

Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm at Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby

Road, Gretton NN17 3DB

Members Present: Cllrs Fox, Husk, Nicholls, Wright, Turner,

Others in attendance: T. Smith (Police Liaison Representative & Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, S Gray, C. Watts (Clerk) and One member of the public.

24/101 **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Lilley, Blamire, Newby, Thompson, and PC Wilson

RESOLVED: Approved

24/102 **To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/103 **To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the May meetings held on 13th May 2024**

Minutes approved without amendment and signed by the Vice Chair

RESOLVED: Approved. Votes – all in favour.

24/104 **Open Forum**

A resident, Steve Vargerson of Hatton Lane attended the meeting with 3 points he wished to raise.

1. One of the lighting columns on Hatton Lane has not been working since January. The Clerk and the resident are in contact regarding this and the Clerk to follow up with NNC.

2. The Hedge between Hatton Lane and Clay Lane can be dangerous when allowed to become overgrown. The hedge has been cut and the chair shared that the owners are aware it is their responsibility.

3. Mr Vargerson shared that Hatton Lane has a status of it being a Red Road which means that you cannot stop. Because it is residential and does not have a footpath it was re tarmacked around 16 years ago in red. There is an issue where a village resident is regularly parking on the bend of Hatton Lane. This car has been hit on a few occasions.

Trevor Smith shared that PC Wilson was made aware of this issue in the past and understood that the resident had received a warning. Mr Smith was asked to contact PC Wilson to discuss another stronger warning to be issued to the resident in question.

Fraser Wright spoke as Secretary of the Cricket Club. He shared that Steve Ellis undertakes caretaker duties at the Pavilion for the Cricket Club to receive additional grass cuts. The issue the club has is that the cricket field is not being cut by the contractor.

The Clerk to contact the Contractor and arrange a meeting to discuss the tender and the expectations of the Parish Council.

Steve Gray attended the meeting on behalf of the Speed Watch Committee. Request for approval for an additional volunteer Chloe Edwards, a Gretton resident, to join the committee was granted

The Speed Watch report showed that 36 vehicles were identified as going over the speed limit. The Clerk to send emails to the individuals involved in monitoring the traffic to thank them for giving up their time on this project.

It was agreed that it would be beneficial for the Parish Council to post flyers, with reminders on Parish Council Website and Facebook prior to the next speed watch checks, highlighting national statistics and to publicise and reinforce the reasons why these measures are important to the village.

The Grant that has been awarded will have a small amount of funds left and it was agreed that the Parish Council will support these funds to be used for traffic projects. A request for the Clerk to contact NNC asking for update on the issues that the traffic committee have previously raised.

Trevor Smith raised, as a resident, an issue with an overgrown Hedge on left hand side of Station Road as you go up from the Churchyard. The path becomes very narrow when it becomes overgrown and walkers are having to go onto the road to pass. Although the hedge has now been cut the bank is still an issue.

Mr Smith asked if Parish Council have the powers to enforce the bank to be repaired. Cllr Fox shared that they do not have the power to do this, and there is a long history of communications with the Highways Authority requesting that action should be taken to enforce the landowner's responsibility to maintain the hedge and also highlighting the need for effective repair of the bank and widening of the footpath.

Mr Smith agreed to take photographs of the affected area for submission by the

Parish Council

RESOLVED: Approved

24/105 **To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council**
No report received.

RESOLVED: Noted

24/106 **To receive a report from the Police.**

Before the meeting PC Wilson reported on:

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

CRIMES – THREE

OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS (24000252961): INDECENT IMAGE (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST).

ASSAULT (24000263371): DOG BITE (SUSPECT UNKNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED)

SEX OFFENCE (24000275464): SEX OFFENCE (SUSPECT KNOWN, ENQUIRIES COMPLETE, FILED AS SUSPECT SUFFERS FROM MENTAL HEALTH)

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS – NONE

RESOLVED: Noted

- 24/107** **To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**
At the meeting Trevor Smith reported that there had been some car break ins at Fulwell Avenue. Some villagers shared that they were being vigilant. The Opening of the skatepark generated 3 new members to the GGNS. Mr Smith raised that as we approach summer he will liase with PC Wilson to ensure that they are proactive with the area around the Weir with anti social zone signs etc.
The Police Liaison online meeting has been cancelled due to the Election.
Next AGM meeting on Police Liaison will be held 25th June
RESOLVED: Noted
- 24/108** **To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team**
 No report received. **RESOLVED:** Noted
- 24/109** **To receive a report from the following Working Groups:**
24/109a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters – Cllr Lilley
Before the meeting Cllr Lilley submitted her report (full report available on the PC Website)
RESOLVED: Approved
- 24/109b** **Highways Working Group – Cllr.Thompson**
Before the meeting Cllr Thompson submitted his report (full report available on the PC Website)
At the meeting Trevor and Steve shared that they have asked NNC for Horse Signs
RESOLVED: Approved
- 24/109c** **Community –buses, doctors’ surgery, school liaison – Cllr.Husk**
Before the meeting Cllr Husk submitted her report (full report available on the PC Website)
At the meeting Cllr Husk shared that the school is running a road safety week (10th-14th June) Actions included: an unofficial lollypop lady, posters and banners designed by the pupils, mini protests outside the school at the end of the day. A newsletter will be given to the parents.
The Bus service will be taken over by NNC at the end of June. Route and networks are currently being looked into by NNC.
RESOLVED: Approved
- 24/109d** **Environment –trees, Pocket Park, litter collecting groups-Cllr.Newby**
Before the meeting Cllr Newby submitted his report (full report available on the PC Website)
RESOLVED: Approved
- 24/109e** **Recreation ground – Cllr.Fox**
Cllr Fox reported before the meeting:
Notes from the Recreation Ground Meeting of 4 June 2024 have been circulated to all stakeholders. (full report available on the PC Website)
RESOLVED: Approved
- 24/109e** **Sports and Social Club – Cllr.Nicholls**

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

At the meeting Cllr Nicholls shared that the AGM meeting was well attended. They have made some changes to the membership renewal process. The presentation days for the groups were a great success.

The feedback from the committee meeting in relation to the first meeting for the rent review with the Parish Council was very positive.

All parties in agreement that the Social Club is working well with all the groups that use the club and its facilities.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/109f Youth Council and Social Media – Cllr.Blamire

No report received

RESOLVED: Noted

24/110 To Receive Expenses Policy for Review

This is to be rolled into the new working group to update

RESOLVED: Approved

24/111 To Receive Terms of Reference Policy for Review

This is to be rolled into the new working group to update

RESOLVED: Approved

24/112 To Receive AGAR report for approval and signature for the Clerk to submit

At the meeting the Clerk shared that the report had been prepared and work completed and issued for all Councillor via email.

Reports signed and dated without amendment by the Vice Chair. The Clerk to submit to AGAR and liaise with Cllr Blamire to post to the website

RESOLVED: Approved

24/113 Planning Applications

NN/24/00009/WASFUL- Kirby Lodge Composting Facility, Gretton Brook Road

At the meeting the Councillors voted to object for the following reasons,

Increase of Traffic, 4 lorries per day to 10 per day

Increase in Buildings.

Extension of working hours from 5 days to 7 days per week, to include maintenance work being undertaken at weekends,

Light pollution.

Clerk to prepare a response and send objecting to the planning application

RESOLVED: Approved- Voted all in favour

24/114 To receive Finance Statements for March and April 2024 for Approval

At the meeting the Clerk shared still waiting on access to the Tesco mobile phone account for GGNS. Being handled by Cllr Lilley and Cllr Husk. Statements cannot be signed until invoices are received.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/115 **To Discuss Action List Report which has been created to view status of items from previous meetings**

At the meeting the Clerk shared that the report has been updated and asked that the Councillors update their actions.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/116 **To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.**

- 1. A proposal for diversion of a Public footpath off the West Hill in Gretton to remove the need to cross the railway tracks Clerk to reply saying no comments or views.*
- 2. Planning application NC/24/00165/DPA 44 Arnhill Road. (Application received after the Agenda was prepared) Clerk to reply sharing no objections and GPC support this application*
- 3. Planning Application NC/24/00162/LBC 6 Caistor Road (Application not seen by the Clerk until after the Agenda was prepared) Clerk to reply sharing no objections and GPC support this application*
- 4. Clerk to contact NNC planning department for clarification on conditions of a planning application*
- 5. Clerk has received correspondence from a resident asking if there are any plans to replace the dying trees being removed from the recreation Ground. Clerk to reply stating no firm plans at the current time but is being considered in relation to the restricted space available at that location and also the potential opportunity to plant trees as part of the project for the recently acquired Arnhill field.*
- 6. Two quotes received for the tree removal UK Treeworks and CW Udale Ltd. A third quote was requested but no response received. UK Treeworks have been selected by the Parish Council due to cheaper quote. Due to the need to progress the work and the level of expenditure involved it was agreed that these 2 quotes are sufficient. Clerk to contact both companies.*

RESOLVED: Approved

24/117 **Councillor Questions**

No Councillors Questions were raised

RESOLVED: Approved

24/118 **Date of Next Meeting**

8th July 2024

RESOLVED: Approved

24/119 **Close**

9.10pm

RESOLVED: Approved

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