

## GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Gretton Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00 pm.

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

In Attendance J Shields (Clerk).

### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr John Hurley, Andrew Steward, Cllr D Gray (County) Cllr Mason (TBC) 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 26th January 2022.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

No reports received.

### **5. Planning Matters.**

a. Planning applications for consideration.

22/00108/FUL - The Maples Gretton Fields Gretton Cheltenham. The council has no planning reason to object.

b. Ratify Comments on Planning Applications received between meetings.

None.

c. Planning Decisions from Tewkesbury Borough Council.

No Objections

22/00033/TCA - 1 Close Field Gretton Cheltenham Gloucestershire

22/00038/TCA - 1 Close Field Gretton Cheltenham Gloucestershire  
Permit

21/01375/FUL - Sunnybank Greenway Lane Gretton Cheltenham

22/00011/FUL - Pink Cottage Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham

Consent

21/00804/FUL - Tythe Farm Gopshill Lane Gretton Cheltenham

e. Appeal Notification.

21/00355/PDAD- Smallholding Plot 20,

21/00374/PDAD - Smallholding Plot 24,

21/00364/PDAD - Smallholding Plot 23,

21/00376/PDAD - Smallholding Plot 25,

W21/00358/PDAD- Smallholding Plot 6, Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road Greet.

f. To Consider a Criteria for commenting on planning applications.

Cllr Hurley is preparing a proposal.

Clerk to ask TBC for a map of the Development Boundary.

### **6. Financial Matters**

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### a. To Consider Invoices For Payment via BACS.

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

Mark Oliver	Coffee for Tree Planting	£20.40
J Shields	Clerk Expenses	£60.94
R Green	Plants	£15.16

Cllr Green proposed, Cllr Oliver seconded and it was agreed to pay the clerk the increase in salary from 1st April 2021 as agreed by NALC; £91.80 is to be paid via BACS and the standing order increased to £175.95 per calendar month.

### b. Financial Report.

The report had been circulated, Cllr Hanson made comments.

## 7. Reports

### a. Clerk.

Clerks report has been circulated.

### b. Greening Group. Report from Cllr Green

#### • Planting:

We have planted a low hedge at the entrance to Barn Close in an attempt to dissuade drivers from mounting the curb.

We have planted some shrubs on the tatty bit of ground next to the railway bridge. Outstanding is to decide what to do opposite the Royal Oak, and at the other entry points to the Village.

#### • Sowing:

The Winchcombe rewilding group have sown wildflower seeds behind the Church, on the triangle at the Gotherington Lane junction and on the Village Green behind the notice board.

Further sowing will happen in the autumn on the bank in front of Bard Close, and I think on the playing field.

#### • War Memorial:

Christine Vickery and her team have had a tidy up and planted some additional bedding plants. She spent £15:16.

#### • Village Signage:

Through Gotherington Parish Council, I've contacted the sign maker who made their village centre sign. I visited him a couple of weeks ago to discuss various options, and asked him to provide guide prices. He has yet to receive an estimate from the blacksmith, but suggests we should budget for £2500 to £3000. Additional costs may be incurred for installation.

If we decide to proceed, we need to work out where we can raise the funds and then decide on a design/location etc.

#### • Oak Trees:

The village have been given two oak tree saplings by The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire. One has been planted in the Marlborough Farm field at the junction of Alderton Road and Gotherington Lane, many thanks to Cllr Steward for donating the fencing material.

The second is to be planted on the playing field near the forest school site.

### c. Traffic and speeding. Report from Cllr Oliver.

A team of 8 was established from the community and between 16 and 28th February some 14 hour long monitoring sessions were conducted. The NHW team helped solicit volunteers and the community support was excellent.

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The dataset is available, but summary conclusions are that on average across the exercise around one third of drivers exceed the speed limit with approaching 10% exceeding 35 mph. When analysed more specifically it can be seen that the stretch from the Village Hall to the Pub sees the higher number of speeders than the Church end. Weekdays appears to be many of the same vehicles using the road with a peak figure of 16% exceeding 35 mph. Weekends although lower volumes peaked at 63% over 30 mph and 30% over 35mph. One accident was witnessed with a vehicle travelling at 58mph whilst filming on their mobile phone – the police are involved.

It is very clear (and obvious) that the Speedwatch activity has increased speed awareness of those passing, on local social media and in feedback received.

The Police team visited to train us, have been in regular contact and have been most helpful. All vehicles exceeding 35 mph have been reported to the Police and further action may be taken in terms of a warning letter. After the monitoring period I met with the police team who have provided us with Hi-Viz jackets and have laid out the next steps that they will take:

- Obtain approval for identified locations in the village to be added to the police speed monitoring site list
- Visit the village to conduct enforceable monitoring
- If we continue with Speedwatch the police team have offered to join us to strengthen the impact.
- Provide regular data to help us feed back to the community.

The GCC Highways team have also been supportive. Our data will be shared to enable analysis ahead of a meeting in the village. To gather formal data, they are proposing to monitor traffic flow and then advise potential next steps.

The recommendations from the team are primarily focused on measures to increase awareness of the speed in the community and are proposed to GPC for concurrence.

- GPC should buy a Speed Monitoring Gun and continue with regular Speedwatch activity to maintain visibility. The device is <£200.
- Data gathered should be shared through School and Village Newsletters and on social media. An “anonymous” account for GPC will be set up
- We should continue to engage with GCC Highways and the Police
- We should reach out to Sedgeberrow and other local villages who appear to have made progress in this area.
- Visual cues on the village entrances are seen as important to reinforce that one is entering a village community. Cleaning of existing signs, countdown indicators, gates at all entrances, planting and generally enhancing our look as the village is entered.
- Speed repeaters/reminders. Many regulars creep speed as they drive through the village. Additional 30mph reminders on street furniture and stickers on bins should be purchased. The police may be able to help or else we can purchase (£TBD).

d. Playing Field Plan. Report from Cllr Hanson.

This item is ongoing, meetings have been held with TBC and GVA.

e. Chestnut Tree. Report from Cllr Hurley

Highways originally stated that the tree was not there's and there was a problem now,

*The highway contractor has attended the location and carried out a safety inspection. In line with our Highway Safety Inspection Policy the issue reported is not currently a safety defect and does not require urgent attention. Regular inspections are carried out by the contractor in accordance with the Policy and any safety defect meeting the criteria will be acted upon.*

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f. Bugatti Pavement.

Ongoing, Cllr Hurley is pursuing this with TBC.

### **8. Information and Correspondence.**

- Cotswold Wardens  
Over the period extensive Work Party activity has been seen in the Parish with many trees cleared, stiles replaced, steps reinstated, and way markers replaced. The footpaths beyond Clive's Farm have some issues and have been reported to the Rights of Way Officer. Our Parish Warden – Jean Booth has retired and Mark Oliver is now the Parish Warden for Gretton.
- Gretton Primary School  
The key items for Gretton Primary School are as follows:  
The school are increasingly concerned about lack of progress on the Bugatti kerb.  
Dog waste is a worsening issue outside the school.

### **9. Future Projects.**

Cllr Oliver has compiled a list of future projects, indicating who is responsible for each item. This will be on the agenda for every meeting, at the May meeting a time scale for each item will be discussed.

This will be available on the parish council website.

### **10. To Consider How the Parish Celebrates the Jubilee.**

Two public meetings have taken place and a committee has been formed, to organise the events.

- For the Jubilee Holiday 2 – 5th June the village will be decorated, houses/gardens dressed for the occasion and the Church will host a flower festival.
- On Saturday 4th June we will start with a parade for the children and then host a Jubilee lunch in the Playing Field. After lunch there will be activities and in the evening a band and BBQ will complete the day
- On Sunday 5th June there will be special Church Service at 10am followed by drinks
- We will plan on 200 people and will be recognizing/promoting local businesses.

A £1,000.00 grant has been received (with a strict criteria), £600.00 proceeds from 'Applerock' and the council agreed to donate up to £500.00 to the event. These funds will also cover all or part of a commemorative item, such as a notice board, plaque for Oak trees or village sign. A bench was ruled out due to location.

Cllr Oliver will investigate a noticeboard and Cllr Green the village sign and take photos of typical local village centre signs.

Commemorative items for the village children was also discussed, Cllr Oliver is liaising with the head master of the school. The council is mindful that the precept can only support items for children that live in the parish.

### **11. Items for Future Agenda.**

Future projects, see item 9.

Due to the success of the speed monitoring, the purchase of a speed monitoring device.

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

11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Signed

Date