

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on Monday 8th July 2024 at 7.30pm at Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby

Road, Gretton NN17 3DB

Members Present: Cllrs Lilley, Fox, Husk, Wright, Newby, Thompson, Blamire, C Watts Clerk

Others in Attendance T Smith (PLR & NHW), Steven Grey (Traffic Management Group), Cllr Kevin Watt

24/120 **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Nicholls, Turner and PC Brad Wilson

RESOLVED: Approved

24/121 **To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.**

Cllr Fox declared that he would be absent from the discussion of an item under correspondence

RESOLVED: Approved

24/122 **To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meetings held on 10th June 2024**

Minutes approved without amendment and signed by the Vice Chair.

Cllr Husk raised the point that should the 7 Principles of Public Life statement be on all documents. Clerk to prepare all future documents with this as a header

RESOLVED: Approved. Votes – all in favour.

24/123 **Open Forum**

No members of the public were in attendance

RESOLVED: Approved

24/124 **To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council**

At the meeting Cllr Watt shared that there was nothing to report due to the Election.

RESOLVED: Noted

24/125 **To receive a report from the Police.**

Before the meeting PC Wilson reported on:

The crime and anti-social behaviour figures for JUNE 2024 are as follows:

CRIMES – TWO

THEFT (24000343894): CABLE STOLEN (ENQUIRIES ONGOING)

HARASSMENT (24000346716): BULLYING – MENTAL HEALTH RELATED

(SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, FILED)

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE

RESOLVED: Noted

24/126 **To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**

At the meeting Trevor Smith shared that he had had a meeting with PC Wilson to discuss the hot spot parking issues in the village. He confirmed that the allocation of a PCSO has been confirmed (start date not yet provided). Evidence will need to be provided for the PCSO/PC Wilson to discuss with the residents who park incorrectly. Cllr Lilley shared photo evidence provided by a resident to Trevor Smith of the parking issue in Hatton Lane. Trevor Smith will visit the resident to give an update on the situation.

Trevor shared that he had spoken to the resident who was involved in a road traffic incident in the village. Trevor has encouraged the resident to report the incident via the Police Portal.

Cllr Lilley congratulated Trevor Smith on the NHW Newsletter that was published.

RESOLVED: Noted

24/127 **To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team**

No report received.

RESOLVED: Noted

24/128 **To receive a report from the following Working Groups:**

24/128a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters – Cllr Lilley

Before the meeting Cllr Lilley submitted her report (full report available on the PC Website)

At the meeting Cllr Husk shared that a resident has offered strawberry plant for the Community Orchard.

Cllr Lilley shared that there have been four volunteers come forward for the Community Orchard

RESOLVED: Approved

24/128b **Highways Working Group – Cllr.Thompson**

At the meeting it was shared that there is a MOU form to be completed by the clerk. Cllr Lilley has completed the application for the TVAS grant.

Action: Cllr Thompson to reach out to Steve Barber to confirm location for the pole.

Cllr Lilley asked for the next quarterly data report from the camera for comparison.

Action: Cllr Thompson/Steve Gray to arrange this.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/128c **Community –buses, doctors’ surgery, school liaison – Cllr.Husk**

Before the meeting Cllr Husk submitted her report (full report available on the PC Website)

RESOLVED: Approved

24/128d **Environment –trees, Pocket Park, litter collecting groups-Cllr.Newby**

Before the meeting Cllr Newby submitted his report (full report available on the PC Website)

At the meeting Cllr Newby shared that fly tipping is increasing. He regularly reports this problem.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/ 128e **Recreation ground – Cllr.Fox**

Cllr Fox reported before the meeting:

At the meeting Cllr Fox shared an appeal for anybody who is available to help at the Fun Day being held on Sunday 14th July.

Cllr Fox requested approval for the Parish Council to purchase Cricket stop nets and equipment as recommended by the cricket club to improve safety in the vicinity of the new skate park, at a cost of £739.98. Voted 6 for, 1 against.

Action: Signage on the MUGA fencing to be reviewed by Cllrs Fox and Wright in relation to owners parking their cars at their own risk.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/128f Sports and Social Club – Cllr.Nicholls

Before the meeting Cllr Nicholls submitted his report (full report available on the PC Website)

Based on a request from the report, at the meeting Cllr Blamire shared she would reach out to the working groups for what is required for information to go onto the Parish Council website.

Action: Cllr Blamire to contact GSSC for their requirements.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/128fg Youth Council and Social Media – Cllr.Blamire

At the meeting Cllr Blamire shared that she is working on building the website and adding all minutes, agendas and latest documents.

Cllr Lilley shared that the website will need to be used to its full for the Elections next year.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/129

Planning Applications received

NC/24/00153/DPA

Re New 3 bed dwelling At :57 Kirby Road Gretton

Parish Council to object with the following points

Overdevelopment of the plot; loss of light; blocking access; does not meet the housing need of the village; increase in traffic; parking; safety issues on access to the Village Hall; lack of turnaround space for Emergency vehicles, impact of noise and disturbance from users of the village hall.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/130

To receive Finance Statements for March April and May 2024 for Approval

March and April still have documents to be provided. May Invoices received checked and signed by Cllr Lilley

Cllr Wright shared that the phone box bill has Gretton Parish Council address but is for a postcode in Derbyshire.

Action: The Clerk to look into this.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/131

To Receive and Approve Minutes from the Finance Meeting held on 8th May 2024

Minutes approved and signed by Cllr Lilley

RESOLVED: Approved

- 24/132** **To Receive and Approve the adoption of the new Model Financial Regulations**
At the meeting Cllr Lilley shared that the Finance Committee met last month and reviewed the Finance Regulations. This document was circulated to all Cllr's prior to this evening meeting.
Cllr Lilley asked for approval to adopt the new Model Financial Regulations
RESOLVED: Approved Voted all in Favour
- 24/133** **To Receive update from the Governance and Efficiencies Group**
No meeting has been held to date
Action: Governance & Efficiencies Group to provide update for September meeting.
RESOLVED: Approved
- 24/134** **To Discuss the Bus Stop on Kirby Road and repairs required**
It has been confirmed that the Parish Council own the bus stop.
Action: Cllrs Thompson and Newby to lead a volunteer group to work on the project of replacing the roof, clearing the ivy and adding a bench
RESOLVED: Approved Voted all in Favour
- 24/135** **To Discuss Action List Report which has been created to view status of items from previous meetings**
Cllr Lilley shared that all Cllr's need to update and close actions that they are responsible for.
Overgrown hedges on Station Road and other privately owned properties: Clerk and Cllr Lilley to look at drafting a letter to deliver to properties within the village based on one sent by the previous clerk.
Action: Clerk to check the PC laptop for copies of previous letters sent
Action: Cllr Lilley has asked Cllr Newby to invite a Peter Woolston to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss hedge issues and solutions.
RESOLVED: Approved
- 24/136** **To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.**
Correspondence has been received from Gladmans who have previously applied unsuccessfully for planning permission on land off the back of Southfield Road in Gretton and are continuing to promote the land through the Local Plan consultation process. They have asked for an exploratory meeting with the Parish Council to review and provide an update and discuss their proposals. Parish Councillors will attend as an information-gathering exercise.
Action: Clerk to arrange meeting
Hatton Lane Parking problem still ongoing
Action: Trevor Smith to visit resident
An updated Planning Application for the 5 dwellings on Kirby Road has been made. following the Conservation Officer's comments, Parish Council have agreed to object as per the previous points as they all still stand.
Action: Planning portal to be updated
A resident has shared that the Allotments behind the houses on Kirby Road are overgrown and brambles are encroaching over garden fences.
Action: Clerk to contact NNC

RESOLVED: Approved

24/ 137

Councillor Questions

Cllr Thompson raised that a resident had shared with him that Birdcage Walk is very overgrown.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways.

Cllr Thompson raised that some residents have shared concerns on the work that is being done at 3 Arnhill Road. Turning cars and parking is an issue.

Action: Cllr Thompson to look at the original Planning application.

Cllr Lilley has raised that Emery have not cut the verges on Arnhill Road.

Action: Cllr Lilley to provide photos to the clerk and submitted to the contractor.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/138

Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 9th September

RESOLVED: Approved

24/139

Close

9.31pm

RESOLVED: Approved

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Signed

Date