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Minutes of the meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 14th February 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, Husk, Fox, Thompson, Smith, Nicholls, Blamire, Wright, Watt, I.Barkham (Neighbourhood Warden), M.Jarvis (Gretton Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, and the Clerk (J. Clark)

22/021 To receive and approve apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr. Newby and PC Wilson RESOLVED: To approve absences. Votes - all in favour.			
22/022 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. RESOLVED: No declarations were made.			
22/023 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022 RESOLVED: The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chair. Votes – all in favour.			
22/024 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council Cllr. Watt reported: NNC is reviewing green waste bin collections. At present, Corby and Kettering have green bin collections for twelve months per year, Wellingborough for eight months and East Northamptonshire residents pay an annual charge. Ten Afghanistan families have been settled in the area. RESOLVED: Reported noted. Votes – all in favour.			
22/025 Open Forum No members of the public were present.			
22/026 To receive a report from the Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Before the meeting, the GNW Co-ordinator reported on: Membership progress Addition of two Assistant coordinators Publicity Police Security: WhatsApp group, bike security markings scheduled for May 14 th and SelectaDNA RESOLVED: Report noted and approved. Votes – all in favour. GNW has asked the Parish Council for £80 to print SelectaDNA leaflets to circulate within Gretton. RESOLVED: This was discussed, payment was agreed. Votes – 6 in favour, 2 against.			
22/027 To receive a report from the Police RESOLVED: Report to follow.			
22/028 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team. It was reported that the role of the Neighbourhood Warden has changed and is now more focused on anti-social behaviour. Details of local and current engagement campaigns that the Safer Corby Team has raised awareness of are Dry January, Itsnotok Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence, and Safer Internet Day. Points of contact were given. RESOLVED: Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.			
22/029 (i) Finance: To receive Financial Report dated 1-31 January 2022: payments received, and invoices paid. Cllr. Wright reported that he had carried out the bank reconciliation for January, and the accounts were correct. RESOLVED: This report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.			
Payments			
Date	Purpose	Payee	Amount
04/01/22	Electricity for MUGA lights	E-On	51.00
04/01/22	Printing Gretton Life	Quantum Print Services Ltd.	298.00

04/01/22	Training x 2 INV-1725	NCALC	76.00
04/01/22	Parish Election May 2021	North Northants Council	1,1114.57
11/01/22	Neighbourhood Plan	J.Lilley	217.35
11/01/22	Flowers for the editor of Gretton Life	M & S	30.00
17/01/22	TP-link WiFi Access Point	Essanet Ltd Broadbandbuyer.com	54.84
18/01/22	Salaries (January)	Clerk & RFO	552.48
18/01/22	PAYE	HMRC Cumbernauld	91.00
27/01/22	Pavilion Electricity	British Gas	73.93

Receipts

04/01/22	Sports & Social Club arrears		53.78
04/01/22	Sports & Social Club Rent		192.46
05/01/22	MUGC invoice 1055		10.00
05/01/22	MUGA invoice 1068		30.00
11/01/22	Garage rent		35.83
13/01/22	MUGA Invoice 1072		40.00
17/01/22	MUGA Invoice 1073		40.00
25/01/22	WNC Highway/Mowing Grant April 2021-March 2022		567.00

BALANCE		£62,026.02
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NATWEST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 31 JANUARY 2022 STATEMENT

Balance	£62,026.02
Add undeposited cheques	Nil
BALANCE	£62,026.02
Less unpresented payments:	Nil
Balance 31st January 2022	£62,026.02

22/029(ii) To consider quotation for works to erect pole and fit speed sign

The quotation received from MSC Groundworks and Demolition -Total cost to supply and erect pole for speed sign and fit speed sign provided by GPC will be £360.00

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

The Clerk reported that there would be an additional charge of £655 VAT exempt to cover the cost of Street Works Licence Procedure Section 50 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991. Payable to Northamptonshire Highways,

22/029(iii) To approve payment of an invoice from NNC for Grass Cutting and Hedge cutting from 01.04.21 – 31.03.2022

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

22/030 To receive a report from Working Groups.

22/030a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters

Before the meeting, Cllr. Lilley reported on:

AMP Project – see agenda item 22/031

Gretton Parish Council Deliverables for 2022 – see agenda item 22/032

Training – see agenda item 22/034

A possible suggestion for a fundraising activity for either our Jubilee Street Party or another project was put forward for consideration.

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

22/030b Communications including website, newsletters, press

Before the meeting, Cllr. Smith reported on:

The Parish Council Blog – it was agreed that a Blog would be written as and when required and added to the website.

The new website – invoice to cover design and production of PC website and one year hosting from February 2022 is £2088.00 This was approved.

Gretton Life Magazine

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

22/030c Highways Working Group – Cllr. Mark Thompson

Before the meeting, Cllr. Thompson reported on:

Highways Working Group members, their first introductory meeting, proposals put forward for discussion, and date of next meeting.

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

22/030e Community – including buses, doctors' surgery, school liaison

Before the meeting, Cllr Susan Husk reported on

School Liaison – continuing to liaise with the school. Pupils have written to say thank you for the repairs to the equipment at the Recreation Ground. Pupils plan to design posters for display at the school to encourage everyone to look after the play area.

Clothes Bank – during January, 420kg of clothing was collected.

Doctor's Surgery – offer has been passed to surgery for patient updates to be shared on Gretton PC Facebook page.

Bus Service – grant application has been made from Cllr. Richards (Wilbarston PC) for £4,000 from the NNC Community Grants Scheme to fund Welland Wanderer for 2022/2023.

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

22/030f Environment – including trees, Pocket Park, litter collecting groups

Before the meeting, Cllr Rob Newby reported on:

Trees: Map showing potential planting sites for the Queen’s Green Canopy.

Ash trees which are showing signs of disease

Pocket Park: See agenda item 22/035

RESOLVED: It was agreed to investigate the Recreation Ground as a potential location to plant an ornamental tree.

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

22/030g Recreation ground – Cllr Fox

Before the meeting, Cllr. Fox reported on:

Potential new equipment locations at the Recreation Ground include an outdoor gym plus a skateboard and wheeled facility. Details of plans for funding was reported.

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

22/030h Village Hall

Nothing to report

22/030i Sports and Social Club – Cllr. Nicholls

Before the meeting, Cllr. Nicholls reported on:

Social activities being held include bingo, skittles, darts, and football. It is hoped that live entertainment will be held every quarter.

The Club plans to open the last weekend of February and the first weekend in March to provide refreshments for silver bands from the area who will be in Gretton on these dates.

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

22/030j – Youth Council – Cllr. Blamire

Before the meeting, Cllr. Blamire reported on:

Proposals to display Gretton Youth Council posters.

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

22/031 (i) To receive an update on the Asset Mapping Project (AMP)

The AMP is about preparing the way and building an evidence base for devolution. Assets and headline services in Gretton delivered by the unitary councils will be mapped by 31 March 2022. Members of the AMP Working Group recently attended a briefing. A grant of £307.19 has been allocated to GPC and may be used however the council wishes in connection with the project.

Assets of community value under the Neighbourhood Plan also need to be registered.

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

22/032 To discuss the 2022 Deliverables Powerpoint document

Before the meeting, Cllr. Lilley circulated the above document, which shows.

- 1) Business as Usual: Dates for PC business throughout 2022: PC meetings, Finance Committee, Annual Parish meeting, PC AGM, budget setting, Gretton Life publications, Remembrance Day Service, and Christmas tree on the Village Green.
- 2) Project Deliverables: Dates for traffic safety group, Youth Council, skate park & outdoor gym, Jubilee Street Party, Queen’s Green Canopy, Asset Mapping project and new PC website.

RESOLVED: Votes – all in favour.

22/033 To discuss Gretton Jubilee Street party

Cllr. Wright reported:

- 1) T.Meechan to submit street closure application
- 2) T.Forsey to produce a street party webpage
- 3) A letter will be sent to residents in Kirby Road asking how many cars they park along the road so that alternative parking can be arranged on the day of the party
- 4) Party will be held on Sunday 5th June 2022
- 5) Beacon will be lit at the Recreation Ground on Thursday 2nd June

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

22/034 Training

It was agreed to arrange a bespoke training session based on Responding to Planning Applications. This is for all members of the PC to attend.

ACTION: Clerk to contact NCALC to arrange.

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

22/035 To consider a report from the Gretton Pocket Park Society

Before the meeting, Gretton Pocket Park Society reported on:

1. Tree survey carried out in December 2020
2. Could the PC consider putting a path down the steep grassed slope from the footpath on Kirby Road opposite the kissing gate entrance to Pocket Park.

ACTION: Clerk to read the tree survey report and report back

Clerk to contact Highways regarding steps on the grass slope.

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

22/036 To consider Risk Assessment for Speed Indicator Device

Before the meeting, the Clerk circulated the above risk assessment

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

22/037 To consider Parish Council response to North Northants Enhanced Partnership Presentation Bus Service

This was discussed, and it was agreed that it was disappointing that no consideration for rural bus services was included in this plan.

RESOLVED: Respond to NNEPP expressing our disappointment that there are no plans to include rural bus services in the plan, despite there having been several meetings with NNC where numerous parish councils have requested assistance in supporting their local communities with a more extensive bus service. Votes – all in favour.

22/038 To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.

1. An email has been received from a resident who has put together a presentation of the history of the world's largest diamond, its presentation to Edward VII and its incorporation into the British Crown Jewels and wondered whether the PC would consider such a talk suitable for inclusion in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that a picture presentation would be suitable. It was suggested that this could be run with the History Society as a one-off.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the resident.

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

2. An email has been received regarding the Great British Spring Clean 2022.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Gretton Litter Picking contact.

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

3. Gretton Gardening Club has previously been contacted and asked if they wished to maintain the Jo Stone garden. This was raised at their AGM, and there was some interest but not sufficient to maintain it. It will be presented again at their February meeting.

RESOLVED: Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour

22/039 Councillor questions

1. Cllr. Blamire reported that the alleyway by Fulwell Avenue allotments is uneven and dangerous. She agreed to report it to Street Doctor.
2. Cllr. Thompson asked about the grit bin on Arnhill Road that a resident has asked to be moved from outside his house. On further review, it was agreed that rather than move the bin, it would be refurbished to make sure it is fit for purpose.

22/040 The meeting closed at 9.31 pm.

Date of next Meeting to be held on Monday 14th March 2022

Signed: _____

Councillor Jacki Lilley, Chair of Gretton Parish Council

14th March 2022