**Gretton Annual Parish Meeting**

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Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held **Monday 10th July 2023**, 7.30 pm, Gretton Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs Lilley, Fox, Wright, Husk, Blamire, Smith, Watt, T. Smith, The Clerk (S.Golding).

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| ***23/052 To receive and approve apologies for absence.***  Cllrs Newby, Thompson, and Nicholls absent.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/053 To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.***  No declarations for interest  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/054 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2023***  Signed.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/055 Open Forum***  Nothing to report.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/056 To discuss Picks Playing Field***  Proposal submitted prior to meeting. Village residents, D. Hall and S. Ellis attended, with suggestions to encourage increased use of Picks Playing Field. After discussion with Gretton Primary School regarding its current use of the area for ‘Forest School’ activities, they would like to facilitate more use by providing seating, sourced from the felled ash tree, with donated scaffold planks. Working with the school, they would also like to plant some fruit trees.  This initiative received a positive response and is welcomed by the Parish Council. Funding options are to be investigated, with the potential of working with Sophie Van Der Berg and linking this to the Nature Recovery plan. Gretton Primary School has offered a donation of £180, and Cllr Thompson has pledged 4 apple trees.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/057 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council***  Cllr Watt clarified that Corby Rural Ward is to be disbanded and Gretton to fall under ‘Gretton and Weldon Ward’; this will not come into effect until 2025 elections. Following an environmental concern previously raised regarding the Brook on Gretton Brook Road, Cllr Watt shared the Environmental Agency contact number, for any immediate concerns to be raised: 0800807060.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/058 To receive a report from the Police.***  Report submitted prior to the meeting.  The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for JUNE 2023 are as follows: **CRIMES – SIX**  ASSAULT (23000337582): NO INJURY (SUSPECT KNOWN, NO COMPLAINT, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED) \***LINKED**\*  ASSAULT (23000337585): NO INJURY (SUSPECT KNOWN, NO COMPLAINT, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED) \***LINKED**\*  ASSAULT (23000344917): NO INJURY – DOMESTIC (SUSPECT KNOWN, NO COMPLAINT, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED)  ASSAULT (23000365690): NO INJURY (ENQUIRIES ONGOING)  DRUGS POSSESSION (23000370013): CANNABIS POSSESSION (SUSPECT KNOWN, COMMUNITY RESOLUTION ISSUED, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED)  MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS (23000395655): ABUSIVE LETTER RECEIVED (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED) **\*\*LINKED\*\***  **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – THREE**  468 – 18\06\23: NUISANCE SCOOTER (NO POLICE ATTENDANCE DUE TO HIGH DEMAND)  135 – 21\06\23: ONGOING HARASSING ISSUES (ADVICE GIVEN) **\*\*LINKED\*\***  632 – 29\06\23: NEIGHBOUR ISSUES (ADVICE GIVEN)  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved |
| ***23/059 To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood***  ***Watch Co-ordinator***  Nothing to report.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved |
| ***23/060 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team***  Northants Safer Communities team has undertaken an Alcohol Awareness Week and Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week.  In Wellingborough, Rushden Lakes and Corby Town centre, teams have brought awareness to the community about Anti-social behaviour and how to report a problem. The Safer Communities team will attend the following local events: 3rd August – West Glebe family fun day; 12th August – Big local field day community event; Working in partnership with the fire service on 3rd August for Wild Fires Week.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. |
| ***23/061 To receive a report from the following Working Groups:***  ***23/061a* Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters – Cllr. Lilley**  Report submitted prior to meeting.  **Gretton Good Neighbours Scheme**: Second Skills Cafe held morning of 1st July. Hosted by Gretton Sports and Social Club. Approximately eight people came with all repairs carried out. Possible next Skills Cafe to be held in the Autumn.  **Village Resilience Plan:** Event held at the Village Hall on the afternoon of 1st July. Low turnout, but well received by those who attended. Two volunteers expressed an interest in becoming part of the management group. Follow up to be had with Darren Dovey. Thanks to Cllr Husk and Jackie Clark for their attendance and help at both events.  **Nature Recovery Plan:** Sophie van den Berg visited the village and discussed setting up a heritage/nature trail. Cllr Lilley visited Kings Cliffe to see how their community nature sites are set up and are used by the community. Exploring options for acquiring funding to purchase some land around Gretton to be made available to the community under the nature recovery plan.  An advertisement to go out to ask volunteers to come forward and form the Nature Recovery Plan Management Committee as a sub-committee of the Parish Council is being undertaken.  **Big 50 Conference:** Lesley Sambrook Smith (Deputy Chief Executive) at NCALC approached Cllr Lilley and asked her to attend the Big 50 Steering Group meeting helping to develop the Big 50 Vision for North Northamptonshire. ‘As we look ahead to 2050, we want to create a shared vision of what a good life in North Northamptonshire entails for all of us - residents, businesses, community groups and partners. This is an exciting and pivotal event that will shape the future of North Northamptonshire.’  **Gretton Life:** Yvette the editor has resigned from the post. We are sorry to lose Yvette as she has done such a good job in giving the magazine a more logical order and positive feedback has been received on her efforts.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  ***23/061b* Communications including website, newsletters, press and blog – Cllr. Smith**  Yvette has decided that this will be her last Gretton Life. A post has been published on Facebook and in this edition and reposted the clerk vacancy.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **23/061c Highways Working Group – Cllr. Thompson**  Report submitted prior to meeting.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **23/061d Community – including buses, doctors’ surgery, school liaison – Cllr. Husk**  Report submitted prior to meeting.  **School**- Nothing to report. Next visit to the school will be in the autumn.  **Bus -** Update via Cllr Nick Richards, Wilbarston Parish Council (who holds the contract for the Welland Wanderer with Lawsons) - newly appointed Principal Public Transport Officer at NNC, Danny Douglas has expressed support for WW and would like to help in whatever way he can. There may be some level of financial assistance later this year but unfortunately, nothing will be determined ahead of a review of rural transport activities due to take place in the autumn. It is at this point that cashflow becomes uncertain. Next minibus trip is on 19 July to Podington Garden Centre, and a further trip in August will be advertised soon.  **Doctor's Surgery** Nothing to report.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **23/061e *Environment – including trees Pocket Park, fly tipping, litter collecting groups, Parish Path Warden, Welland Valley Partnership – Cllr. Newby***  Report submitted prior to meeting, including tree survey, Pocket Park and Picks Field, Fly-tipping and enquiries made regarding hedgerow on Clinkers.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **23/061f Recreation ground – Cllr. Fox**  No report submitted prior to meeting.  Meetings upcoming with successful tenders for the Outdoor Gym and Skatepark. £5,000 grant received from NNC.  **RESOLVED:** Noted.  **22/*061g* Village Hall – Cllr. Smith**  Nothing to report.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/061h Sports and Social Club – Cllr. Nicholls**  Report submitted prior to meeting.  Sewer System – Correspondence between the secretary and Clerk about the sewage system. The issue is to be referred to as ‘recreation ground system’ and not a ‘sports and social club system’.  Events – requested a weeklong TENS license to allow the Sports Club to open to non-members for a week running from Saturday 16th with Karaoke to Friday 21st when school breaks up. To give customers who aren’t members a chance to use the club without becoming a member.  Skate Park - Broomskate are looking to meet with a small group to discuss the space and design.  Outdoor Gym- Preludic are looking to come and discuss the outdoor gym.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/061*i* Youth Council – Cllr. Blamire**  No report submitted prior to meeting.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. |
| ***23/062 Planning Applications***  23/062a: NC/23/00234/RVC  Re: Variation of Planning Condition 2 (approved drawings) of Planning Permission NC/21/00408/DPA (23.12.2021).  At: The Village Farmhouse 3 Maltings Road Gretton Corby NN17 3BZ  No objections to planning application.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/063 To receive Financial Statement dated 1-30th April: payments received; invoices paid.***  Amendments to be made and carried forward to next meeting.  **RESOLVED:** Noted. |
| ***23/064 To receive Financial Statement dated 1-31st May: payments received; invoices paid.***  Amendments to be made and carried forward to next meeting.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/064 To receive Financial Statement dated 1-30th June: payments received; invoices paid.***  Amendments to be made and carried forward to next meeting.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/066 To discuss replacement of pump at the Recreation Ground***  Correspondence received from Gretton Sports & Social Club Secretary regarding the issues with sewerage at the Recreation Ground. A financial offer has been made by the Sports & Social Club to assist in the purchase of a new system, dependent upon the Parish Council agreeing to addendums being added to the current lease, and the current terms of said lease extended by 10 years.  The proposal will be taken to the Finance Committee meeting on 19th July from which a report and proposal will be prepared for the Councillors to consider before officially responding to GS&SC.  **Approved**: 1 abstained; all other votes in favour of pump replacement payment.  **Approved**: All votes in favour for portaloo payment.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/067 To discuss the Recreational Ground byelaws.***  A consultation is required with the Friends of Gretton Recreation Ground.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/068 To review Press and Media Relations Policy***  Approved and signed without amendments.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/069 To review Transparency Statement***  Approved and signed without amendments.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/070 To review Management and Retention of Documents Policy***  Approved and signed without amendments.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/071 To review Standing Orders***  Carried forward to next month Parish Council Meeting.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/071 To discuss Welland Wanderer funding.***  Payment of £1,230 approved for Welland Wanderer funding contribution.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/072 To approve Insurance Renewal.***  Total premium of £1,724.66 for BHIB Council Insurance approved.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/073 To discuss Tenders previously advertised.***  Stonepit Paddock has been reoffered to previous tenant.  Arnhill Lane Field tender has been retracted; this will now be looked at for use supporting the Gretton Nature Recovery plan.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/074 To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.***  The Clerk has received correspondence from Gretton Sports and Social Club, Gretton Primary School Site manager, Gretton Cricket Club and Gretton Football Club - see agenda item 23/066.  A number of village residents contacted regarding overgrown hedges/boundaries, with some immediate success.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/075 To discuss the Clerk’s resignation.***  Due to a change in personal circumstances, the Clerk handed her notice to the Chair on 18.06.23. The job position has been advertised on noticeboards, website, and social media pages.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/076 Councillor questions***  Overgrown hedgerows raised; Clerk to contact residents.  NNC cutting remit: Clerk to share map with Councillors and to contact NNC regarding concerns.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/077 Close***  Close 21:30.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |

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

Chair J. Lilley

Date: 1st August 2023