

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 12th December 2022**, 7.30 pm at the Gretton Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Lilley, Wright, Fox, Husk, Nicholls, Newby, Blamire and the Clerk (S.Golding)

22/220 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllrs. Smith, Thompson and Watt

RESOLVED: Approved. Votes- all in favour.

22/221 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda

No declarations of interest.

RESOLVED: Approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/222 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2022

Minutes approved without amendment and signed by Chair.

RESOLVED: Approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/223 Open Forum

None.

RESOLVED: Approved. Votes – all in favour.

22/224 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council

Cllr. Watt submitted a report prior to the meeting highlighting that the Environmental Agency is investigating the on-going issue on Gretton Brooke Road. Alongside his fellow councillors, they are using their Empowerment Grant to support 'warm spaces'.

RESOLVED: Report noted and approved. Votes - all in favour.

22/225 To receive a report from the Police

Report from the Police submitted after the meeting had taken place.

The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for NOVEMBER 2022 are as follows:

CRIMES – TWO

ASSAULT (22000648809): MINOR INJURY – DOMESTIC (ENQUIRIES ONGOING)

THEFT (22000695595): VEHICLE STOLEN (ENQUIRIES ONGOING)

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – ONE

109 – 28\11\22: SPEEDING VEHICLES

INFORMATION

I have been made aware of a change in tactic used by criminals to steal vehicles in Northamptonshire. Police in the county have recently recovered sophisticated electronic equipment that allows the user to capture the signal from your remote car key. This enables the user to clone the key and fool your car into thinking the key is present for those vehicles that do not require a key inserted into the ignition to start. Another piece of equipment that has been recovered is a signal jammer, which prevents you from remotely locking your car. The advice from the Police is to consider purchasing a small faraday bag to keep your car keys in when you are at home and not using them and to always check your car doors a physically locked when locking your car with the remote key.

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

22/226 To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

No report submitted prior to meeting.

RESOLVED: Approved. All votes in favour.

22/227 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team

Report sent prior to the meeting; it has been published on Facebook Parish Council Group and will also be on the Parish Council website.

The report, titled 'Don't fall for a scam' highlights identify fraud, phone, lottery and prize draw, clairvoyant, courier, investment, HMRC, dating, and distraction burglary scams amongst other types of scams.

RESOLVED: Noted. Votes all in favour.

22/228 To receive a report from the Highways Working Group

No report was submitted prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: Report noted and approved. Votes- all in favour.

22/229 To receive Financial Statement dated 1-30th November 2022: payments received, and invoices paid

A mistake was noticed, and an adjustment was required; this has since been amended.

RESOLVED: Report noted and approved. Votes- all in favour.

<u>Date</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30/10/22			
02/11/22	Cable ties for event poppies in Gretton	D.Miller	14.54
02/11/22	2 x Remembrance Day Wreaths	RBL Poppy Appeal	50.00
08/11/22	Parish Council Printer	CURRYS	54.99
08/11/22	MUGA Electricity	British Gas Lite	37.73
09/11/22	Installation and street service drawings for TVAS	M.S.C Groundworks Ltd.	610.00
09/11/22	Arnold Baker Local Council Administration Book	LexisNexis	131.99
14/11/22	Supply & fit window (Sports Pavillion)	S. Bullimore	70.00
18/11/22	Salaries (November)	Clerks & RFO	1502.95

18/11/22	PAYE	HMRC Cumbernauld	154.60
24/11/22	Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground Insurance	BHIB Insurance Brokers	492.87
25/11/22	Printing Community Day Flyers x700	The Copy Shop	280.00
28/11/22	Training Invoice 1667	NCALC	44.00
28/11/22	Annual Payment	Flag Stewards	30.00
RECEIPTS			
07/11/22	Fundraising donation for Skatepark		380.00
11/11/22	The Hunger Hut deposit		50.00
11/11/22	Garage Rent		35.83
21/11/22	The Hunger Hut		23.25
BALANCE			£63,027.90

NATWEST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 30th November 2022 Statement

Balance	£63,027.90
Add undeposited cheques	Nil
BALANCE	£63,027.90
Less unpresented payments:	Nil
Balance 30th November 2022	£63,027.90

22/230 To receive a report regarding the 2023/24 budget

Cllr. Wright alongside Cllr. Lilley discussed the 2023/2024 budget which has now been finalised and answered councillors' questions.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes – all 7 in favour.

22/231 To receive a report from the following Working Groups:

22/231a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters – Cllr.Lilley

Prior to the meeting, Cllr. Lilley reported on:

Neighbourhood Plan: process started to register Community Assets. Meetings: Cost of Living Crisis Meeting: Good Neighbour Scheme, looking into funding and grants. Linking to Rockingham Forest: A two-year partnership to raise local and national profiles. The recent Community Day. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure: Audits undertaken of walking and cycling routes, posters can be found being displayed in Parish Council displays and in local pubs for villagers to participate in surveys. Strategic Town & Council Forum Highways: Kier has been granted a new contract, Street Doctor response being audited, ongoing concerns of Gretton Brook Road have been raised. NNC Communities Strategy. Local Area Partnerships: NNC set up team to deliver integrated care system across region focusing on health and wellbeing. Policing: local priorities identified as road safety, drug dealing/misuse, anti-social behaviour. New PCSO to start in January. Asset Mapping Project and finally a Communities Update focusing on 'Homes for Ukraine'.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.

22/231b Communications including website, newsletters, press and blog – Cllr. Smith

Prior to the meeting, Cllr. Smith reported on:

Correspondence with a council employee who empties the bins in the village, having an issue with Cat Litter being put in the bins: this causes issues when emptying due to the weight. If this doesn't stop the North Northants Council will consider removing all the bins. All bin users to be mindful of only putting in appropriate waste.

Also mentioned was plans of website training with the new Clerk.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.

22/231c Highways Working Group – Cllr. Thompson

No report submitted prior to the meeting.

The Highways Working Group presented their survey and findings at the recent Village Community Day (02.12.2022) which had a positive response; this can be found on the Parish Council website and Village Facebook page.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.

22/231d Community – including buses, doctors' surgery, school liaison – Cllr. Husk

Before the meeting, Cllr. Husk submitted a detailed report on the following:

Gretton Primary School; improvement in parking and congestion issues, looking into funding of Parking Buddy Signs; School assembly focusing on Road Safety; how the school can get involved with the Cost-of-Living Crisis Scheme.

The bus services: Cllr Husk attended the 'Welland Wanderer Meeting' - investigating funding possibilities going forward. 'CommMiniBus' is offering a taster service; details to be released later.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.

22/231e Environment – including trees Pocket Park, fly tipping, litter collecting groups, Parish Path Warden, Welland Valley Partnership – Cllr. Newby

Before the meeting, Cllr. Newby reported on the Environment, 'Building the links for Rockingham Forest Launch' which has received nearly £250,000 of funding from The National Lottery Heritage fund; Fly tipping; The Pocket Park; Fix My Street and a recent course attended on Tree Warden Training.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.

22/231f Recreation ground – Cllr. Fox

No report was submitted prior to the meeting.

The Skate Park and outdoor gym has received the funding grant requested and are now looking at confirming contractors with aims of having this arranged by February. Intending to involve those who are interested in community to join them in discussions going forward with plans.

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

22/231f Village Hall – Cllr. Smith

Report submitted prior to meeting by Cllr. Smith

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.

22/231h Sports and Social Club – Cllr. Nicholls

Report sent prior to the meeting by Cllr. Nicholls. The following events are taking place: Bingo, Skittles Winter League, Christmas and New Year events. Discussing price increases expected on food and beverage items, the Recreation Ground waste system.

RESOLVED: Noted. Votes all in favour.

22/231i Youth Council – Cllr. Blamire

No report was submitted prior to the meeting.

During the meeting Cllr. Blamire discussed further possibilities of starting a Youth Club in the village, looking into possibilities of teaming up with other local events that Village children already attend.

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

22/232 To receive an update on Gretton Parish Council Deliverables

The Council is continuing with Deliverables as before.

RESOLVED: Received and approved. Votes all in favour

22/233 Planning Applications

22/233a NC/22/00471/DPA

Re: Ground floor extension to side and conservatory to rear

At: 25 Kirby Road Gretton Corby NN17 3DB

No objections to the above planning application.

RESOLVED: Received and approved. Votes all in favour

22/234 To receive a report on the recent 'Community Day'

The recent 'Community Day' was a success; the Parish Council was pleased with turn out and support from the villagers. Around 50 attended, many to see the results of the recent Traffic Survey.

The 'Good Neighbour Scheme' was promoted and received several volunteers.

The Community Day received lots of donated clothes which have since been arranged to be held at St. James' Church; people can discretely help themselves if required during Church opening hours. They will be held at the Church for a limited time period.

With the success of the first Community Day, The Parish Council intends for more going forward, with a focus on reaching a range of ages and personal situations in the village.

RESOLVED: Received and approved. Votes all in favour

22/235 To receive an update on the Lower Church Yard

Since the above was raised during the Open Forum by Rev. P. Frost at our last meeting (14.11.2022), The Parish Council has shared copies of the Deeds with the Church. The Clerk will investigate further and look at the minutes written from the time to achieve a better understanding of the situation and gain more information on the agreement made.

RESOLVED: Received and approved. Votes all in favour

22/236 To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting

Email was received by the Clerk from a concerned resident regarding the recent publishing of the Traffic Survey from the 'Highways Working Group'.

The Clerk will respond to the sender as discussed at the meeting.

RESOLVED: Received and approved. Votes all in favour

22/237 Councillor questions

Key has been requested to access Picks Field for The Forest School; the Clerk will arrange a key to be cut.

RESOLVED: Votes all in favour.

22/238 Close

Meeting finished 9:20pm

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.

22/239 Date of next meeting:

9th January 2023

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes all in favour.

Signed: _____

Cllr.Lilley, Chair Gretton Parish Council.

Date: 9th January 2023