

# GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Gretton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present Cllr's Dave Butcher, Richard Green, Geoff Hanson (Chairman), John Hurley and Mark Oliver.

In Attendance J Shields (Clerk) and one parishioner.

The parishioner asked that the village be kept as a rural village and that all public footpaths are retained.

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from County Cllr Gray.

## 2. Declarations of Interest.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest held by TBC and to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature.

Cllr Oliver has been appointed Chairman of the GVA.

## 3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The minutes were approved and signed.

## 4. Financial Matters.

a. To consider invoices for payment.

The following invoices were approved for payment:

J Shields	Clerks expenses (April – December 2022)	£91.41
D Green	Plants for the War Memorial	£37.46
British Legion	Wreath	£20.00

b. To ratify payments paid between meetings.

No payments were made.

c. Financial report.

Report had been circulated.

By the end of this financial year, the council will have a slight over spend on the budget.

d. To discuss the draft budget of 2023/2024.

Ideas were discussed to be included in next year's Budget.

To be reviewed again at next meeting.

It was agreed that it would be undesirable to increase the TBC precept, in view of current pressures on household budgets.

e. Penalty Notice from HMRC.

The date by which the Revenue expects completed returns has changed. The clerk is appealing the penalties and has adjusted filing times accordingly.

## 5. Planning Matters.

a. Planning applications for consideration.

None received.

b. Ratify comments on planning applications received that required a response before the next scheduled Council Meeting.

22/01059/FUL - Laburnum Gretton Fields Gretton Cheltenham. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

22/01032/TCA - Old Tower Cottage Working Lane Gretton Cheltenham. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

c. Planning decisions from TBC.

Permit

22/00553/FUL - Brandywine Cottage Duglynych Lane Gretton Cheltenham

22/00721/FUL - Tudor Cottage Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham

22/01032/TCA - Old Tower Cottage Working Lane Gretton Cheltenham

Consent

21/01426/LBC - Oak Cottage Greenway Lane Gretton Cheltenham.

## **6. Future Projects Update.**

The chairman provided an updated list which was discussed.

Cllrs to review and comment as part of the discussion regarding the '23/'24 budget.

Noticeboard and bench have been installed by Cllrs Hanson and Green, some of the funding for this came from the Build Back Better funding.

## **7. Village Communications and Engagement Update.**

The council would like to continue with community engagement and is very keen to work with all groups in the village, including the GVA.

A Facebook page administered by Cllrs Oliver and Butcher, will be used as a 'Noticeboard' for information, not a 'chat' group, should be live by the end of November. It will direct people to the improved web-site, for more information or detail.

Cllr Butcher is in the process of updating the Parish Council Website. This will be easier to use and access, and can also be used by other Village groups, such as the GVA and the Church. The site will be administered and paid for by the council but hopefully will be a useful general village communication tool.

## **8. Reports.**

a. Clerk.

Report circulated.

b. Greening Group.

Cllr Green and his volunteers are considering extending the wild flower areas in the village. This can be contentious, so further consultation is being considered.

Hornbeam tree on the Green, will be 'crown reduced' on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.

c. Traffic and Speeding

*"... Our community Speedwatch continues to be generally well received by residents and has a number of regular volunteers. We are in regular contact with David Holland, Road Safety & Traffic Management Officer in Gloucestershire Constabulary who is very supportive. Our last outing was 1st November. To date we have recorded 722 vehicles over 30 mph (approx. 50% of total) with 108 people receiving letters for travelling over 35 mph (approx. 8% of the total traffic). The police advise that most of our "offenders" are local to the area. Gretton is now a site for regular visits by the police speed enforcement van. We have been invited to participate in research into the effectiveness of Community Speedwatch initiatives.*

*The speed watch group are active in the mornings and an early evening group is in process. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Cllr Oliver...*

Cllr Oliver will be applying for funding, for a further Speed Indicator Device for the Gretton Fields end of the village (similar to that in-place on the Winchcombe approach).

d. Village Gateway - Alderton approach

Cllrs Hanson & Green had useful on-site meeting with Highways and Redbook residents (10/10/22). It is now planned to submit formal application for approval and 50% funding to Highways. Redbrook residents and GPC need to agree location and discuss with local landowner.

The faded 30mph sign, on the Gotherington approach has now been replaced.

Highways have agreed to refresh all the road markings on the 3-off village approaches.

With thanks to Cllr Gray for proving funding support.

e. Village Hall and Playing field.

*“... Apple Rock 2022 was a successful community event raising c£1000. £626 will be donated to Winston’s Wish as requested by the Sharman family. The new GVA committee has been formed with some new members.*

*Looking forward the initial focus of the committee is on both additional community engagement activity and hall utilization. It is also hoped that GVA will be able to offer more support to the S106 plans.*

*The Advent Windows have been launched.*

*A discussion as to GVA health will be required. Costs have been cut by requesting resident support e.g. free cleaning but a loss of £420 was incurred in 21/22 before contribution of Apple Rock and Jubilee*

*Sources of funding are continually monitored. Good support is being received from Mary Goodenough at TBC and Barbara Pond at GRCC. Latest funding opportunities as follows:*

*\* Warm Spaces Community Fund – GVA likely to progress*

*\* Crowdfunding – Cllrs Hanson and Oliver attended a workshop*

*\* Severn Trent Community Fund*

*\* The National Lottery..*

*\* Enover (due to proximity to Wingmoor Lane Landfill) - this scheme may be good for enhancing the wider area with wildflowers, making a ‘garden’ atmosphere*

*\*There is also funding through NHW. GPC members have offered suggestions...”*

GPC support of the Village Hall & Playing Field, in future budgets was discussed. GVA and GPC to discuss further, and make proposals. Initial thinking was to help with Playing Field improvements and maintenance, as this was of widest village benefit.

f. Bugatti Pavement.

Good news that this has now been installed, after much lobbying from GPC. However, there is disappointment that the kerb height is low, which may encourage parking on the pavement. GPC has spoken to Highways and Planning, but the kerb height is per the Highways approved plans. Agreed to monitor and seek improvements if necessary.

g. Flood Group.

Nothing to report.

h. Cotswold Warden.

Consideration is being given to improving the path from Greenway Lane to the 4-path junction as this is frequently waterlogged in the winter. This would be a 2023 project

i. Gretton Primary School.

A new head teacher will be appointed by September ‘23

j. Newsletter.

All items to be sent to Cllr Hurley ASAP, this will be delivered before Christmas and will include dates of activities over the Christmas period.

**9. Tewksbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council Update.**

No report received.

**10. Information and Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated to all councillors and listed in the clerks report.

**11. Items For Future Agenda.**

Budget and fix the TBC Precept.

Projects for '23 onwards, including traffic management projects.

**12. To Agree Date of next meeting.**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Signed

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