

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on Monday 9 December 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: Councillor K Watt, C Watts Clerk and S Grey (Traffic Committee member)

- 24/214** **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
T Smith (PLR & NHW)
RESOLVED: Approved
- 24/215** **To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.**
Cllr Fox declared an interest on the Planning Application NC/24/00351/DPA to be discussed in Agenda item 24/222
Cllr Thompson declared an interest on the Clay Lane issue which will be discussed in Agenda item 24/217
RESOLVED: Approved
- 24/216** **To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 11 November 2024**
Minutes approved without amendment and signed by the Chair.
RESOLVED: Approved
- 24/217** **Open Forum**
Two residents from Holly Rise attended the meeting in relation to an area on Clay Lane that has been grassed and fenced. They shared that Highways had been in contact with them and advised they discuss with the Parish Council to see if a compromise could be reached.
Cllr Lilley shared that correspondence had been received from Highways in relation to this issue.
Action: Cllr Lilley to contact Highways sharing that the residents and the Parish Council have discussed this issue and would like to request that the NNC Grit Bin be moved to the grassed area.
Action: The resident has agreed to take the fence down.
RESOLVED: Voted Approved
- 24/218** **To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council**
At the meeting Cllr Watt shared that there is going to be a meeting with all the agencies to discuss the flooding issues in Northamptonshire. Sheep Dip Corner flooding was discussed. Cllr Newby shared that Kier were going to contact the Landowner in relation to this issue.
Cllr Watt shared that a neighbour issue within the village is still ongoing. Cllr Lilley and Cllr Watt to work together to try and help to resolve this matter.
RESOLVED: Approved

24/219 To receive a report from the Police.

No Report Received

RESOLVED: Noted

24/220 To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

No Report Received

RESOLVED: Noted

24/221 To receive a report from the following Working Groups:

24/221a 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 Thompson confirmed that he would be able to assist Cllr Lilley in collecting the trees for the Community Orchard in January.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/221b Highways Working Group – Cllr. Thompson

No Report Received

At the meeting S Gray (Traffic Group) shared that correspondence had been received from Highways in relation to the TVAS that was coming from NNC is no longer available.

Cllr Watt to raise a member's enquiry as to how this has happened and the lack of communication.

The Clerk to contact the Supplier of the original TVAS for an update on the delivery date and look to obtain a quote to purchase another one.

Action: Clerk to contact TVAS supplier for delivery date and quote for additional TVAS.

S Gray shared that he will be contacting Highways in relation to the ongoing traffic issues within the village.

Parking issues within the village were discussed.

Action: Flyers to be printed and placed on cars seen to be parking inconsiderately/ illegally.

Action: Parking campaign to be discussed at the January Traffic group with feedback provided to the Parish Council

Action: Traffic Survey to be posted on the Website in conjunction with a statement prepared by Cllr Lilley.

Cllr Lilley thanked Cllr Thompson for the work on the Bus Stop. He shared that the roof would be completed in the next few weeks. A request was received for a Notice Board and a seat to be fitted. Cllr Thompson agreed he would install these.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/221c 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 a resident contacted her in relation to the Bus stop sign which is missing.

Action: Cllr Husk to report to NNC

RESOLVED: Approved

24/221d 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/ 221e Recreation ground – Cllr.Fox

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

RESOLVED: Approved

24/221f 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 Club would be closed from January 6-17 and requested approval from the Parish Council for the interior to be decorated while the club was closed

RESOLVED: Voted All Approved

24/221g Youth Council and Social Media – Cllr.Blamire

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

RESOLVED: Approved

24/222

Planning Applications received.

NC/24/00351/DPA

Re : Change of use from agriculture to equestrian & horticultural, including new access and associated menage, buildings, structures and landscaping Land

At: Rockingham Road Gretton

Action: The Clerk to update the Planning Portal with the following points

Gretton Parish Council have reviewed this application and wish to following points to be considered.

- 1 The access to the site could prove to be problematic
- 2 Will there be live in staff on these premises
- 3 Gretton Parish Council are concerned about the Ecological impact on Bats and Red Kites who nest in this area
- 4 Lighting and utilities could have a serious impact on the Village
- 5 Traffic in and out of the site while construction is taking place will have an impact on Gretton Village

NC/24/00363/DPA

Re : Single storey rear extension, front porch, new access gates, change to external materials and new windows/doors.

At: 7 Caistor Road Gretton North Northamptonshire NN17 3DL

Action: The Clerk to update the Planning Portal with the following point

Gretton Parish Council have reviewed this application and have no comments to make

NC/24/00327/CLE

Internal alterations to create larger open plan kitchen & utility/w.c. area within attached outbuildings. Externally, the removal & sealing up of a single door & two

windows to the side elevation at ground floor level. The formation of an external door opening, corresponding to a kitchen window position to the rear elevation of the existing kitchen. The insertion of a Velux rooflight window to the existing lean-to roof plane above the enlarged kitchen.

36 Fulwell Avenue Gretton North Northamptonshire NN17 3DG

Drawings have been added to the Portal

Action: The Clerk to update the Planning Portal with the following point
Gretton Parish Council have reviewed this application and have no comments to make
NC/24/00378/DPA

Re : Two storey extension and integral garage to side

At : 76 Kirby Road Gretton Corby NN17 3DB

Action: The Clerk to update the Planning Portal with the following point
Gretton Parish Council have reviewed this application and have no comments to make

RESOLVED: Approved

24/223

To Discuss The Draft Budget

*Prior to the meeting Cllr Wright shared a copy of the draft budget with all Cllr's.
At the meeting Health and Safety training costs were discussed. Cllr Watt shared that there is a Community Empowerment Fund to which an application could be made.*

Action: Cllr Watt to provide the form for completion

It was agreed at the meeting that in principle the Budget is approved subject to finalisation of the few remaining items where final costs are to be entered with no reason to change the Precept.

It was also raised that although this agenda item had been well publicised no members of the public were present at this meeting and a statement would be posted that the Budget will be finalised at the next Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED: Approved

Cllr Lilley suggested a comfort break

Cllr Watt left the meeting.

24/224

To Discuss Sewage pump quotes

At the meeting access to the site was discussed along with the need for this to be completed this financial year due to the spending conditions of the Grant that the Parish Council has received.

Approval was requested that if the cost is within the budget set, that Cllr Thompson to contact the Contractor and authorise work to be undertaken.

Action: Cllr Thompson to contact the contractor to discuss complete costs for the project, access options and a start date and report back to the Parish Council

RESOLVED: Voted Approved

24/225

To Discuss Mowing Contract options

Prior to the meeting the Cllr's were asked to consider the following options

- *Continue to receive an annual grant from NNC and retain control of the mowing within the village*
- *Renounce the grant from NNC and hand back the mowing of Highway areas within the village*

Both points were discussed and voted on

Five votes to continue to receive the annual grant from NNC and retain control

Four votes to renounce the grant from NNC and hand back the mowing to Highways.

Action: Cllr Wright to finalise the Mowing Tender.

RESOLVED: Voted Approved

24/226 To Discuss Response to be given in relation to consultation of Remote Meetings

It was agreed that all Cllr's would complete the survey individually and if remote meetings were introduced they would agree.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/227 To Receive and Approve Minutes from the Finance Meetings held on 22 October and 12 November 2024

Minutes from 22 October signed without amendment.

Minutes from 12 November still being reviewed.

At the meeting Cllr Nicholls raised that under the item in the October Minutes "To Discuss the next steps in the renewal of the GSSC Lease it stated that "Cllr Fox shared that the Sports Club had confirmed they agreed with the proposal prepared and submitted to them" He shared that the latest proposal was sent to the GSSC Secretary after the October meeting

Action: Clerk to look at the notes of the October Minutes and update at the next Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED: Approved

24/228 To Discuss Action List Report which has been created to view status of items from previous meetings

At the meeting it was requested that this was deferred to the next month's meeting

RESOLVED: Approved

24/229 To receive a report on any correspondence received since the previous meeting.

1 Correspondence has been received from Nexus Fostering asking if they could publish Information to spread awareness about the need for foster carers

Action: The Clerk to reply sharing Cllr Blamire's email address for them to provide the information they would like us to post on our Social Platform and Website

2 Correspondence received from one contractor in relation to the Pocket Park Wall project

Action: The Clerk to follow up and send to all Cllr's for review

3 Correspondence received from a resident in relation to possible funding for Gretton Buses.

It was shared that there are ongoing conversations at this time with NNC. It was agreed that at this moment there is no need to look into additional funding.

4 Correspondence received from a resident asking for update on Parking issues around the Village.

Action: Cllr Lilley to provide an update on this

5 Correspondence was received from a resident in relation to Flooding at Sheep Dip corner and traffic using Caistor Road as a cut through

Action: The Clerk to reply sharing that the issue of Sheep Dip Corner flooding was discussed earlier in this meeting and the Minutes would be shared.

6 Correspondence received from a resident in relation to a Rural Grant Opportunity. It was shared that the deadline to apply had passed.

7 Correspondence was received from a resident in relation to Gretton Brook Road ongoing Issues.

Action: *The Clerk to reply sharing that Cllr's Lilley and Newby have been invited to a meeting with Environment Agency, Highways and the Local MP to a meeting in January to discuss and will update after the meeting.*

8 Correspondence received in relation to a request to rent Stone Pit Paddock.

Action: *The Clerk to reply to the resident stating that the field will be put out to Tender.*

RESOLVED: Approved

24/230

Councillor Questions

At the meeting the confidential correspondence between the Chair and the Secretary of the Sports and Social Club was discussed.

The Chair shared that this correspondence had been shared with all Cllr's after the last meeting and that the Chair had apologised to the Secretary of the Sports and Social Club and they both agreed there is nothing further to discuss.

Cllr Lilley thanked Cllr Thompson for putting up the Christmas Tree

RESOLVED: Approved

24/231

Date of Next Meeting

13 January 2025

RESOLVED: Approved

24/232

Close

9.55pm

RESOLVED: Approved

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