2022 22/048:

To receive Financial statement dated 1-28th February 2022: payments received, and invoices paid to show VAT paid on electricity bills and DBS checks

RESOLVED: The amended report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/069 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council

Cllr. Watt reported:

He is now on the Greenway Board, focusing on rural green corridors, including green transport, cycleways, and footpaths. Their next meeting is on 10th May 2022.

Levelling up funds is now available to bid for regarding the green transport strategy, Cllr. Watt has asked Highways how groups can bid for this.

He gave an example, that if a cycle route was considered for Gretton, thought has to be given to the destination and where residents want it to go.

The Parish Council would need to form a sub-committee to prepare and present a green transport grant application to NNC.

The Transformation Group that oversees the Unitary Authority's formation is still in place. Progress has been delayed due to the pandemic.

RESOLVED: Report noted. Votes – all in favour.

22/070 Open Forum

Four members of the public reported to the Parish Council concerning their planning application.

Two other members of the public were present to answer any questions regarding the proposed skateboard park at the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: Report noted.

22/071 To receive a report from the Police

RESOLVED: No report received.

22/072 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team.

A report was submitted before the meeting:

Local and current engagement campaigns that the Safer Corby Team have been raising awareness of are: The Great British Spring Clean and the County Schools Challenge.

They are working with a range of partners to welcome the visit of the Knife Angel sculpture to Corby, running 15-29 May.

They are also encouraging individuals to sign up for the anti-violence ambassador scheme.

RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/073 Finance: To receive Financial Report dated 1-31st March 2022: payments received, and invoices paid.

Cllr. Wright reported that he had carried out the bank reconciliation for March and asked the Clerk to add the amount of VAT paid on the Security Hardware invoice, a total of £1.49.

RESOLVED: The amended report will be presented at the May meeting.

Payments

Date	Purpose	Payee	Amount
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07/03/22	Dropped kerb and disabled access to Village Green	M.Cannon, MSC Groundworks	2,100.00
08/03/22	1xDBS application (online card payment)	Care Check Ltd	12.00
11/03/22	1xDBS application (online card payment)	Care Check Ltd	12.00
11/03/22	Door handle for the Pavilion (order through Amazon by T.Fox)	Amazon (Security Hardware)	8.94
11/03/22	Electricity supply for MUGA lights 22/01/22-22/02/22	British Gas Lite (DD)	98.41
21/03/22	Salaries (March)	Clerk & RFO	658.71
21/03/22	PAYE	HMRC Cumbernauld	119.40
24/03/22	Sundry expenditure for 2021/22	Gretton Pocket Park Society	67.80
29/03/22	Electricity supply Pavilion 30/01/22-07/03/22	British Gas (DD)	110.63
30/03/22	Leaflets for Gretton NHW Group	Quantum Print Services Ltd	54.00
31/03/22	Refreshments for Village Litter Pick	Co-op store, Uppingham	11.27
Receipts			
01/03/22	Sports & Social Club arrears		53.78
02/03/22	Allotments Rent 2022		285.00
08/03/22	Cricket Club Hiring Fee		342.00
11/03/22	Garage rent		35.83
23/03/22	AMP Grant NNC		307.19
28/03/22	MUGA (A.Dent)		50.00
29/03/22	Gretton Allotments Charity		726.66
BALANCE			£50,793.83
<u>NATWEST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 31st MARCH 2022 STATEMENT</u>			
	Balance		£50,793.83
	Add undeposited cheques		Nil
	BALANCE		£50,793.83
	Less unrepresented payments:		Nil
	Balance 31st March 2022		£50,793.83
22/074 To receive a report from Working Groups.			
22/074a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters			
Nothing further to report.			
The Clerk gave a brief update on the Asset Mapping Project. The deadline has been extended to 24 th April 2022. The Parish Council has now been asked to plot their own assets and services plus those provided by the Unitary Authority.			
RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.			
22/074b Communications including website, newsletters, press			
Before the meeting, Cllr. Smith reported on:			
Communications: The website is now live, and the old one has been taken down. Documents on the site are being updated.			
Cllr. Smith has received a message from the Gretton NHW Coordinator asking if it is the intention that the website should be community-based rather than mainly the Council? This was discussed, and it was agreed to consider this, although it was agreed that no businesses would be allowed to advertise on the website.			
Gretton Life magazine has been sent to the printer.			
RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.			
22/074c Highways Working Group – Cllr. Mark Thompson			
Before the meeting, Cllr. Thompson reported on:			
The proposed village traffic survey was agreed upon at the last group's meeting. This was presented to the Parish Council together with a short video to support the 20's Plenty for Gretton scheme.			
RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.			
Village Traffic Survey – approved. Votes – all in favour.			
Purchase of 20's Plenty signs, consider a banner outside school – approved. Votes – all in favour.			
The Group have other ideas to slow traffic down in the village and is looking to see if grants are available to cover the costs.			
The Group hopes to form a group of volunteers who will have the training to do traffic speed surveys in Gretton.			
20's Plenty for Us asks Parish and Town Councils to pass a motion to support the campaign. Approved. Votes – all in favour.			
Cllr. Lilley suggested asking for this to be added to the agenda for the next Rural Area Forum meeting. Approved. Votes – all in favour.			
ACTION: Clerk to request this.			
Cllr. Lilley thanked the group for all their hard work.			
22/074d Community – including buses, doctors' surgery, school liaison			
No further updates.			

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/074e Environment – including trees, Pocket Park, litter collecting groups

Before the meeting, Cllr Rob Newby reported on:

Green Brook blocked culvert

RESOLVED: The report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/074f Recreation ground – Cllr Fox

Before the meeting, Cllr. Fox reported on:

An update on the success of the recent “Have a Go Day” event on the Recreation Ground car park.

The gate at the rear of the Pavilion is to be moved to prevent any vandalism or unsociable activity behind the hut.

RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

Cllr. Nicholls added that S.Earl is finding out what funding can be applied for to assist with the purchase of the outdoor gym and skateboard park.

He also thanked Corinna Brooks and David Collins for their hard work on these projects.

22/074g Village Hall

Cllr. Lilley attended the Village Hall AGM held on Friday 8th April.

22/074h Sports and Social Club – Cllr. Nicholls

Before the meeting, Cllr. Nicholls reported on:

Plants have been planted around the patio area.

Three new cigarette bins have been purchased.

Beer and Spirit prices have risen by an average of 10p for the start of the new financial year.

Details of forthcoming events were given.

CCTV

Toilets and pump – the smell of sewers have returned. ACTION: Clerk to contact MPC Services to enquire which email addresses they are sending the high alert warnings to since no emails have been received.

A recent comment on Facebook was discussed. Cllr. Lilley assured the Sports & Social Club committee, and members that the statements made did not reflect the opinion of the Parish Council.

Potential anti-social behaviour. A group of teenagers hangs around the band hut area during the weekends. So far, the litter and smoking of drugs have been limited. ACTION: Clerk to notify PC Wilson of the reported drug-taking.

RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/049i – Youth Council – Cllr. Blamire

Four children from Gretton School have expressed an interest, and Cllr. Blamire intends to visit the school and talk to them following the Easter break. She also plans to get out and about in the village to speak to the children. Open Morning to be arranged.

RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/075 Planning

Application NC/22/00104/DPA

Re: Two-storey side extension

At: 10 Spendlove Drive, Gretton. NN17 3DW

RESOLVED: No objections or comments. Votes – all in favour.

22/076 To discuss the Gretton Jubilee Street party

Cllr. Wright reported:

- 1) Road closure licence has been confirmed
- 2) Public liability insurance to be applied for
- 3) Party to be held on the Sunday 5th June, 12.30 – 5 pm
- 4) Waiting for confirmation that Corby Radio will attend.

RESOLVED: This report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/077 Councillor and Clerk Training Update

Responding to Planning Applications booking confirmed for 23rd May 2022, 7-9 pm. Cost £245.00

Cllr. Wright requested that ‘Planning Enforcement’ is included in the training session.

RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/078 Review of Gretton Parish Council Deliverables 2022

RESOLVED: Project dates were reviewed and updated. Votes – all in favour.

22/079 To discuss quotes received for a handrail on Village Green

Three quotes were discussed. It was agreed that a steel handrail would be preferred. ACTION: Clerk to contact MSC Groundworks and ask if they would requote based on a like for like design received from a separate contractor.

RESOLVED: Agreed. Votes – all in favour.

22/080 To discuss Kirby Road allotments

(i) Vacant plot allocation

RESOLVED: It was agreed that, if there were no names on the waiting list, the vacant plot should be offered to people on the waiting list for Fulwell Avenue rather than a tenant who already has an allotment at Kirby Road. Votes – all in favour.

<p>(ii)Quote received for replacement gate or repairs to the existing gate. RESOLVED: The quote was discussed. Cllr. Thompson suggested Councillors should consider a steel gate. ACTION: Cllr. Thompson to source a quote. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/081 To discuss access to safe areas of railway embankments in Corby and Gretton – Cllr. Newby Before the meeting, Cllr. Newby sent out some information received from Network Rail. This will be discussed again later. RESOLVED: Report noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>20/082 To discuss tree planting for the Queen’s Green Canopy RESOLVED: It was agreed to plant one tree at the Recreation Ground; a plaque will also be displayed. Approved. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/083 To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting. 1. Exchange of Land at Harringworth Road and Rockingham Road. RESOLVED: The Landowner has confirmed that the legal paperwork has nearly been completed. He will provide access to the piece of the land concerned down to the main road via land he already owns. Approved. Votes – all in favour. RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour. 2. Gypsy/Traveller update meeting, to be held on 8th June, 2-4 pm. RESOLVED: Cllr. Newby agreed to attend. Approved. Votes – all in favour. 3. Operation London Bridge. The Clerk reported that she had received details of new resources from NCALC, a copy to be sent to Cllr. Smith. RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour. 4. Email received from the Reception Class Teacher at Gretton School asking if the Parish Council would allow her class to plant trees as part of their theme, “Invest in Our Planet.” It was agreed that this would be possible if they wished to plant small fruit trees in Picks Field. It was noted and approved. Votes - all in favour.</p>
<p>22/084 Councillor questions 1. Cllr. Smith spoke about the post office service held at Lydia’s, raising concern that it will be closed until the end of April and, at present, is now open only one day per week. ACTION: Clerk to contact J.Sharman and ask if the Post Office is organised through Lydia’s or the Post Office. 2. Cllr. Lilley reminded Councillors that the May meeting would start with the election of the Chair. She asked all Councillors to consider if they wished to take on this role.</p>
<p>22/085 The meeting closed at 8.55 pm. Date of next Meeting to be held on Monday 9th May 2022</p>

Signed: _____

Councillor Jacki Lilley, Chair of Gretton Parish Council

9th May 2022