**Gretton Annual Parish Meeting**

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Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held **Monday 12th June 2023**, 7.30 pm, Gretton Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs Lilley, Wright, Husk, Blamire, Smith, Watt Nicholls and Thompson. Stephen Gray, Trevor Smith, The Clerk (S.Golding). PC B. Wilson,

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| ***23/024 To receive and approve apologies for absence.***  Cllrs Newby and Fox absent.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/025 To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.***  No declarations for interest  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/026 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2023***  Signed.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/027 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2023***  Signed.  **RESOLVED**: Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/028 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2023***  Signed.  **RESOLVED**: Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/029 Open Forum***  Nothing to report.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/030 To discuss planning application NC/04/00130/COU***  Village resident attended to discuss his previous planning application and intention to gain Parish Council support. The property in question falls under the conservation area and has a separate land registry to the main dwelling on site. A previous application was granted for change of use from business to dwelling. It was explained to the resident that Gretton Neighbourhood Plan states that businesses are to advertise premises as available for a six-month period and this had not been adhered to. Due to a change in personal circumstances, the resident requires the building to be used by a live-in carer. The Parish Council is willing to review any new application submitted, on the understanding that reasonable considerations are made for suitable parking needs, being mindful that such an application should not set a precedent for other applications.  **RESOLVED**: Noted and approved. |
| ***23/031 To receive the internal audit report.***  Internal audit undertaken by Helen Heywood on 03.06.2023, approved by Parish Council.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/032 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council***  Cllr Watt shared his report and advised that the boundaries update now means there will be two ward councillors per four Parish Councils; he should now be able to attend more Gretton Parish meetings. Regarding the political changes of Cllr Sims, he offered reassurance that this will not affect the Parish Council directly. Ongoing water waste issue on Gretton Brook Road; reported to Cllr Watt that there has recently been a ‘milky’ appearance to the river. Environmental Agency previously involved with this situation and will be made aware of this finding. Potholes remain a priority issue across the county.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/033 To approve the AGAR report prior to submittal.***  AGAR report approved by Parish Council. This will now be submitted by Clerk.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/034 To receive a report from the Police.***  The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for MAY 2023 are as follows:    **CRIMES – THREE**  THEFT (23000265122): ATTEMPT THEFT OF BUILDING EQUIPMENT (SUSPECTS UNKNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED)  ARSON (23000310753): AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (SUSPECTS UNKNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED) CRIMINAL DAMAGE (23000319250): MOTOR VEHICLE DAMAGED (ENQUIRIES ONGOING)    **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE**    **SPEED ENFORCEMENT**  PC820 B WILSON & PC1927 A ETHERINGTON conducted speed enforcement at ROCKINGHAM ROAD on WEDNESDAY 17th MAY 2023 between 10:00rs & 11:00Hrs. No offences were recorded.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved |
| ***23/035 To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood***  ***Watch Co-ordinator***  No report submitted prior to meeting.  T. Smith was pleased with interest gained during Coronation Day events. As Facebook page is currently unused, there are plans to join Gretton News and Views page to promote group on there. WhatsApp group continues to be used positively and effectively.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved |
| ***23/037 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team***  Ivan Barkham, Neighbourhood Warden, is leaving North Northamptonshire Council (NCC).  In May, three anti-violence events, ‘Hope Heal Unite’, held across NNC area - Wellingborough, Corby, and Kettering, coinciding with the Police Operation Sceptre week and anniversary of visit of Knife Angel to the county.  All events were well received, with contributions from partners from various groups and agencies (including CIRV who intervene with people prone to recruitment into gangs, First responders, Police).  Schools across NNC area have been visited, to promote **Alcohol Awareness**; these educational sessions deliver information and advice to older primary school aged children before their teenage years.  **Anti-social behaviour – (ASB) Awareness Week –** 7th July, Willow Place Shopping Centre, 10.00 – 14.00; agencies will share information and advice regarding ASB and alcohol awareness. Social media to promote.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. |
| ***23/038 To discuss upcoming Gretton Village Resilience Plan***  Village Hall booked for the Resilience Plan and open to public on Saturday 1st July 14:00-15:30. Gretton Neighbourhood Watch and Gretton Neighbour Scheme will be in attendance.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. |
| ***23/039 To receive a report from the following Working Groups:***  ***23/039a* Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters – Cllr. Lilley**  No report submitted prior to meeting.  Cllr Lilley met with Sophie Van Den Bergh; funding is being investigated for potential local field purchase for the Nature Recovery Plan. It is believed that Gretton would be suitable for both a heritage and nature trail. Cllr Lilley is to visit Kings Cliffe later this month, to see how the Rockingham Forest Vision has worked in their community.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  ***23/039b* Communications including website, newsletters, press and blog – Cllr. Smith**  No report submitted.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **23/0*39*c Highways Working Group – Cllr. Thompson**  No report submitted prior to meeting.  S. Gray alongside Cllr Thompson and T. Smith, gave report on speeds recordings and busiest times, from data gathered 07/02/2023 - 26/05/2023.  Clerk to investigate costings of TVAS posts and licences required at remaining two entries into village, so TVAS can be moved around, and speed monitored in various locations. Zebra crossing outside Primary school being investigated, alongside extending 30mph limit to accommodate properties and entrances currently outside 30mph border; a 40mph buffer to be considered on entrances into village.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **23/0*39*d Community – including buses, doctors’ surgery, school liaison – Cllr. Husk**  **School**- PSA agreed to fund and procure two Parking Buddie signs. Awaiting outcome of additional funding bid to enable purchase of more signs. Road Safety article prepared by Student Council for next newsletter.  **Bus-** Successful trip for 11 passengers to Rushden Lakes on 18 May; trip for 14 passengers to Bosworth’s Garden Centre, Burton Latimer took place on 7 June.  **Doctor's Surgery-** Nothing to report.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **23/0*39*e *Environment – including trees Pocket Park, fly tipping, litter collecting groups, Parish Path Warden, Welland Valley Partnership – Cllr. Newby***  Fly Tipping: As before - 1 site cleared; 1 site partly cleared; 8 sites remain  Parish Path Warden: enquiry made concerning Hedgerow on Clinkers  Local fishing groups looking for Volunteers to monitor water quality etc.  Faulty Street Lights reported  Gretton Brook Road: update to follow on recent work  Hedgerows on Gretton and Gretton Brook Road' need maintenance  NB. Polluted water still flowing into river system. Awaiting NCC response.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **23/0*39*f Recreation ground – Cllr. Fox**  No report submitted.  **RESOLVED:** Noted.  **22/*039g* Village Hall – Cllr. Smith**  Nothing to report.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/0*39*h Sports and Social Club – Cllr. Nicholls**  Ongoing issue with sewer system; increasingly regular since sports teams returned to using Pavilion thus experiencing more usage. The Blue Bell announced its intention to close, leaving two pubs in village.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/0*39i* Youth Council – Cllr. Blamire**  No report submitted prior to meeting.  Gretton Primary approached and children asked what clubs they would like to see. There was a varied response, with consistent interest in sports or arts and crafts. CYPM are to produce an official report.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. |
| ***23/040 Planning Applications***  23/040a: NC/23/00172/DPA  Re: Single storey rear extension and front porch  At: 12 Fulwell Avenue Gretton Northamptonshire NN17 3DG  Parish Council want to ensure consideration has been taken regarding the street scene and building line.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour.  23/040b: NC/23/00191/LBC  Re: Demolish conservatory, install sash window in lieu French doors and carry out alterations and landscaping. Install pv/solar thermal panels to modern wing of property.  At: The Windhovers 22 Station Road Gretton Northamptonshire NN17 3BU  The Parish Council has requested that the conservation officer be consulted, and a copy of report seen.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour.  23/040c: NC/23/00183/DPA  Re: Rebuilding and extension of existing conservatory.  At: 2 Caistor Road Gretton Northamptonshire NN17 3DL  The Parish Council has requested that the conservation officer be consulted, and a copy of report seen. **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour.  23/040d: NC/23/00164/OUT  Re: Outline Planning Permission for up to 1 dwelling (all matters reserved).  At: 40 High Street Gretton Northamptonshire NN17 3DE  Parish Council will object to the application and has requested the conservation officer be consulted, and a copy of report seen. Concerns of over-development of the plot and potential impact on parking for this and surrounding properties, as well as impact on neighbour’s privacy. It was suggested that a bungalow or starter home be considered in accordance with the identified housing needs of the Neighbourhood. Any property approved to be in keeping with the local area.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. All votes in favour.  23/040e: NC/23/00187/LBC  Re: Alterations and extensions to outbuilding. New boundary wall  At: Manor Farmhouse High Street Gretton Northamptonshire NN17 3DE  Parish Council will approve with the stipulation that a condition is in place that the occupation of the annex should always be ancillary to the house and not as an independent or separate dwelling. As the property is in the conservation area, a copy of the conservation officer’s report to be seen and for the development to be if an appropriate size and material.  23/040e: NC/23/00158/DPA  At: 3 Clay Lane Gretton Northamptonshire NN17 3DJ  Re: Demolish existing garage/terrace and erect replacement carport/terrace with two  storey front extension and landscaping.  Parish Council has no comments to make,  **RESOLVED**: Approved. All votes in favour. |
| ***23/041 To receive Financial Statement dated 1-31st May: payments received; invoices paid.***  No financial statement provided.  **RESOLVED:** Noted. |
| ***23/042 To receive and approve minutes from previous Finance Committee meeting held on***  ***30th May 2023***  Minutes approved without amendment.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/043 To discuss the monetary value of felled tree.***  Quote obtained, valuing felled Ash tree from Picks Playing Field at £220.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/044 To discuss Beavers trip to Picks Field***  Beavers end of term trip to Picks Field approved on condition that a copy of their risk assessment is provided prior to the event, to ensure appropriate safety precautions have been taken.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***23/045 To receive sealed bids for Stone Pit Close, Corby Road, Gretton***  No sealed bid received. Clerk to investigate further options.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/046 To receive sealed bids for Arnhill Field.***  Sealed bid received. Ongoing investigation regarding getting water connected to the field as per original  agreement of purchase.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/047 To receive sealed bids for Fire Station Garage***  Sealed bid approved.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/048 To discuss Gretton Recreational Ground use.*** After recent dog incident, Recreational Ground bylaws are to be discussed at next month’s meeting, with intention of updating. Clerk to monitor ‘NNC Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control’ and present councillors with a copy of all current bye-laws within the Parish prior to the next meeting. **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/049 To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.***  Clerk received correspondence from St. James’ Church requesting Parish Council fund the Green Bin licence for the bottom Churchyard. Clerk to respond as it is not clear why a green bin is required.  **RESOLVED:** Noted. |
| ***23/050 Councillor questions***  It has been requested that the Clerk contact the Enforcement Officer regarding 50a Arnhill Road Caravan on site, despite planning refusal. Drainage, water, and electrics have been connected to the main building.  Highways to be contacted regarding ‘No Mow May’ on Gretton Brook Road. Letters to be written to several village residents regarding hedges requiring cutting due to obstructing roads and paths.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***23/051 Close***  22:30  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |