

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on Monday 14 October 2024 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)), Councillor K Watt, C Watts Clerk

24/171 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from PCSO. Work Commitments

RESOLVED: Approved

A Point of order item was raised by Cllr Nicholls at the meeting

Cllr Nicholls wanted to apologise to all that he had not spoken to face to face about what he had said at the last Parish Council meeting. Cllr Lilley thanked Cllr Nicholls for his apology.

24/172 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.

Cllr Lilley shared that an email had been received by a resident asking for their confirmation that a planning application would be on the Agenda. The Clerk confirmed via email that the planning application was on the Agenda for discussion. The resident then sent a further email asking the chair to excuse Cllr Newby from discussing this application. The Clerk confirmed receipt of the email and that it would be passed to the chair for consideration. The Chair will remind all Cllr's of their obligation to declare any prejudicial interests at the meeting and ensure that they participate in discussions and votes in an objective and transparent manner throughout the meeting. The resident sent a further email thanking the clerk for your confirmation. They have asked that the Chair share the correspondence that has taken place to ensure openness and transparency at the meeting. The correspondence was duly shared, and Councillors asked to consider whether or not they wish to advise of any conflicts of interest. None were raised.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/173 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meetings held on 2024

Cllr Lilley shared that there was some confidential information that needed to be discussed so asked for two options to be considered. To ask non Cllr's to leave the meeting while these points were discussed or move it down the Agenda to the time when the Cllr's were alone. Cllr Lilley asked for a show of hands on the two points. Five hands raised for the Item to be discussed later in the meeting when Cllr's were on their own

RESOLVED: Motion Carried

24/174

Open Forum

The Chair welcomed two members of the public and advised that they had five minutes to raise any points they wanted to discuss. A committee member of the Sports and Social club was in attendance and asked for an update on the Sewage issue. Cllr Lilley shared that the Parish Council are still going through a tender process which will be shared when it has been decided what they can offer out as a solution. The time frame for completion is 31st March for a Grant of £5000 that was awarded to be spent. Cllr Thompson shared that he is still waiting for updates from local contractors. The Parish Council shared that they would update all parties as soon as they have further information.

The Secretary of GSSC raised with the Parish Council the report of one or more of their members has abused a Parish Councillor. They were seeking further information on this in order to review whether any action on their part was required in line with the terms of their constitution. The Chair advised that they did not possess the detail on this and would need to consult further with the Cllr mentioned. Based on this a response to GSSC will be provided via email.

The Chair shared that members of the public could leave but were also welcome to stay.

The Committee member of the Sports and Social Club left.

The Secretary of the Sports and Social Club stayed.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/175

To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council

Cllr Watt shared that himself and Cllr Newby are working together on the Gretton Brook Road issues

The Clerk to share email received from resident sharing they had written to MP Lee Baron. Cllr Watt to follow up

Cllr Watt shared that they would help with funding for a warm space in the Village Hall in the winter

RESOLVED: Approved

24/176

To receive a report from the Police.

No report

RESOLVED: Noted

24/177

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

At the meeting T Smith shared that there is still no PC allocated to the area.

We now have a PCSO Alison Wallace who will attend a Parish Council meeting when shifts allow.

The arson attack in the Pocket Park is still being investigated. The Chair shared that the Police have contacted her asking for a statement confirming the Parish Council did not give their permission to start a fire.

No date set for the next Police Liaison online meeting.

Nothing to report from Neighbourhood Watch

T Smith to ask the PCSO to send the crime report to the Clerk going forward

RESOLVED: Approved

24/178 To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team

No report received.

RESOLVED: Noted

24/179 To receive a report from the following Working Groups:

24/179a Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan matters – Cllr Lilley

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

Cllr Lilley shared that as part of the funding received for the Community Orchard a Secure Storage unit will be purchased. She has asked the Parish Council if this should be stored in an area in the village where others working groups can have access to the tools.

Cllr Lilley to share the dimensions of the unit to the Parish Council for suggestions of a location point.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/179b Highways Working Group – Cllr.Thompson

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

At the meeting the highway working group member share that they are receiving no replies from Highways on a number of matters, despite the Chair escalating to NNC on their behalf.

Cllr Lilley to forward the escalated emails to Cllr Watt for him to investigate.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/179c Community –buses, doctors’ surgery, school liaison – Cllr.Husk

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

Cllr Husk will provide an item to go in Gretton Life on the new bus service.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/179d 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 Lilley thanked Cllr Newby on his work on Sheep Dip corner. During the recent heavy rain there had been no report of flooding in this area.

Cllr Newby shared that the Diocese have been made aware of the dangerous tree across Station Road and it also being a traffic issue.

Cllr Newby to provide the Clerk with the contact details of the Diocese who need to be informed of the imminent danger the tree may present.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/179e Recreation ground – Cllr.Fox

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

RESOLVED: Approved

24/179f Sports and Social Club – Cllr.Nicholls

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

T Smith as vice chair of GGNS to be given contact details of the club for bookings for GGNS

Cllr Nicholls was congratulated on funds raised from Chase the Joker and distribution in support of the sports teams

RESOLVED: Approved

24/179g Youth Council and Social Media – Cllr.Blamire

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

RESOLVED: Approved

24/180

Planning Applications received

NC/24/00290/LBC

Installation of solar panels to roof of Millennium Barn. Installation of storage batteries and electric vehicle charging point

74 High Street Gretton North Northamptonshire NN17 3DF

The Parish Council Have no objections

NC/24/00288/LBC

Proposed replacement of 14 No. existing timber sliding sash windows to front and rear elevations. Replacement of existing rainwater gutters, downpipes and soil pipes to front, side and rear elevations. Installation of ground supported photovoltaic panels to parcel of land beyond south-western side of tennis court.

The Windhovers 22 Station Road Gretton North Northamptonshire NN17 3BU

The Parish Council would ask that this be referred to the Conservation Officer to conduct a full detailed inspection with a view to making a decision to salvage the existing windows and glass

NC/24/00271/DPA

Single detached dwelling with associated access & detached garage

36 Arnhill Road Gretton North Northamptonshire NN17 3DN

Gretton Parish Council would like the following comments to be noted and considered

1 Ensure that there is protection of the Public Right of Way

2 The Roof height needs to conform to be no higher than the property next door

3 Consideration to the previous application of 2016 especially in respect of tree planting and the reestablishment of the boundary hedge at Clinkers

4 Is there a possibility of overdevelopment of the site

5 Surface water run off could be a cause for concern

NC/24/00287/DPA

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RESOLVED: Approved

- 24/181** **To receive Finance Statements for 2024 for Approval for June-July-August**
These reports to be carried forward to the next meeting

RESOLVED: Approved

- 24/182** **To Receive and approve for Signature the minutes of the Finance Meeting held 11 September 2024**
These minutes still being reviewed and to be carried forward to the next month

RESOLVED: Approved

- 24/183** **To request approval to purchase safety signs from Brunel at a cost of £132**

RESOLVED: Voted all Approved

- 24/184** **To request approval to purchase a line marking machine from money held in the Recreation Ground Activity fund the sum of £892.50 plus VAT**

Cllr Wright questioned the procurement process and whether the Football Club had taken the actions agreed that the previous Recreation Ground meeting to ensure the return of the existing machine which is the property of the Parish Council. Based on this Cllr Wright proposed the deferment of the decision.

RESOLVED: Approved

- 24/185** **To Discuss Feedback provided by the Clerk from training with NCALC**
The Clerk shared that the training course has helped develop the skills needed. The Minutes and Agenda's will continue to be posted on the notice boards and Website. Cllr Blamire to post the papers at these sites.

RESOLVED: Approved

- 24/186** **To Discuss Action List Report which has been created to view status of items from previous meetings**

*Cllr Lilley went through the report asking for updates on outstanding items
Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Blamire left the meeting for a comfort break. 9.37pm
Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Blamire rejoined the meeting. 9.38pm*

RESOLVED: Approved

The Secretary of The Sports and Social Club left the meeting

To Discuss the Minutes re Agenda item 24/173

The discussion was closed to the general public and press for reason of personal confidentiality . It was agreed the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting would be corrected and updated for approval by the Parish Council

Cllr Husk to share her knowledge on minutes reporting with the Clerk

RESOLVED: Approved

24/ 187

To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.

Low hanging tree branches have been reported to the Clerk in the lower churchyard.

Cllr Fox will walk round the area to determine the action needed.

Picnic table for the pocket park has been approved for purchase so will be ordered.

RESOLVED: Voted all Approved

Cllr Lilley and Cllr Newby to look at the Weldon Parish Council Pre-Submission consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/188

Councillor Questions

Parking in Hunts Field has been raised to Cllr's from some residents during football seasons.

The Clerk to contact the tenant of Stone Pit to check on the maintenance of the field. Cllr Lilley made the Cllr's aware of the timeline and for the Budget and the precept meetings.

Cllr Wright shared that the Budget will be presented to the full Parish Council at the next meeting. Cllr Wright shared he would like their feedback before this meeting so that the Parish Council can be aligned before it presented to the public.

Cllr Blamire thanked by a resident for her assistance in updating reports to NNC.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/189

Date of Next Meeting

Monday November 11 2024

RESOLVED: Approved

24/190

Close

10.04pm

RESOLVED: Approved

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