

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Gretton Parish Council held on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30pm at Gretton Village Hall, 61 Kirby Road, Gretton NN17 3DB

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

Others in Attendance: Smith (PLR & NHW), C Watts The Clerk

24/140 **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Cllr Thompson, Cllr Watt, PCSO

RESOLVED: Approved

24/141 **To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.**

Cllr Lilley stated that she would leave the room when discussions are being held on Planning applications 240 and 264.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/142 **To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meetings held on 8th July 2024**

Minutes approved without amendment and signed by the Chair.

RESOLVED: Approved. Votes – all in favour.

24/143 **Open Forum**

Members of the Public who were in attendance were informed that they would each be given 3 minutes to speak.

A resident from Finch Hatton Drive raised the issue of drainage and potholes on Gretton Brook Road. He shared that he has reported on Fix My Street but frustrated with lack of Action. Cllr Lilley shared that she and Cllr Newby have met with the new MP and discussed these issues with him.

Cllr Newby to follow up with the resident .

The Clerk to forward the MP's email address to the resident.

A resident was at the meeting in relation to the Planning Application

NC/24/00264/DPA 33 High Street Gretton North Northamptonshire NN17 3DE which the Chair explained would be discussed by Councillors at the appropriate point in the Agenda.

The resident shared that they would compromise on the height of the wall as requested by Highways but felt that the obstruction has always been there.

The residents from 35 High Street were also present at the meeting and shared that they have provided evidence to the Clerk via email that nothing has changed from the previous planning application for 33 High Street which was refused.

They shared that they felt the proposed application would be a nuisance and disruptive to them. They shared that they believed there are false declarations on the forms and that they are still undergoing litigation with the homeowner which has not yet been concluded.

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RESOLVED: Noted

24/144 **To receive a report from Corby Rural Division, North Northamptonshire Council**

No Report received

RESOLVED: Noted

24/145 **To receive a report from the Police.**

No Report received

RESOLVED: Noted

24/146 **To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative and Gretton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**

No Report received

At the meeting T Smith shared that we have had a new PCSO appointed and that we no longer have PC Wilson. No new PC has yet been appointed.

T Smith to raise the question at the next meeting with the Deputy Chief Constable as to when we can expect a new PC.

At the meeting T Smith shared that he had spoken to a resident in relation to parking issues at their residence. Discussions ongoing.

RESOLVED: Noted

24/147 **To receive a report from the Safer Corby Team**

No report received.

RESOLVED: Noted

24/148 **To receive a report from the following Working Groups:**

24/148a 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 Fox raised the possibility of setting out the objectives and targets for the Nature Recovery Plan and also ensuring that landowners and farmers in the Parish are fully engaged.

Cllr Lilley shared there is a meeting with the Nature Recovery Group and will report back to the Council.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/148b **Highways Working Group – Cllr.Thompson**

No Report received

RESOLVED: Noted

24/148c **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 to contact Lawsons for permission to publicise the new timetable on flyers to promote the new bus timetable. A new bus timetable to be posted in the bus stop.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/148d **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

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24/148e Recreation ground – Cllr.Fox

Cllr Fox reported before the meeting: (full report available on the PC Website)
In his report Cllr Fox shared the costs of Safety Inspection and maintenance of the outdoor gym and asked for approval.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/148f 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 goalpost on the recreation ground fell over and as a result a child has broken his leg. Steps have been taken to resecure the goal.

The skatepark, which had a hole in, has been repaired swiftly by the suppliers.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/148g Youth Council and Social Media – Cllr.Blamire

No Report received

At the meeting Cllr Blamire shared that the Website is being updated regularly. An email to be issued to the contributors to Gretton Life asking for their suggestions for any information they wish to be put in the next issue.

Training to be arranged for Cllr Lilley and the Clerk to be able to upload information on the website.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/149 Planning Applications Received

NC/24/00166/LBC

RE Fixing hand rails to front of building

At 74 High Street Gretton NN17 3DF

Approved. *The Clerk to submit there are no objections to this application but it appears it is a retrospective application as the work has already been completed*

Cllr Lilley left the room asking Cllr Fox (Vice Chair) to take over the meeting for the items 240 and 264

NC/24/00240//DPA

RE 2 Storey front extension and re render of entire property

At 1 Lyddington Road Gretton NN17 3DA

Approved

NC/24/00264/DPA

Re : Construction of 1800 mm high wall in random coursed sandstone to match existing together with a 1800 mm high timber fence between concrete posts. Farm style gate to be erected 5 m back from highway.

At : 33 High Street Gretton North Northamptonshire NN17 3DE

The clerk to email the Planning office raising the following points:

The Drawings are misleading as there appears to be a gate access at the end of the wall. The height of the fence has also been disputed Sandstone is not what we have locally, this should be limestone.

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*A question was raised on views and light being obscured for 35 High Street
The Council also agreed that parking and highway access standards should be upheld and that they would support the professional consultees views in the matter.
The Parish Council agreed, in view of the above, that they were not able to either object or approve this application and that the above comments should be submitted
Cllr Lilley came back into the meeting.*

NC/24/00267/LBC

Re : Repairs to fireplace and minor changes to chimney to meet current safety regulations.

At : 74 High Street Gretton North Northamptonshire NN17 3DF

Approved

24/150 **Neighbourhood Plan Review**

Cllr Lilley has asked for permission to defer the full review until NNC have their full plan in place. It was agreed that a smaller interim review would be undertaken and Cllr Lilley will give the council guidance on specific items that may require review.

RESOLVED: Approved Voted all in Favour

24/151 **Neighbourhood Plan Review on Community Actions**

Cllr Lilley shared a review prior to the meeting and raised the following points

*Approval requested that the Nature Recovery Plan group would now like to have input to our mowing plan. **Approved***

24/152 **Hedge cutting issues around the village**

Three letters were issued to properties in the village that were deemed to have overgrown vegetation. One resident responded and shared they were making improvements to address the situation at their property. Evidence was provided verbally that one of the other properties had also cut the overgrown vegetation.

Clerk to issue letters to the residents at the footpath on the recreation ground between Hunts field Drive and Finch Hatton in relation to the maintenance of the hedges.

RESOLVED: Approved

Cllr Newby to set up a meeting with the field owner and the Diocese in relation to the hedge on Station Road.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/153 **Rec Ground Sewerage update**

Cllr Lilley shared that the Parish Council were unsuccessful in the grant application from Asda.

Invitation to quote for tender of the works to be carried out to replace and install pump have been issued to seven contractors with the deadline set at 20th September 2024. A request has been entered that the Finance Committee be given permission to score the tenders received and an exceptional meeting be held on 30th September 2024 of the Parish Council to approve the tender.

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Consideration to be given to people who work at the Sports club and residents who use the facilities when agreeing a start date of the work being carried out.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/154

GSSC Lease Review update

A meeting has been held by the Gretton Sports and Social club and terms of the lease have been discussed. Parish Council Finance Committee to be updated prior to their next meeting.

Commented [JL1]: No RESOLVED status?

RESOLVED: Approved

24/155

Volunteer Training

Cllr Lilley shared that there is a First Aid course booked on 13th October 2024 for six people. There is one space left and asked if there were any other groups that would benefit to confirm their interest. Cllr Lilley shared that she is still awaiting to hear if the costs were going to be grant funded.

This item to be discussed further at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Commented [JL2]: No RESOLVED status?

RESOLVED: Approved

24/156

Cllr Fox to share information on Safety signs and Safety Inspections costs on Equipment at the Recreation Ground

This was covered in Cllr Fox's report

RESOLVED: Approved

24/157

To Receive update from the Governance and Efficiencies Group

The Group shared that they are in the process of reviewing the procedures and policies to determine statutory and recommended required.

The Clerk to provide the Group with the time and motion report that shows the clerk's workload to help determine the requirements of the group.

Commented [JL3]: Chrissie, this item does not have a RESOLVED status?

RESOLVED: Approved

24/158

To receive Finance Statements for March and April 2024 for Approval

Statements approved and signed by Cllr Lilley

RESOLVED: Approved

24/159

To Receive and Approve Minutes from the Finance Meeting held on 26th June 2024

Minutes approved and signed by Cllr Lilley without any amendment.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/160

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

Proper Horse signs from Ministry of Transport required. T Smith (PLR & NHW,) to follow up.

Pocket Park repairs quotes received, Clerk to provide the quotes for discussion.

Parking issues around the village to be discussed with the new PCCSO.

Meeting to be set up with Volunteers for training of power tools usage.

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Clerk to contact NNC on the overgrown weeds at the Allotments

RESOLVED: Approved

24/ 161

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

Email received on the issue of dog fouling on the Recreation Ground.

Agreed this is a continuing problem. Cost of posters to be investigated, and to publicise the issue on Facebook and the Parish Council website.

Other rubbish and dropping of litter on the Recreation Ground was discussed. Notices are being prepared to highlight the need for everyone to look after the Recreation Ground. The Recreation Ground group are working with the school to raise awareness and have received a grant for banners to be printed.

A disagreement occurred between two Cllr's at which point Cllr Nicholls left the meeting.

Cllrs Lilley and Husk will be attending the Kings Award for Voluntary Service Event to find out more about this award with a view to nominating volunteer groups within the village for awards if appropriate.

Email received from a resident in relation to overgrown vegetation. The mowing map will need to be reviewed to include an overgrown area between two properties that back onto the Recreation Ground.

To make all aware of Implementation of planning permission 14/00120/DPA from 2014 for three houses.

RESOLVED: Approved

24/ 162

Councillor Questions

No Questions raised

RESOLVED: Approved

24/163

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14th October 2024

RESOLVED: Approved

24/

Close

9.38pm

RESOLVED: Approved

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