

## GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Gretton Parish Council Meeting held via videoconferencing, using Zoom, on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 7.00 pm. The meeting was not recorded.

Present Cllr's Linda Clifford, Richard Green, Geoff Hanson, John Hurley (Chairman) and Terry Nixon.

In Attendance Jackie Shields (Clerk) and TB Cllr's J Murphy and J Mason.

### 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 Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held On Wednesday January 13th 2021.**

The minutes were approved and will be signed when appropriate.

### 4. **Tewksbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council Update.**

Various questions regarding the Christmas flooding were raised by parish councillors at the last council meeting. Cllr Murphy reported the following responses:

- The TBC website is currently being redeveloped and information regarding emergencies such as flooding is now planned to be more prominent.
- TBC's Head of Community Services confirmed that some residents in Gretton Fields did receive sandbags. He explained that the general policy on sandbags is that TBC keep a small supply for those residents who are vulnerable in terms of health and who don't have anyone else to support them. TBC generally advise residents to purchase empty sandbags from a builders merchant and fill them with sand or soil from the garden. Some places within the borough keep a supply of sandbags near a village hall and distribute them locally. He also explained that delivering sandbags is significantly resource intensive and TBC would never be able to fully deal with the demand that it sometimes faces.
- TBC has reviewed its current complaints policy. The new policy will now use "the 4 C's" that are adopted by the NHS. That is, Compliments, Comments, Concerns and Complaints. Complaints must be put in writing or entered via the TBC website.

Cllr Mason reported.

- Planning Inspector David Reed BSc DipTP DMS MRTPI has been appointed to undertake an independent examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the Tewkesbury Borough Plan (the Plan).
- Pandemic – TBC is currently administering the COVID-19 National lockdown grants, Additional restrictions grant and Restart grants. This is currently taking officers away from other duties.
- Tewkesbury Borough Council has approved a budget for 2021/2022, of £9.27m, which includes an increase in council tax of £5 per year for a Band D property. This increase - from £124.36 to £129.36 per year – will mean that vital public services in Tewkesbury Borough, including: waste and recycling collections; planning services; housing;

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benefits; elections; environmental health; tourism and much more, can be delivered at a cost to the average Band D homeowner of less than £2.50 a week.

### 5. To Receive Updates On Highway Matters.

a. Traffic Calming and Parking.

Cllr Hansen has been advised by Highways, that the parish can only use a moveable sign.

**Action.** Cllr Hanson to investigate.

b. Outstanding issues

Cllrs Hurley and Hanson are 'chasing' the footway reinstatement at the Bugatti development, Road surface of the Winchcombe Road and the cutting back of hedges at the Manor Farm House and opposite Myrtle Cottage.

c. Roadworks.

Temporary road closure C91, Winchcombe Road: Ref/7222 and Road Closure - TTRO 0152 Winchcombe Road, Gretton to enable work on the Gas Main.

### 6. Planning Matters

a. Planning applications for consideration.

i. 21/00295/TCA - The Maples 3 Close Field Gretton. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

ii. 21/00251/TCA - 9 Church Row Gretton Cheltenham. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

b. Consideration of any further planning applications received that require a response before the next scheduled Council Meeting (details to be published on the website).

21/00281/FUL - The Granary Stanley Pontlarge Winchcombe Gloucestershire. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

c. Ratify Comments on Planning Applications received between meetings.

i. 20/01139/PIP | Permission in Principle for the erection of 1 No. to 6 No. dwellings on land north of Manor Farmhouse Gretton Road Gretton. Further to the parish council comments submitted on the 7.12.2020. Due to recent flooding events in the village, which identified sewage problems locally. The council would like to add to its objection, the ability of the Severn Trent system to cope with the addition of a further 6 houses.

ii. 21/00097/FUL Pilgrims Gretton Road Gretton. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

iii. 21/00131/TCA - Oak Cottage Greenway Lane Gretton. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

iv. 21/00134/TCA - Bankside Greenway Lane Gretton. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

d. Planning Decisions.

Approved by TBC

20/01187/TCA - Cupshill Cottage Duglynch Lane Gretton Cheltenham

20/01188/TCA - Oak Cottage Greenway Lane Gretton Cheltenham

20/00934/FUL - 4 Barn Close Gretton Cheltenham Gloucestershire

Refused by TBC

20/01139/PIP - Manor Farmhouse Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham

20/00773/FUL - Myrtle Cottage Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham

**7. Village Consultation and Neighbourhood Plan Update.**

Cllr Hanson has contacted all the volunteers and is awaiting a response from all before progressing. Cllr Hanson will look at other 'Local' plans to see which companies they used.

**8. Flooding Sustainability Report Update.**

The Parish Council's flooding sub group had met and put together a report, with maps to identify problems, on flooding in Gretton and Gretton Fields. A further meeting had agreed an action plan to tackle the urgent maintenance issues which contributed to the pre-Christmas floods.

Parish Councillors Clifford and Nixon, with volunteers have carried out the maintenance work that they could do to safeguard homes, clearing grips and culverts, but as the action plan shows we do now need to work with the relevant responsible authorities to ensure both the urgent and routine maintenance which will help to protect dwellings from future flooding taking place. This involves both riparian responsibilities and the statutory responsibilities of Gloucestershire County Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council.

Cllr Hurley had contacted the relevant authorities and the Gloucestershire County Council Flood Risk Management Officer was arranging a meeting.

The council is awaiting a response to Riparian responsibilities of householders from TBC.

**9. To Discuss Recent Changes to the LGA Model Code of Conduct.**

The council had been informed as a matter of courtesy and will be advised by TBC, if a change to Gretton Code of Conduct is required.

**10. Financial Matters**

a. To Consider Invoices For Payment via BACS.

The council agreed to pay the following items via BACS:-

GAPTA	Subs	£124.20
C heartbeat	Adult pads	£51.60
C Heartbeat	Adult Pads	£50.40

b. To ratify payments made by BACS between meetings.

None made.

c. Financial Report.

Financial report was presented to the council.

**11. Reports**

a. Clerk

The report had been circulated

b. Representatives.

GVA – New heating system has been installed, 106 monies are still being investigated.

Cllr Green had informed the school of the impending road closure.

c. Councillors.

Tower – The trust is in the process of having the Deeds changed, once the area has been made safe, it can be used as an another leisure facility in the village.

War memorial – Cllr Clifford had removed all the wreaths and tidied the area.

**12. Information and Correspondence.**

a. The council has responded to PC1-21 - Right to Regenerate.

b. Fundraiser on the village green.

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The council has approved the use of the green for a sale in aid of Tom Moore fund for NHS charities.

c. Public Rights of Way and the significance of 2026.

Cllr Green had compared the GCC public rights of way map with the Ordnance Survey map and cannot see any differences.

### **13. Items for Future Agenda.**

Co-option of two councillors, due to the upcoming house move of Cllrs Clifford and Nixon.

### **14. Date of the Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May Via Zoom to include the Annual Parish Meeting.

Signed

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