

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Gretton Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, on Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 7.00 pm.

Present Cllr's Richard Green, John Hurley (Chairman), Mark Oliver and Andrew Steward

In Attendance Clerk and three members of the community.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Geoff Hanson, Cllr D Gray (County) and Cllr Murphy (TBC).

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.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 24th November 2021.

The minutes were approved and signed.

4. Tewksbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council Update.

- GCC has set a draft budget that will be consulted on and come to full Council for approval. It envisages a 3% increase in council tax for GCC element, but that supports a 6% increase in spending, thanks to additional central government grants for adult social care etc.
- I have approved a £1,500 grant to the Tower Trust as part of Build Back Better initiative - this still has to get full GCC clearance, but that should happen in a matter of weeks. There is still some funding available if the PC has other ideas.

5. Planning Matters.

- a. Planning applications for consideration.
 - i. 22/00011/FUL - Pink Cottage Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham.
 - ii. 22/00012/LBC - Pink Cottage Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham.
 - iii. 22/00072/TCA - 4 Close Field Gretton Cheltenham Gloucestershire. The council has no planning reason to object.
- b. Ratify Comments on Planning Applications received between meetings.
 - i. 21/01408/TCA - Mandsley Duglynch Lane Gretton Cheltenham
The parish council has no planning reason to object.
 - ii. 21/01178/FUL - Telecommunications Mast Gretton Hill Farm Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
 - iii. 22/00033/TCA - 1 Close Field Gretton Cheltenham. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
 - iv. 22/00038/TCA - 1 Close Field Gretton Cheltenham. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
- c. Planning Decisions from Tewkesbury Borough Council.
Refused.
21/01197/PIP Gretton Farm Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham
No Objections
21/01408/TCA - Mandsley Duglynch Lane Gretton Cheltenham

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- d. Planning Application Amendment.
21/00805/LBC - Tithe Farm Gopshill Lane Gretton Cheltenham
- e. Appeal Notification
20/01139/PIP - Manor Farmhouse Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham.
The meeting was closed, to allow parishioners to give their views on this appeal.
The applicant stated that, although the application was a P.I.P, the intention was for three family homes and two bungalows, reflecting earlier objections from parishioners to the earlier application, and that the stone wall wouldn't be affected.
The meeting was reopened.
The council agreed to make no further comment to the appeal, as the appeal would be judged on legality not the plan in principle.

6. Financial Matters

- a. To Consider Invoices For Payment via BACS.
The council agreed to pay the following items via BACS:-
D Green Plants £172.54.
- b. Financial Report. (Circulated).
Glos GG Build back Better Grant of £1,000.00 had been received.
The council agreed to move £3,000.00 to the savings account to give the council the recommended one year's precept in reserve.

7. Reports

- a. Clerk. (report circulated)
The clerk had located a copy of the 2006 Parish Plan, which was given to the chairman.
- b. Greening Group.
 - The council agreed for Cllr Green, on the advice of Simon Silvester, to buy and plant ground covering plants for the following areas:-
The narrow strip immediately before the bridge on the RHS as you head towards the church. The proposal is to plant it with ground covering plants (Aucuba crotonifolia) and see what happens. Estimate £75.00 from this year's budget.
Low hedge on the LHS approach to Barn Close. This repeatedly gets reversed over by the dust cart which has to squeeze past school run cars. It is inevitable that this will continue to happen, so the proposal is to plant the hedge (Skimmia Japonica Rubinetta) set back a bit and extending from the end of the Barn Close sign to about the end of the white line. Set back from the road. Estimate £50.00, from this year's budget.
 - Wild flower sowing will be carried out in the autumn – no cost to the PC.
 - Welcome to Gretton Signs – Cllr Green to find out costs etc. 2022-2023 budget.
 - Village Notice Board - 2022-2023 budget.
 - Chestnut Tree- Quote obtained from Chris Arnold – Cllr Hurley to instruct the tree surgeon.
 - Church rewilding has been carried out by Church and WRG.
 - One of the Oak trees is to be planted in a field south of Marlborough Farm, by kind permission of the land owner, on Saturday the 12th February. Cllr's Oliver and Steward will obtain suitable protection for the sapling and Cllr Green will arrange planting. Cllr Oliver has asked Cllr David Grey and a member of the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire to attend. Site of the other tree is to be discussed with the GVA.

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- To mark the Jubilee, a bench is to be placed opposite school, the area to be looked at by Cllr's Green and Oliver to fit in with the planting. Cllr Oliver to obtain quotes.
- Cllr Oliver to look into external funding.

c. Traffic and speeding.

Cllr Oliver to organise Community Speed Watch and to find volunteers.

d. Playing Field Plan.

Cllr Hanson had E mailed the outlined proposal for the playing field and outside amenity for the Hall, the GVC are pursuing this and will use 106 monies, it will also need other funding which Cllr Hanson is pursuing.

8. Information and Correspondence.

- a. Cllr Hurley is monitoring the progress on the Bugatti pavement and litter bin issues.
- b. The Parish Plan is in progress.
- c. Speeding, there are 5 volunteers, to date, to take part in the community speed watch activity, Cllr Oliver is liaising with the Speedwatch Team.
- d. Platinum Jubilee, a village meeting is being held on the 7th February, to begin discussion, a £1000 grant from the Build Back Better Market Towns fund, has been received.
- e. Cotswold Wardens, the 2022 schedule of works has now started; Wardens cleared the path from the Langley Drover down to Far Stanley last week. Please let Cllr Oliver know of any areas needing attention.

9. To Consider The Budget 2022/2023.

The Draft Budget circulated was accepted with revisions. Precept is to be set at £11,100.00 a 5% or £1.99 per year increase on a Tax band D household.

10. Items for Future Agenda.

Capital projects.

11. Date of the Next Meeting.

March 9th 2022.

Signed

Date