Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on **Monday 17th April 2023**, 7.30 pm at the Gretton Village Hall.

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**Present:** Cllrs Lilley, Wright, Husk, Fox, Blamire, Smith, Newby, Nicholls, Thompson and The Clerk (S.Golding). PC B. Wilson, PC Abbie Etherington and Six members of the public

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| ***22/305 To receive and approve apologies for absence***  T. Smith apologised for absence.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***22/306 To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.***  No declarations.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***22/307 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2022***  Misspelling of Cllr Nicholls name to be amended; no other comments made.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***22/308 Presentation of Parish Nature Recovery Plan from Sophie Van Den Bergh***  Sophie Van Den Bergh, Project Officer for Rockingham Forest Vision, delivered presentation to Councillors and members of public: connecting local communities to natural and cultural heritage of Rockingham Forest; raising its local and national profile; sustainability alongside initial development. Parish Council agreed aspirations are in line with Gretton’s Neighbourhood Plan. To progress in village, it will need to involve the community. Further information on rockinghamforest.org.uk  **RESOLVED**: Noted and approved. |
| ***22/309 To receive a presentation from Gretton Resilience Plan from Darren Dovey***  Main objectives: prevention rather than cure; resilience; developed, shared understanding of civil contingencies risks. Parish Council will provide key assistance in coordinating local response activities, identifying risks within community, drawing together resource information to enable support to be mobilised during an emergency. Plan to be used when threat of disruption or degree of risk to residents’ safety and wellbeing. Activation of plan to occur before, during or after emergency services alerted and involved; operation aligned to and in support of emergency services, not to replace it. To be presented to Village in foreseeable future as an engagement platform. Meeting to be arranged, including Mr Dovey and Councillors with Ziggy Westphal the Emergency Planning Officer and a DSA representative who have DSA report for Gretton flood risk.  **RESOLVED**: Noted and approved. |
| ***22/310 Open Forum***  Six village residents in attendance; no issues raised. Members of public in attendance to listen to Nature Recovery Plan or Gretton Resilience Plan  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***22/311 To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council***  Cllr Watt informed of recent changes to planning process; reassured Council of his availability if need to involve him in any planning applications. Potholes have been a recent focus; reporting on Fixmystreet encouraged. Cllr Newby raised ongoing concerns of condition of Gretton Brook Road. Electric Charging point budget available; previous applications unfortunately didn’t progress but will be reinvestigated.  Cllr Husk queried funding of The Welland Wanderer.  **RESOLVED**: Noted and approved. |
| ***22/312 To receive a report from the Police.***  Report submitted prior to meeting.  Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for March 2023:  **CRIMES – FOUR**  THEFT (23000155643): THEFT OF PLANT MACHINERY (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED)  ASSAULT (23000180371): MODERATE INJURY - DOMESTIC (SUSPECT KNOWN & ARRESTED, ENQUIRIES ONGOING)  MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS (23000186992): UNSOLICITED SHARING OF INDECENT IMAGES (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES ONGOING) \***LINKED**\*  HARASSMENT (23000187009): UNSOLICITED SHARING OF INDECENT IMAGES & REQUEST FOR FURTHER INDECENT IMAGES (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES ONGOING) \***LINKED**\*    **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE**    **POLICE SURGERIES**  On TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2023 between 09:30Hrs & 10:30Hrs PC820 B WILSON held a Police surgery using the Beat Bus at the RECREATIONAL FIELD, KIRBY ROAD, GRETTON.  On TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2023 between 11:00Hrs & 12:00Hrs PC820 B WILSON held a Police surgery using the Beat Bus at HIGH STREET, GRETTON.    **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**  On SATURDAY 25th MARCH 2023 between 11:00Hrs & 13:00Hrs PC820 B WILSON attended the SKILLS CAFÉ at the GRETTON SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB.  **RESOLVED:** Report noted and approved. |
| ***22/313 To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator***  No report submitted prior or given at meeting.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***22/314 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team***  Report submitted prior to meeting: The Safer Communities team will visit Corby primary schools to educate children on road safety sessions. Alcohol Awareness sessions to take place at Corby and Kettering Tresham Colleges. The Safer Communities team will also visit Corby primary schools for years 5/6 to educate about effects of alcohol.  Hope Unite Healing – knife crime -The Safer Communities Team will hold a stall about knife crime in Corby, Corporation Street on 17th May.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved |
| ***22/315 To receive a report from the Highways Working Group***  As per terms of Highways Working Group, policy report produced. Comprises recap of work commenced in their year of running. Village survey to allow residents to share views and highlight where they feel safety is an issue in the village, whether walking, cycling, horse-riding, or a vehicle. Meetings to discuss action and alterations came as result of survey and Highways Working Group connect with a local Councillor from a different Parish to compare.  Sarah Barnwell, NNC, participated in attending a visit of Gretton and shared advice and experience. Nationwide “20’s Plenty” scheme is in place throughout village. The group is sourcing funding to carry out further traffic calming measures which will require to include more TVAS equipment. Hope to achieve proposals put in place, within coming months and years, subject to funding.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. |
| ***22/316 To receive Financial Statement dated 1st-31st March 2023: payments received, and invoices paid***  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. Votes – all in favour.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Date | **PURPOSE** | **PAYEE** | **Amount** | | **PAYMENTS** |  |  |  | | 01/03/23 | GNS Mobile Sim | Tesco Mobile | 11.00 | | 09/03/23 | Printing Flyers | The Copy Shop | 32.24 | | 13/03/23 | MUGA Electric | British Gas Lite | 35.47 | | 14/03/23 | Clerk Training | NCLAC | 222.00 | | 20/03/23 | Salaries (March) | CLERK & RFO | 562.48 | | 20/03/23 | PAYE | HMRC | 140.40 | | 22/03/23 | Pavilion Electric | British Gas Lite | 68.82 | | **RECEIPTS** |  |  |  | | 06/03/23 | The Hunger Hut 1008 |  | 21.18 | | 13/03/23 | Garage Rent February |  | 35.83 | | 21/03/23 | Cricket Club Rent |  | 342.00 | | 22/03/23 | NACRE -GNS Start Up Grant |  | 700.00 | | **BALANCE** |  |  | **£42,758.47** | | |  | | --- | | **NATWEST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 31st January 2023 Statement**  Balance £42,731.87  Add undeposited cheques Nil  **BALANCE** £42,731.87  Less unpresented payments: Nil  **Balance 28TH February 2023** £42,731.87 | | | | | | ***22/316b Minutes approved for the last Finance meeting held on 13th April 2023.***  Minutes approved without amendment.  **RESOLVED: Votes – all in favour.** | | | | |
| ***22/317 To receive a report from the following Working Groups:***  **22/*317a* Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters – Cllr. Lilley**  Report received prior to meeting.  Neighbourhood Plan - listing of community assets:  response from NNC regarding application to have village hall listed as a community asset is ongoing; Clerk will submit this.  Gretton Good Neighbours Scheme: The Skills Cafe event on 25th March was well received; group is very grateful to GSSC for hosting. Another event will be arranged soon. Scheme has already assisted a villager who requested support. DBS checks for volunteers will start soon. Cllr Lilley has been working alongside Darren Dovey with the Community Resilience Plan.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/*317*b Communications including website, newsletters, press and blog – Cllr.Smith**  Cllr Smith is preparing new blog post for website.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/*317*c Highways Working Group – Cllr. Thompson**  Report received prior to meeting. See agenda item 22/315.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/*317*d Community – including buses, doctors’ surgery, school liaison – Cllr. Husk**  Report received prior to meeting.  School- School Council meeting in which students shared concerns and suggestions around parking and speeding issues in school vicinity and general village area. Key issues: cars parked on pavements and junctions reducing visibility; speeding cars; potholes causing cars to swerve. Suggestions included ‘Walking Bus’; further Police presence; extended double yellow lines; article written by children in school newsletter and Gretton Life.  Bus- Trip to Beckworth Emporium well received; further trip to Rushden Lakes being considered. Funding to Welland Wanderer being re-examined, due to eligibility issue with Wilbarston Parish Council who originally had applied for funding.  Doctors- Shared via Gretton News and Views Uppingham Surgery’s first newsletter. This will be quarterly and paper copies have been made available at the surgery.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  ***22/317e Environment – including trees Pocket Park, fly tipping, litter collecting groups, Parish Path Warden, Welland Valley Partnership – Cllr. Newby***  Report received prior to meeting.  Cllr Newby has attended and hosted environmental meetings with ‘Grow More Trees’, ‘Growing Connections’, Tree Warden Training Courses and Forestry First Aid. Fly tipping is ongoing issue.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/*317*f Recreation ground – Cllr. Fox**  Report received prior to meeting.  Tender documents deadline for submission 12noon, 21st April 2023. Fundraising necessary to maximise opportunities and match Parish Council’s committed contribution. Further damage caused to MUGA goals; Football Association grant being investigated for replacing goals.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/*317g* Village Hall – Cllr. Smith**  No report provided.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/*317*h Sports and Social Club – Cllr. Nicholls**  Report received prior to meeting.  Sports and Social Club continue to host events regularly, including Bingo every Monday; upcoming Fundraising race night with donations going towards cost of children’s activities at Coronation event. Cricket will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays in May, and Football training most nights on the field with 8 different age groups from 5–16 year-olds taking part across 10 teams.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved.  **22/*317i* Youth Council – Cllr. Blamire**  No report received prior to the meeting.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. |
| ***22/318 To receive an update on Gretton Parish Council Deliverables***  Council Deliverables updated. Outdoor Gym and Skate Park Tender Responses deadline is approaching.  **RESOLVED:** Noted and approved. |
| ***22/319 Planning Applications***  **Planning Applications:**  **22/291a Ref: NC/23/00085/DPA**  Re: Log cabin with apex roof to be located at the end of the  garden next to existing garage  At: 2 Harringworth Road, Gretton, Northamptonshire. NN17 3DD  **RESOLVED:** No objection. Votes- all in favour. |
| ***22/320 To discuss Gretton Coronation Day plans.***  Plans progressing well. Flyers to be distributed around village shortly, with more details. ‘Best Dressed House’ to be judged at 5pm on Saturday 6th May, with entries posted in Parish Council post box before 6pm on Friday 5th May. Agreed that as The Hunger Hut invited as part of celebrations, no charge to be made for electric usage as per normal agreement.  **RESOLVED:** Votes – all in favour. |
| ***22/321 To discuss the North Northamptonshire Greenway project.***  Prior to meeting, Clerk circulated PowerPoint to Councillors with information on Greenways Project. Cllr. Watts spoke about the project in more detail; it was encouraged that Gretton prepares its own plans for a cycleway for when a suitable project arises.  **RESOLVED**. Approved |
| ***22/322 To receive a report and discuss North Northampton Place Development Event***  Cllr Blamire alongside Clerk attended the event. Health and care services working together at a local level to focus on needs of community, with particular focus on GP access and social isolation; ongoing scheme.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***22/323 To discuss ash tree removed previously by Special Branch***  Ash tree removed from Picks Playing Field; felled tree in safe storage. Pocket Park requested to make benches from the wood; what to do with remaining wood to be readdressed.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***22/324 To approve policy ‘Risk Assessment Schedule 2020/2021’***  Clerk has carried policy forward to next month; up-to-date Risk Assessment currently being developed.  **RESOLVED:** Approved |
| ***22/325 To approve policy ‘Terms of Reference Asset Mapping Project Working Group’.***  Policy approved and renewed without amendments.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes- all in favour. |
| ***22/326 To approve policy ‘Terms of Reference Finance Committee’.***  Policy approved and renewed without amendments.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes- all in favour. |
| ***22/327 To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.***  The Clerk has received an email regarding a previous query on building work in the Conservation area.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes- all in favour. |
| ***22/328 Councillor questions***  Bus shelter outside of Village Hall has a leaking roof, Clerk has contacted NNC.  The CCTV covering childrens play area on recreation ground has outdated sign which will need replacing, Clerk has contacted Safer Teams Corby.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes- all in favour. |
| ***22/329 Date of next meeting***  Due to King Charles III Coronation bank holiday on Monday 8th May, next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 9tH May.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |
| ***22/330 Close***  Meeting closed 21:30pm.  **RESOLVED:** Approved. |

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

Cllr. Lilley, Chair Gretton Parish Council.

Date: 9th March 2023