

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held, via zoom on Wednesday 5th May 2021 following on from the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

In Attendance Jackie Shields (Clerk).

1. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2019.

The minutes were approved and will be signed when appropriate

2. Report of the Chairman of Gretton Parish Council 2020/2021.

The last year has been the most unusual in the life of the Parish Council. We have not met in public for over a year, relying on virtual meetings to conduct business. Although we have tried to maintain accessibility, no-one has joined our virtual meetings although they were free to do so. Full minutes are available on the Council's web page.

Despite the restrictions caused by several periods of lockdown the Council has continued to conduct its business efficiently. Notable activities during the year have been:

- support for the Gretton Help force during the pandemic and the organisation of the village food delivery schemes
- carrying out of a village survey in July 2020 and reporting back to the village in September, with a commitment to implement the findings of the survey
- organising emergency maintenance measures for flood prevention in early January following flooding in Gretton Fields
- producing an analysis of the flooding causes and developing a plan for flood prevention and mitigation
- continuing to analyse and comment upon planning applications, opposing those that would damage the village
- maintaining the village defibrillator so that it is available for use.

The pandemic and its impact on the Borough and County Councils has meant that progress on some issues has been slower than we would have wished. In particular the following issues are still in progress:

- constitution and briefing of a neighbourhood plan steering group
- provision of an additional speed sign on the entrance to the village
- restoration of the pavement outside the old Bugatti Inn
- siting of additional dog bins in the village
- engagement of the higher tier councils in the flood prevention strategy
- engaging with the Borough Council on the Warren Farm planning issue.

The last two issues will be covered by virtual meetings, over the next fortnight.

The Council is involved in supporting a number of village organisations. Representatives from the council have supported:

- the Village Association with their claim for S106 monies from the Spitfire development.
- the Tower Trust to successfully complete renovations of Gretton Tower and take ownership of it.

Two of our councillors, Linda Clifford and Terry Nixon have moved from the area. They have been active in a wide range of issues from maintaining the war memorial to responding to

government planning consultations. We thank them for their many contributions and wish them the best for the future.

The Council did not increase its precept for the village this year in view of the difficulties caused by the pandemic and slower progress on some spending commitments. This has been in some ways a very disturbing year but it has also shown the strength of the Gretton community and the resilience of your Council.

1. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Green proposed, Cllr Clifford seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Hurley as Chairman, who will sign the declaration when appropriate.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Murphy (TBC)

3. 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.

4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held On Wednesday 10th March 2021.

The minutes were approved and will be signed when appropriate

5. To Receive Resignation of Councillors.

Cllr's Clifford and Nixon resigned from the council at the conclusion of the meeting.

Action. Clerk to inform TBC.

The Chairman thanked them both for their diligence and commitment to the council.

6. Election of Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Hurley proposed, Cllr Green seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Hanson as Vice Chairman.

7. To Appoint The Following:-

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| a. Finance Officer. | Cllr Hanson |
| b. Village Hall Committee Representative. | Cllr Hanson |
| c. Tower Trust. | Cllr Hurley. |
| d. Defibrillator | Cllr Green. |
| e. School Liaison | Cllr Green. |

8. To Review the Councils

- a. Financial Regulations. (Deferred to July)
- b. Standing Orders. (Deferred to July)
- c. Risk Assessment. (Deferred to September)
- d. Code of Conduct. (Deferred to July)

9. To Receive The Report From The Internal Auditor 2020/2021.

Mr A Rhodes had carried an audit of the Councils' Governance and Accountability, some minor comments had been made, which had been addressed by the clerk.

10. To Approve The Governance Statement For 2020/2021.

The council agreed the Annual Governance Statement, the relevant document will be signed when appropriate by the Chairman.

11. To Approve The Accounts For 2020/2021.

The council agreed the Accounts, the relevant document will be signed when appropriate by the Chairman.

12. Tewksbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council Update.

Report had been circulated.

13. To Receive Updates On Highway Matters

- a. Traffic Calming and Parking.

Action. Cllr Hanson to order the CID, as previously agreed.

Action Cllr Hanson will continue to try and contact Spitfire regarding a further Village Gateway. Cllr Green volunteered to 'Look after' the current CID.

- b. Roadworks.

A 5 mile diversion is in place while the Upgrade of the Gas pipe takes place.

14. 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.

- i. 21/00322/PIP - Land To The Rear Of Laburnum Gretton Fields Gretton. The Council has objected.
- ii. 21/00377/PDAD - Smallholding Plot 14 Evesham Road Greet Cheltenham
- iii. 21/00358/PDAD - Smallholding Plot 6 Evesham Road Greet Cheltenham
- iv. 21/00364/PDAD - Smallholding Plot 23 Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road Greet
- v. 21/00374/PDAD - Smallholding Plot 24 Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road Greet
- vi. 21/00376/PDAD - Smallholding Plot 25 Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road Greet
- vii. 21/00353/PDAD - Plot 21 Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road Greet
- viii. 21/00353/PDAD - Plot 21 Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road Greet
- ix. 21/00357/PDAD - Plot 2 Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road Greet.

All Warren Farm Applications.

We oppose on the grounds that this establishes a precedent for full time and probably non-agricultural development. The further submission re affirms the councils concerns, however the greater concern is that this part of Evesham road will eventually become a housing estate. Cllrs Hurley and Hansen will be attending a meeting with TBC officers regarding the applications at Warren Farm.

- c. Planning decisions.

Approved by TBC

20/01077/FUL - Glenbrook Farm Gretton Fields Gretton

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20/00661/FUL - The Rosary Winchcombe Road Gretton

21/00134/TCA - Bankside Greenway Lane Gretton Cheltenham

21/00131/TCA - Oak Cottage Greenway Lane Gretton

No Objections

15. Financial Matters.

a. To consider invoices for payment.

None have been received.

b. Financial report.

Nothing to report to date.

Remittance of £10,450.00 has been received from TBC.

c. To Consider Insurance Renewal Quotation.

The council were not happy with the proposed increase to £580.065.

Action Clerk to investigate.

16. Village Consultation and Neighbourhood Plan Update.

A steering group of 9 has been formed, Cllr Hanson is trying to organise a Zoom meeting his TBC and the group. Cllr Hanson has been in contact with Alderton Parish council regarding their plan and they are happy to advise.

17. Flooding Sustainability Report Update.

Cllr Hurley is still trying to arrange a meeting with the relevant authorities, to discuss short term maintenance and riparian responsibilities.

18. Reports.

a. Clerk.

Report had been circulated.

b. Tower Trust.

Transfer of ownership is in progress.

c. Village Hall.

106 monies for extra parking and playground equipment is ongoing.

19. Information and Correspondence.

Cllr Green is progressing with extra dog bins, jointly funded by 106 and the parish council, the locations have to be established with Highway.

20. Items For Future Agenda.

As item 8 plus War Memorial maintenance.

21. To Agree Dates And Times Of Future Meetings.

July 14th, September 8th, November 10th, 2022 12th January, 9th March and 11th May.

Signed

Date