

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on Monday 14 April 2025 at 7.30pm at Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby

Road, Gretton NN17 3DB

**Present:** Cllrs Lilley, Fox, Husk, Nicholls, Wright, Newby, Thompson, Blamire, Turner,

**In Attendance:** T Smith(PLR & NHW)), A Wallace PCSO, S Gray (Traffic Committee member), C Watts Clerk

- 25/063** **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**  
Cllr Watt, no notice given  
**RESOLVED:** Noted
- 25/064** **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
- 25/065** **To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meetings held on 10 March 2025**  
**RESOLVED:** Approved. Votes – all in favour.
- 25/066** **Open Forum**  
*Two residents attended the meeting, and they raised the point that NNC have changed their funding policy on school transportation. Families will be charged for school transportation to Uppingham secondary school. They asked if the Parish Council were aware and if any support could be offered.*  
*The Council have agreed to help and support any campaign that was set up by publicising any information. Cllr Husk to contact Gretton Primary school to see if they are aware. The residents to set up a Co-Ordinator to liaise with the Parish Council*  
**RESOLVED:** Approved  
  
Two of the four residents left the meeting
- 25/067** **To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council**  
No Report received  
**RESOLVED:** Noted
- 25/068** **To receive a report from the Police.**  
Before the meeting the PCSO submitted a report (full report available on the PC Website)  
*It was shared at the meeting that the Police are looking into the shed break ins on Kirby Road*  
**RESOLVED:** Approved
- 25/069** **To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**  
*At the meeting points discussed included*  
*Two episodes of fly tipping of cannabis plants/equipment was confirmed. Parking issue on the yellow lines between School Road and Kirby road were resolved by T*

*Smith and the PCSO. Neighbourhood Watch group made the Village aware of burglaries that took place at East Carlton. Late night dog barking issue was reported. Report of gun fire was found to be Red Cross training at Spanhoe. A walk round the Village was conducted by Trevor Smith, PCSO and Steve Gray looking at parking issues.*

**RESOLVED:** Approved

**25/070**

**To receive a report from the following Working Groups:**

**24/070a** Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters – Cllr Lilley

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

*At the meeting Cllr Lilley shared that there was a meeting with the Community Orchard Management Committee. The topic of a draft Constitution for the working group for the council to review was raised.*

**Action:** Cllr Lilley to send out a draft for the Cllr's to review

**RESOLVED:** Approved

**25/070b** **Highways Working Group – Cllr. Thompson**

*At the meeting the last TVAS that is still to be delivered was discussed.*

*The Horse signs that have been put in the Village are not the official ones.*

*The May Speed Awareness campaign was discussed and it was confirmed that the Police will be in attendance over the month.*

**Action:** The Clerk to contact the TVAS supplier

**Action:** Cllr Thompson to contact the Pole fitter

**Action:** After the Election representatives from the Traffic Committee, Parish Council and NNC have a meeting to discuss the traffic plans for the Village.

**RESOLVED:** Approved

**25/70c** **Community –buses, doctors' surgery, school liaison – Cllr.Husk**

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

*The Badger is still causing issues at the Recreation Ground*

**Action:** The Clerk to report the presence of a Badger

**RESOLVED:** Approved

**25/070d** **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

**25/070e** **Recreation ground – Cllr.Fox**

*At the meeting the following items were raised.*

*Points that were raised at the Annual Parish meeting including the planning of the Fun Day and the need for an event calendar to prevent fixture clashes between the cricket and football clubs.*

*It was reported by councillors that communication with the Football Club has been lacking, there has been no response from the Football Club for a meeting with the Parish Council. Also reported that the two linemarking machines are unused and still in their packaging.*

*Cllr Wright has shared that the outside tap has been repaired.*

**RESOLVED: Approved**

**25/070f Sports and Social Club – Cllr.Nicholls**

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

*At the meeting the Sewerage project was discussed and the need for contact detail and instructions in view if the Beacon alarm sounds.*

**Action:** Cllr Fox to provide a poster showing the clerk telephone number to be published at the Box in the Recreation Ground in the interim until Key Holders List can be confirmed.

**Action:** Cllr Fox to provide a picture of Beacon published on Facebook explaining to the public what the Beacon is for.

**Action:** The Contractor who carried out the work to be contacted by the Clerk in relation to an annual service agreement and also to provide instructions on operation of new controls.

**RESOLVED: Approved**

**25/070g Youth Council and Social Media – Cllr.Blamire**

*At the meeting Cllr Blamire shared that she has been updating the Social Media and the website. Cllr Lilley thanked her for her work on the website and the improvements she has made*

**RESOLVED: Approved**

T Smith, the PCSO and the remaining two residents left the meeting

25/071

**Adoption of Policies**

Before the meeting Cllr Turner shared the policies to all Cllrs for review.

*At the meeting the Clerk provided a list of all the Policies and Councillors approved each individual Cllr Lilley thanked Cllr Turner for the work that was involved in preparing the Policies.*

**Action:** The Clerk to update the Policy list for it to be published on the Website and checked monthly for renewal dates.

**RESOLVED: Approved**

25/072

**Planning Applications Received**

**NC/25/00081/DPA**

Re : Two storey plus single storey rear extension.

At : 12 Harringworth Road Gretton North Northamptonshire NN17 3DD

**Action:** The Clerk to respond to NNC with no objections from the Parish Council

**NC/25/00058/COU**

Re : Change of Use from offices (B1) to dwelling house (C3) (Buckworth Barn)

At: Old Barnhouse 74 High Street Gretton Corby NN17 3DF

**Action:** The Clerk to respond to NNC To enable Gretton Parish Council to be satisfied that the terms of policy BE1 of the Neighbourhood Plan have now been complied with, we would require the following:

1. Evidence that the building was converted back to office use
2. Evidence of a valuation as a commercial building
3. Dated evidence of the marketing campaign undertaken for six months by the estate agent (Cunninghams).

Until such evidence is received, Gretton Parish Council objects to the change for the reasons stated in our objections to the previous applications (NC/23/00288/COU and NC/23/00495/COU )

**25/073**      **Annual Parish Meeting Feedback**

*At the meeting it was agreed that the format of the meeting was overall positive and very well attended. The question was asked how to keep the Groups engaged and talking with each other as there is a wealth of experience and knowledge within the Village. The Parish Council will ask the Groups to promote this meeting going forward within their own communities.*

**Action:** Cllr Lilley to investigate sending a round robin to all the Groups who attended.  
**RESOLVED: Approved**

**25/074**      **Election Update**

*At the meeting Cllr Lilley thanked all Cllr's for their help and support over the past four years. She also shared that the Cllr's who were not standing that they would be greatly missed. She shared that to date there are six Cllr's and two possible residents who would like to be co-opted. Posters have been published on the Website and Notice Boards inviting residents to put their names forward to be co-opted by 30 April 2025. Roles for the new Parish Council were listed and will be appointed at the May meeting.*

**Action:** All Cllr's to reach out to their groups asking if they would like to join the Council  
**RESOLVED: Approved**

**25/075**      **To propose the adoption of the Gretton Parish Council Volunteers Risk Assessment Management Tool**

*At the meeting Cllr Fox thanked Douglas Hall and John Husk for all their work and expertise in producing the documents. Cllr Fox was also thanked for the work that was put in by him. Cllr Fox shared that he would be happy to stay involved until it is all completed.*

**RESOLVED: Voted all approved**

**25/076**      **To receive Finance Statements for December 2024, January February and March 2025 for Approval**

*Cllr Wright shared he had November's report, and this had not been included. Raised that some reports had not been printed but reviewed by all. Proposal to carry over to the Finance meeting for signing*

**RESOLVED: Voted all Approved**

**25/077**      **To Discuss Action List Report which has been created to view status of items from previous meetings**

*At the meeting Cllr Lilley asked all Cllr's to update any actions with their name against them.*

**Action:** Clerk to go through minutes to confirm the actions agreed with fence and green on Clay Lane.

**Action:** Cllr Wright to provide the mowing maps for Website format for publication.

**RESOLVED: Approved**

**25/078**      **To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.**

*Nothing to discuss*

**RESOLVED: Approved**

**25/ 079**      **Councillor Questions**

*Cllr Newby shared his frustration with lack of communication from NNC/Kier in relation to potholes and fly tipping.*

*A nomination for a resident is to be put forward for the Rose award.*

**Action:** *Cllr Fox to complete the necessary form*

*The Overgrown Hedges at a residence was raised.*

**Action:** *The Clerk to contact the landlord asking them to work with their tenant to resolve this issue.*

*The new development of Warren Close was discussed, and the question was asked if it is going to be renamed.*

**Action:** *The Clerk to contact the Planning Department to ask this question and if the Parish Council will have any input.*

*Cllr Fox expressed his thanks to all he has worked with as this was his last Parish Council meeting.*

**RESOLVED: Approved**

**25/080**      **Date of Next Meeting**

*12 May 2025*

**RESOLVED: Approved**

**25/081**      **Close**

*10.00pm*

**RESOLVED: Approved**

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