

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 11th July 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, Blamire, Wright, Fox, Husk, Newby and four members of the public.

22/138 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Apologies received from Cllr. Nicholls and J Clark (Clerk). Noted and approved – all in favour.

22/139 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.

RESOLVED: Cllr Wright declared an interest in 22/156 – To consider a request from the Sports Club for permission to erect a Wooden Gazebo over part of the patio area.

22/140 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2022

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

22/141 Open Forum

RESOLVED: One resident raised their concern regarding the state of the hedges on Station Road and corner of Clay Lane which was obscuring the view for motorists leaving Hatton Lane, compounded by speeding vehicles travelling down Station Road. The Chair confirmed that the Clerk had been in touch with NNC – first metre of the Clay Lane hedge belongs to Highways. Agreement that NNC will undertake hedge cutting (following bird nesting season) as part of the village cutting programme and recharge be made to Clay Lane Development residents accordingly. Clerk to prepare letter. Re Station Road hedge, Cllr Newby has met with Peterborough Diocese to discuss reconfiguring hedge, ie to grow backwards.

With regard to speeding vehicles, PC Wilson encouraged residents to submit dashcam or mobile phone footage to the Northants Police online reporting portal where it would be reviewed and summons issued if appropriate.

22/142 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council

RESOLVED: No report available.

22/143 To receive a report from the Police

The following report was received prior to the meeting.

The FIGURES for JUNE 2022 are as follows:

CRIMES – FOUR

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE (22000324227): CATALYTIC CONVERTOR THEFTS (NO ENQUIRIES POSSIBLE, FILED)

SEX OFFENCE (22000325198): CHILD ON CHILD (NO COMPLAINT, SUSPECT KNOWN & COMMUNITY RESOLUTION DISPOSAL – APOLOGY ISSUED)

HARASSMENT (22000344604): HISTORIC REPORT OF UNWANTED CONTACT (NO COMPLAINT, SUSPECT KNOWN, FILED)

CRUELTY TO CHILDREN (22000368583): POSSIBLE NEGLECT (ENQUIRIES ONGOING)

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS - NONE

GRETTON WEIR

I have recently met with Mr JOYCE and spoken to him in relation to the on-going issues at the location. I have included this location in my recent patrols, with no issues yet identified during those patrols. I will continue to patrol the location and report back.

SPEED ENFORCEMENT

The LTI 20-20 ROADSIDE SPEED ENFORCEMENT DEVICE is still away being calibrated, as such I have been unable to complete any speed enforcement in the area. Upon its return I will schedule this in for CORBY ROAD & KIRBY ROAD, GRETTON.

POLICE LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

I have recently had a meeting with TREVOR SMITH and discussed his role as the new Police liaison Representative and we have both agreed a working position going forward.

Catalytic Convertors – residents to report any suspicious activity in the early hours to Northants Police on 999.

Gretton Weir – patrols continue to identify the individuals at the Weir who seek to cause intimidation and nuisance, and where appropriate Anti-Social Behaviour powers will be used. PC Wilson will request additional patrols in this area and enquire about the use of a drone to capture footage.

Police Liaison Rep – as PLR (and NHW) it was agreed that Trevor Smith is welcome to attend meetings and share information to help in decision making but would not be entitled to vote. Clerk to include PLR / NHW item following Police Report.

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

22/144 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team.

Before the meeting, the Safer Corby Team shared details of fishing activities at Corby Boating Lake during August.

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

22/145 Finance: To receive Financial Report dated 1-30th June 2022: payments received, and invoices paid.

The Financial Report for June was signed.

Cllr. Wright reported that he had carried out the bank reconciliation for June, and the accounts were correct.

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

Payments

Date	Purpose	Payee	Amount
08/06/22	Electricity supply for MUGA	British Gas Lite	45.70
09/06/22	Pavilion electricity	British Gas	37.56
10/06/22	Jubilee flags and bunting	Gretton Sports Club	64.80
13/06/22	Batteries for smoke alarm/Pavilion	Co-op (card payment)	15.50
15/06/22	Flowers for Internal Auditor	M & S	25.00
20/06/22	Salaries (June)	Clerk & RFO	569.71
20/06/22	PAYE	HMRC Cumbernauld	97.20

Receipts

13/06/22	Garage rent	35.83
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BALANCE **£70,704.42**

NATWEST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 30th JUNE 2022 STATEMENT

Balance	£70,704.42
Add undeposited cheques	Nil
BALANCE	£70,704.42
Less unrepresented payments:	Nil
Balance 30th June 2022	£70,704.42

22/146 To receive a report from Working Groups.

22/146a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters

Before the meeting Cllr. Lilley reported on meetings held with Cllrs Blamire and Husk re moving forward with engagement of the younger community, and with the Finance Committee and Cllr Husk re options for the village bus service.

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

22/146b Communications including website, newsletters, press

Before the meeting, Cllr. Smith reported on:

Communications – all documents have been added to website;

Gretton Life – currently with the printers.

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

22/0146c Highways Working Group – Cllr. Mark Thompson

Cllr. Thompson reported:

TVAS – reports of intermittent working; investigations to be undertaken. Positive comments received following installation.

Traffic Group – will be meeting on 20.07.22 to review the 150 responses; update at September meeting. One suggestion made was for a dedicated email address for sharing of ideas; Cllr Thompson will follow-up with Steve Gray.

Trevor Smith asked the Traffic Group to consider signage on main roads indicating horses in the area.

Cllr Husk to liaise with the school re possible funding for a School Crossing Patrol person on Kirby Road.

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

22/146d Community – including buses, doctors' surgery, school liaison

Before the meeting, Cllr. Husk reported on:

School – shared details of the latest newsletter;

Buses – consideration being given to enhancing the village bus service; please see item 22/147 also;

Doctor's Surgery – nothing to report;

Clothes Bank – 440kg collected during June – an incredible amount!

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

22/146e Environment – including trees, Pocket Park, litter collecting groups

Before the meeting, Cllr Newby reported on:

<p>Environment, Pocket Park, Litter, Paths, Welland Valley Partnership, Gretton Road Pollution. Cllr Newby is progressing with the Tree and Hedgerow Strategy. Cllr Thompson to attempt to retrieve the roundabout in the hedge in Picks Fields. RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour. 22/146f Recreation ground – Cllrs. Fox and Wright Cllr. Fox reported: Skate Park and Outdoor Gym equipment is within permitted development, and grant funding is being pursued. Fun Day – Saturday 10 September. Jubilee Tree to be planted on this day. Hire Charge for MUGA and Pavilion to be reviewed. MUGA lights should be off by 9.30 pm – key now held at the Sports Club. Next meeting Monday 18 July. RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour. 22/146g Village Hall Before the meeting, Cllr. Smith submitted a report: Village Hall Committee are supportive of a Defibrillator being placed at this location. One to be placed at The Hatton Arms also. Clerk to contact Hilary Lunt, North Northants First Responder rep in the village to find out next steps. Village Hall Committee are also supportive of an Electric Charging Point. This could be funded from the Improvement Fund - details have not yet been announced. Cllr Newby suggested solar panels for the Village Hall; to investigate and source funding to enable proposal to be put to the Village Hall Committee. Cllrs Newby and Wright to consider an Electric Charging Point at the Recreation Ground also. RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour. 22/146h Sports and Social Club Nothing further to add. RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour. 22/146i – Youth Council – Cllr. Blamire Cllr Blamire reported: Met recently with Cllrs Lilley and Husk to discuss way forward re youth engagement and organisation of planned activities; Article to be included in forthcoming Gretton Life with tear-off slip seeking suggestions for events / activities, and any interest in a supporting / co-ordinating role; Will be researching funding opportunities for youth events and professional Youth Worker services; Options re activities, services, funding to be shared at the September meeting. RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/147 To discuss how the Parish Council continue to support public transport provision for the village in future Cllr Lilley updated on a recent meeting between the Finance Committee and Cllr Husk to consider options for the village bus service. From these discussions a draft survey has been put together by Cllr Wright seeking feedback on potential need now and in the future, possible destinations, frequency, links to the RF1 service etc. Accepting it is a complex issue and recognising our current contribution to the Welland Wanderer service, it is important to explore how the service could be enhanced whilst ensuring proportionality to the precept. Additional questions suggested; Cllr Wright to update survey. Cllr Husk updated on her meeting with Cllr Harris who has arranged on a pilot basis a ‘shopper hopper’ service linking villages in the Brixworth area to main bus routes and occasional trips to other destinations. RESOLVED: Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/148 Councillor and Clerk Training Update No training has been undertaken this month. RESOLVED: Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/149 To consider if any changes are required to the Gretton Neighbourhood Plan Aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan are being progressed, ie Tree and Hedgerow Strategy, Asset Mapping, Traffic Management, Public Transport. RESOLVED: Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/150 To receive an update on Works Outstanding Grit Bin – Cllr Thompson undertook to have this emptied by 25.07.22; keys to the bin handed to Cllrs who reside on Arnhill Road. Soil Mound by Kirby Road Allotments – Cllr Thompson to discuss removal with Steve Gray. Benches on the Village Green have been restored. Clay Lane Grit Bin – this is too close to the junction; re-positioning is in hand via Clerk. RESOLVED: Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/151 Planning Applications NC/22/00190/DPA Re: Proposed two storey extension At: 3 Kirby Road, Gretton. NN17 3DB</p>

<p>RESOLVED: Object – the Parish Council is objecting as there is insufficient provision for parking in accordance with the Conservation Area Management Plan and Policy 2 of the Joint Core Strategy. Votes – all in favour.</p> <p>NC/22/00155/DPA Re: Single storey garden extension At: 4 Kirby Road, Gretton. NN17 3DB RESOLVED: No objections or comments. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/152 To review the Annual Staff Appraisal Policy and Procedure RESOLVED: This was reviewed and approved without amendment. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/153 To review the Freedom of Information Policy Clerk to add to Parish Council website. RESOLVED: This was reviewed and approved without amendment. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>20/154 To consider the NNC policy regarding Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing As a Parish Council, it is important to contribute to this open consultation given that the proposal to standardise fares will be detrimental to residents within Gretton and the Corby area. Response to be prepared by Cllr Lilley and Clerk. RESOLVED: Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/155 Review of Gretton Parish Council Deliverables 2022 RESOLVED: Dates were reviewed and updated. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p>22/156 To consider a request from the Sports Club for permission to erect a Wooden Gazebo over part of the patio area RESOLVED; Two representatives of the Sports Club outlined the proposal and answered questions re material to be used, positioning of CCTV, monitoring of noise post-10pm. Confirmation also given that the proposal was within permitted development and within licensing criteria. The Parish Council supports the installation of the gazebo. Votes – 7 in favour, 1 abstained.</p>
<p>22/157 To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting. CPRE AGM 21.07.22 – details shared with Cllrs. Request from Caistor Road residents for details of how many in the vicinity have received letters requesting overhanging vegetation be cut back – Clerk to provide response. Article to be placed in the Autumn edition of Gretton Life encouraging hedges to be trimmed back as bird nesting season will have passed by then. RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour</p>
<p>22/158 Councillor questions Willow Shelter on Recreation Ground – Cllr Fox to discuss management of this with Steve Ellis prior to liaising with Liam Faulkner for NNC to take on as part of their programme.</p>
<p>22/137 The meeting closed at 9.25 pm. Date of next Meeting to be held on Monday 12th September, 2022</p>

Signed: _____

Councillor Jacki Lilley, Chair of Gretton Parish Council

12th September 2022