

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Christs Church Gretton, on Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present Richard Green, Geoff Hanson and John Hurley (Chairman).

In Attendance Jackie Shields (Clerk), Mark Oliver, Andrew Steward, Cllr John Murphy (TBC), Cllr D Grey (GCC) and two parishioners.

The meeting was held in accordance with the government Covid -19 restrictions and public health. Everyone is required to sanitise their hands on arrival, and wear a mask throughout the meeting, name and contact details were taken.

In the public session time, ideas and views on the Neighbourhood plan, and /or Parish Plan were discussed.

1. Apologies for Absence.

No apologies were received.

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 Co Opt Two Councillors.

Mark Oliver and Andrew Steward were co-opted onto the council, all the relevant paperwork was carried out and the clerk will inform TBC.

4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held On Wednesday 5th May 2021.

The minutes were approved and signed.

5. Tewksbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council Update.

Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) declared a climate emergency in October 2019. Officers and Members of the Climate Change and Flood Risk Management Group then undertook a baseline audit of the Council's current carbon consumption. This was reported to Council in July 2020 along with an overarching action plan designed to achieve carbon neutrality in Council services by 2030.

Despite the impact of coronavirus on service delivery, good progress has been made to deliver the year one action plan. This included the application and award of external grant funding, totalling £305,200, to support the change of the heating system within the Council Offices. This upgrade is timetabled for later in 2021.

It has become apparent that the current resource allocation is not sufficient in order to continue progressing the action plan. The time being dedicated by both the Head of Finance and Asset Management and the Asset Manager is not sustainable in the longer term given their other work demands. Therefore, to support the delivery of the action plan, a permanent Carbon Reduction Programme Officer will be added to the base budget from April 2022.

At the last full Council meeting, Borough Councillors unanimously agreed that the Council reduce flooding and examine flood risk in detail before allocating more development sites.

The County has a healthy budget with a surplus of 3m, due to Covid 19, going into reserves.

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There had been a lack of investment in roads since 2008 and this council hopes to address this, Cllr Gray is hoping funds will be allocated to rural roads such as the one between Winchcombe and Gretton, which was not built for the amount of use it is now getting.

The councillor has a sum of £30K which can be spent on minor works such as potholes, footways etc. Please contact Cllr Gray with any ideas!

Cllr Gray also has £40K which can be spent on – ‘Build Back Better’ this can be used for small projects, to match funds, such as play equipment etc again please send your ideas to Cllr Gray.

The council is looking to install 1,000 electric car charging points do you know of a suitable place for one to go!

The council aims to plant 1,000 trees over the next few years, if you have an elder tree which has ‘die back’ the council will fell it and put wood in its place. The fund available for this will also include planting of hedges any measure that can alleviate flooding ie, retention ponds,

The council is looking at the system for changing speed limits, to reduce speeding in some areas.

The council has increased its budget over the last 5 years for cycling and walking from 3% to 12%.

6. To Receive Updates On Highway Matters

a. Traffic Calming and Parking.

A Portable Solar powered SID with THANK YOU / SLOW DOWN has been ordered for the Winchcombe end of the village.

White gates for Gretton Fields end, is still ongoing.

b. Roadworks.

Although the recent Gas and Water works have caused chaos in the village, it is now finished.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning applications for consideration.

21/00763/TCA - Bramble House 9 Duglych Lane Gretton – No planning reason to object.

21/00804/FUL - Tythe Farm Gopshill Lane Gretton – No planning reason to object.

21/00805/LBC - Tythe Farm Gopshill Lane Gretton - No planning reason to object.

b. Ratify Comments on Planning Applications received between meetings.

i. Part Parcel 0003 Evesham Road Greet Cheltenham Gloucestershire. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

ii. 21/00482/LBC - Abbotswyck Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

iii. 21/00567/FUL - Park Farm House Evesham Road Greet. The council has no planning reason to object

c. Planning Decisions.

None received.

8. Village Consultation and Neighbourhood Plan Update.

The Steering Group of nine parishioners plus three parish councillors, have had several ‘virtual meetings’ including outside bodies.

Action A final decision will be brought to the council, by the steering Group, at the next meeting.

This process and the recent pandemic has brought the village together, several small groups have been set up, one example is ‘Go Gretton’, which is a community initiative to increase knowledge of the existing rights of way and provide accessible information on the environment and local history of surrounding the paths. The council in principle supports these groups.

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9. Flooding Sustainability Report Update.

Progress has been slow due to the lack of correspondence from outside agencies ie County and District.

10. To Review the Councils

- a. Financial Regulations.
- b. Standing Orders.
- c. Code of Conduct.

The council has no reason to update any of the above.

11. Financial Matters

- a. To Consider Invoices For Payment via BACS.
None received.
- b. To ratify payments made by BACS between meetings.
No payments made.
- c. Financial Report.
Report has been circulated to all councillors.

12. Reports

- a. Clerk
Report had been circulated.
Completed audit for 2021-2022 has been sent to SKF External auditors.
- b. Representatives.
Tower Trust – The Tower, fully restored, now belongs to the Trust, with a view to it becoming a public space for the village.
GVA – Playing field on going.
- c. Councillors.
No report.

13. Information and Correspondence.

GAPTC AGM 24th July at Hingham. Councillors Hanson and Oliver will attend.
Memorial Maintaince – Cllr Steward will take on this role.

14. Items for Future Agenda.

Consolidate ideas to utilise some of Cllr Grey's £30k and £40k allowances and respond.
How the Parish will mark the Platinum Jubilee.
Review of councils objectives. Plan, status and outlook including discussion of how the various Parish bodies should co-ordinate
Update from Cotswold Wardens.

15. Date of the Next Meeting.

September 8th 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed

Date