

**GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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, Newby, and Watt. C.Layland and B.Houston (Neighbourhood Wardens), PC Wilson, and the Clerk (J. Clark)

<p><b>22/041 To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> No apologies received.</p>
<p><b>22/042 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> No declarations were made.</p>
<p><b>22/043 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2022</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chair. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>22/044 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council</b> Cllr. Watt reported: The NNC draft budget was approved at a Full Council meeting—a 2.99% rise in council tax. £1 million set aside to tackle climate change. Free school meals to be made available during school holidays (voucher scheme). NNC has joined the Joint Central Area Growth Board. Garden waste consultation has now been published. Two grants are available: Let's Create Jubilee Fund and the Queens Platinum Jubilee activity fund. He has received emails from Gretton residents regarding a proposed cut in Penn Green Centre funding for the forthcoming year. As yet, no decision has been made. NNC has received no information from the Government regarding the placement of Ukrainian refugees. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Reported noted. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>22/045 Open Forum</b> No members of the public were present.</p>
<p><b>22/046 To receive a report from the Police</b> The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for FEBRUARY 2022 are as follows: <b>CRIMES – TWO</b> THEFT (22000118775): MONEY STOLEN BY EMPLOYEE (ENQUIRIES ONGOING) THEFT (22000119031): VEHICLE FRONT LICENCE PLATE STOLEN (FILED ALL ENQUIRIES COMPLETE &amp; SUSPECT UNKNOWN) <b>ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE</b> <b>MOTORCYCLE NUISANCE</b> There is now a Policing operation in place in CORBY and the surrounding area called OP: PACIFY, which has been set up to target this issue. This is being staffed by a dedicated PC &amp; PCSO for the next two months, and they have recently seized a motorbike in CORBY as part of the operation. I would ask anyone who witnesses a relevant issue to contact Northamptonshire Police and report it accordingly. PC Wilson gave the PC several electronic documents to raise awareness and offer guidance relating to CYBERCRIME for general distribution by the Parish council. He asked the PC to notify him when they would like to arrange another visit from the Beat Bus. Cllr. Thompson asked if there was any historical speed data available for Gretton. PC Wilson will put a request for this information from their Speed Enforcement Team. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Report noted. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>22/047 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team.</b> It was reported that their current focus is on anti-social behaviour and engagement work covering knife crime, NO MORE Week, child exploitation and the Great British Spring Clean 2022. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.</p>
<p><b>22/048 Finance:</b> To receive Financial Report dated 1-28th February 2022: payments received, and invoices paid. Cllr. Wright reported that he had carried out the bank reconciliation for January and asked the Clerk to add the amount of VAT paid on the electricity bills and DBS applications to the report. <b>RESOLVED:</b> The amended report will be presented at the April meeting.</p>

<b>Payments</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
01/02/22	Netball equipment (in lieu of netball grant)	S.Earl	310.00
01/02/22	Paint and materials for Pavilion	D.Evans	362.54
01/02/22	Labour costs for painting the Pavilion	D.Evans	1,650.00
10/02/22	Electricity for MUGA lights	British Gas	49.51
14/02/22	Replace gate post to cemetery and refit existing ironmongery	MST Construction	318.00
14/02/22	Training (Nuts & Bolts x 2)	NCALC	76.00
15/02/22	Electricity for Pavilion	British Gas	107.99
18/02/22	Salaries	Clerk & RFO	552.48
18/02/22	PAYE	HMRC Cumbernauld	91.00
18/02/22	Grounds maintenance and mowing – Recreation Ground	Spendlove Contracting Ltd	1,566.00
18/02/22	Grass and hedge cutting in Gretton	North Northants Council	2,820.00
18/02/22	Website development and one year of hosting	Peter Mason Photography Ltd.	2,088.00
18/02/22	2 x DBS applications for Youth Council	Care Check Ltd.	24.00
<b>Receipts</b>			
01/02/22	Sports & Social Club arrears		53.78
11/02/22	Garage rent		35.83
17/02/22	Credit received from E-On		146.42
<b>BALANCE</b>			<b>£52,246.53</b>
<b>NATWEST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 STATEMENT</b>			
Balance			£52,246.53
Add undeposited cheques			Nil
<b>BALANCE</b>			<b>£52,246.53</b>
Less unrepresented payments:			Nil
<b>Balance 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>			<b>£52,246.53</b>
<p><b>22/049 To receive a report from Working Groups.</b></p> <p><b>22/049a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters</b>  Before the meeting, Cllr. Lilley reported on:  Parish Council Consultation at Bulwick Estates.  Strategic Town &amp; Parish Forum meeting  NorthNorthants First Responders – PC could consider a small grant to support a training session at the Village Hall for residents.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.</p> <p><b>22/049b Communications including website, newsletters, press</b>  Before the meeting, Cllr. Smith reported on:  Communications: the new website is up and running.  Gretton Life Magazine. Contributions are being sent to the Clerk.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.</p> <p><b>22/049c Highways Working Group</b> – Cllr. Mark Thompson  Before the meeting, Cllr. Thompson reported on:  Traffic survey/questionnaire to be produced.  The next meeting will discuss the 20's Plenty Scheme. A representative from the Weldon Traffic Group is to join the discussion and share their information.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.</p> <p><b>22/049e Community</b> – including buses, doctors' surgery, school liaison  Before the meeting, Cllr Susan Husk reported on  <b>School Liaison</b> – Liaison with the school continues.  <b>Clothes Bank</b> – 270 kg of clothing has recently been collected.  <b>Doctor's Surgery</b> – Nothing to report.  <b>Bus Service</b> – Latest data has been circulated to PC. Match funding for Welland Wanderer is still awaited.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.</p> <p><b>22/049f Environment</b> – including trees, Pocket Park, litter collecting groups  Before the meeting, Cllr Rob Newby reported on:  <b>Trees:</b> Recommended actions from the previous tree survey to be considered.  Cllr. Newby has spoken to Network Rail regarding ash trees.</p>			

The Clerk has been in touch with Peterborough Diocese again regarding the hedge along Station Road. An update will be given at the next meeting.

The woodchip by the allotments has been moved but now obstructs a resident's gate at the end of their garden. Cllr. Newby to follow this up and get it moved.

Pocket Park Group will be planting hedging on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The next meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Welland Valley – No meetings have taken place.

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

**22/049g Recreation ground – Cllr Fox**

Before the meeting, Cllr. Fox reported on:

A consultation event regarding the proposed skate ramp, outdoor gym, and subsequent stages took place on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Minutes from the Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

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

Cllr. Lilley reminded Councillors that Cllr. Fox wished to step down as Chairman of the Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground Committee and suggested that we consider this at the PC AGM in May when roles can be changed if needed.

**22/049h Village Hall**

Village Hall AGM to be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm.

**22/049i Sports and Social Club – Cllr. Nicholls**

Before the meeting, Cllr. Nicholls reported on:

The budget for 2022/2023 has been agreed upon.

Forthcoming events.

S&SC need to recruit members of staff for the weekends.

A request to put the benches back on the field was approved.

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

**22/049j – Youth Council – Cllr. Blamire**

An Open Morning will be organised to enable children and parents to come along to find out what the role of the Youth Council is.

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

**22/050 Planning**

**Application NC/22/00024/REM**

Re: Details pursuant to condition 8 (Approval of All Reserved Matters) in respect of drainage infrastructure for the residential parcels in the northwest of Key Phase 1 (KP1) of planning permission 19/00351/OUT (Priors Hall Zones 2 and 3)

At: Priors Hall Development Site, Stamford Road, Weldon

**RESOLVED:** No objections. Comment made to Planning that the environmental report did not mention trees or deer in the area. Votes – all in favour.

**Application NC/22/00077/DPA**

Re: Proposed two-storey side extension

At: 3 Kirby Road, Gretton. NN17 3DB

**RESOLVED:** Object – no consideration seems to have been given to parking, and due to the size of the plot, sufficient parking must be considered. Votes – all in favour.

**Application NE/22/00084/REM**

Re: Reserved matters: access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale relating to the erection of 197no dwellings Parcels 19 & 20, Zone 3, Key Phase 4; pursuant to application 19/01219/OUT

At: Priors Hall Site, Kirby Road, Deene, Northamptonshire NN17 3EJ

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

**Application NC/22/00030/DPA**

Re: Replacement of existing windows

At: 69 High Street, Gretton. NN17 3DF

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

**Application NC/22/00018/DPA**

Re: Resurfacing of the front driveway to numbers 37 and 41B High Street

At: 41B High Street, Gretton. NN17 3DE

**RESOLVED:** No objections in principle. Comment made to Planning that the materials used should be in keeping with the surroundings. Votes – all in favour.

**22/051** To discuss the Gretton Jubilee Street party

Cllr. Wright reported:

- 1) Details of the Street Party will be published in the forthcoming edition of Gretton Life.
- 2) Application to close the road has been submitted.
- 3) Party to be held on the Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June which is the official day of the Big Lunch.
- 4) Volunteers will be needed on the day to help put bunting up etc.
- 5) T.Meechan has asked the Corby Radio Bus to attend; this has not been confirmed yet.

<b>RESOLVED:</b> This report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/052 Training</b> Paperwork has been submitted to NCALC to arrange a bespoke training session based on Responding to Planning Applications. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/053</b> To approve payment of Gretton Pocket Park Society’s expenditure for 2021/22 <b>RESOLVED:</b> A payment of £67.80 was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/054</b> To consider allowing advertising in Gretton Life <b>RESOLVED:</b> It was agreed that, since this is a Parish Council publication and, therefore, needs to remain impartial, no advertising will be allowed. Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/055</b> To consider grass cutting and hedge cutting quotes for 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 <b>RESOLVED:</b> It was agreed to accept the following quotes: NNC grass cutting and hedge cutting (annual number of visits x 10, price per visit £335.00). Estimated yearly cost £ 3,350.00 Spendlove Contractors – Recreation Ground mowing, 18 visits at £75 per cut. £1,350.00 Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/056</b> To consider using an area of Fulwell Avenue allotments as a possible site for a community log pile <b>RESOLVED:</b> It was agreed that this should be discussed at a later date. Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/057</b> To discuss Rockingham Forest Vision <b>RESOLVED:</b> This links to the Bulwick Estate plans and the Welland Trust work. It was agreed that the PC needs to keep up to date with these projects. Vote – all in favour.
<b>22/058</b> To receive a report regarding the Gypsy and Travellers Update for Parish Councils Before the meeting, Cllr. Newby reported on the update given at the recent meeting that he attended. There is an ongoing discussion around sites and land availability. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Report was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/059</b> Review of Gretton Parish Council Deliverables 2022 <b>RESOLVED:</b> Project dates were reviewed and updated. Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/060</b> To consider holding a Scarecrow Festival in Gretton <b>RESOLVED:</b> It was agreed to hold a Scarecrow Festival during the Fun Day weekend. Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/061</b> To discuss forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting <b>RESOLVED:</b> This will be held on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm. Clerk to publish Agenda. Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/062</b> To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting. Exchange of Land at Harringworth Road and Rockingham Road. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr. Fox reported that the query raised regarding rights of way is to be dealt with by the Landowner’s solicitor. It was noted and approved. Votes – all in favour. 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies. It was agreed that Councillors should complete the consultation independently. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.
<b>22/063</b> Councillor questions 1. Shining lights from the former Rockingham Speedway site. ACTION: Clerk to raise this with Highways. To also request an update regarding the water run-off from this site. 2. Cllr. Nicholls will contact the Community Recreation and Events Officer at NNC to report a damaged swing. 3. Cllr. Newby reported that work appears to be going ahead despite the planning application being refused. Cllr. Lilley stated that the Planning Department are massively understaffed and cannot recruit Enforcement Officers or Planning Officers. This seems to be a national issue.
<b>22/064</b> The meeting closed at 9.44 pm. <b>Date of next Meeting</b> to be held on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2022

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Jacki Lilley, Chair of Gretton Parish Council

11<sup>th</sup> April 2022