

GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Gretton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th July at 7pm.

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

In Attendance Borough Cllr (& Dep Leader of TBC) - Jim Mason and 5 parishioners.

1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from J Shields (Clerk), County & Borough Cllr David Gray and Borough Cllr (& new Mayor of Tewkesbury Borough) John Murphy

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 11th May 2022.

The minutes were agreed and will be signed at the next meeting.

4) To Review the Councils Code of Conduct.

The council agreed to adopt the 2019 Amended Code of Conduct recommended by NALC.

5) Financial Matters.

a) To consider invoices for payment.

i) M Oliver Amazon Litter Pickers £33.20
(Due to non-arrival of equipment from TBC)

b) To ratify payments paid between meetings.

i) GVA Transfer to support Jubilee £600.00
ii) ICO Yearly Renewal £35.00

c) Financial report.

i) Report circulated after the meeting.

d) The council agreed to purchase a new notice board - £2,862.18 (£2,385.15 + £477.03 VAT) and a new Bench (less than £1000). Supported by funds from the Jubilee event (£312 allocated) and £400 remaining from the Build Back better Scheme. Any short fall will come from the amount the PC has allocated to Village Projects.

6) Planning Matters

a) Planning applications for consideration.

i) 22/00582/FUL - Cupshill Cottage Duglynch Lane Gretton.

Response extension permitted to 15th July. Following consultation in the village and public representations at the meeting, the PC's position is that the development is considered acceptable in principle, but with concerns regarding: - Possible change of use of the 'priority habitat' orchard; Vehicle access to the three properties; Clarity of boundaries and removal / replacement of hedges.

Cllr Hanson to circulate draft response for submission by 15th July.

ii) 22/00721/FUL - Tudor Cottage Gretton Road, Gretton. The PC has no planning reason to object.

iii) 22/00722/LBC - Tudor Cottage Gretton Road, Gretton. The PC has no planning reason to object.

- b) Ratify comments on planning applications received that require a response before the next scheduled Council Meeting.
 - i) 22/00543/FUL 10 Working Lane, Gretton. The PC has no planning reason to object to the application.
 - ii) 22/00547/FUL Park Farm House, Evesham Road Greet. The PC has no planning reason to object to the application.
- c) Planning decisions.
 - i) Planning Decision - 22/00301/FUL - Yeomans Barn, Gretton Road, Gretton. Permitted by TBC
- d) Enforcement
 - i) 20/00210/ENFC against PP 18/01020/FUL
- e) Appeal Notifications.
 - i) 21/01197/PIP - Gretton Farm Gretton Road Gretton, Cheltenham. The PC (led by Cllr Hurley) has been working with residents and fellow Cllrs to develop a significant Appeal defence document, supporting TBC's position. This will be submitted 14/7/22

7) Village Green Improvements.

- The council agreed to obtain a quote to raise and reduce the crown, in Spring 2023.
- It was noted that there has been considerable feedback that The Green is not big enough to be a successful re-wilding project, and may simply appear to be poorly maintained. Cllr Green to review as part of Village Greening-up programme. .
- New noticeboard is ordered and expected end July.
- It was agreed to purchase a new 6ft bench to replace the existing, which is beyond repair. Cllr Green to consider options.

8) Future Projects *(See separately published project check list)*

- Hall & Field improvement project. Following good feedback from village consultations a Pre-App (22/00042/PRE) has been submitted to TBC Planning. Cllr Hanson is meeting TBC planning - 13/7/22. Once formal feedback is received from TBC, a full planning application will be prepared.
- New litter bin – this will not be progressed this year, following difficulties working with UBICO rules on bin sizes and location. Cllr Hurley will consider further.
- Jubilee oak. Replace in Autumn with a stronger tree. Cllr Green
- GPC planning policy document - on going.
- Phone-box, now looks great. Consider adding 'Gretton' lettering, shelves for book swap.

9) Village Communications and Engagement

It was agreed that improved communication is important to facilitate wider village engagement with all activities, whether Social, School, Church, Council etc

The Council agreed to establish a GPC Facebook identity. In addition, it was also noted that the GPC website is often out-of-date and looks 'dated'.

Both to be discussed further – Cllrs Hanson & Oliver.

It was noted that there is concern about the future of the GVA committee which manages the Hall & Field. The Council should consider other Village models, and how it might be able to help the GVA.

10) Reports

a. Clerk.
Report circulated.

b. Greening group.
Report circulated. Cllr Green will continue the planting programme once the weather improves, on verges and at the Winchcombe approach gateway.
Concerns were noted about the overgrown verges at the bottom of Duglynch Lane. Cllr Hanson to follow-up with Highways, if necessary.

c. Traffic and Speeding
Speedwatch is now a regular activity. The morning team have been active and the afternoon team will be visible soon. The Police are being supportive and are issuing letters to the majority of motorists exceeding 35 mph. The police have attended with their speed van on at least 3 occasions prompted by our data. Going forward, we will be investigating additional visual clues throughout the village.
The condition of the speed signs on the Gotherington approach has been reported.

d. Village Gateway
Spitfire have refused to contribute to a 'gateway' at the Alderton approach to the village. Cllr Hanson to pursue; Consult with Redwood Close residents; Seek Highways contribution & permit; Get quotes and make representation to Council for go-ahead approval.

e. Village Hall and Playing field.
See Item 7.

f. Bugatti Pavement.
Ongoing an enforcement notice has been served. Cllr Hanson to chase progress.

g. Flood Group.
No report.

h. Cotswold Warden
A notable achievement over the last months has been the bench at the Langley Drover. The focus of activity has now shifted from 'hard' works (stiles, walls etc) to soft works with path clearance the priority.
A village map containing defined walking routes and points of interest. This will reside on the new noticeboard.

i. Gretton Primary School
The school were very active in the Jubilee, in particular supporting a parade from the School.
The key issue from the Headmaster remains the lack of pavement outside the 'Bugatti site'.

j. Jubilee.
The Jubilee Celebrations were a success. The full community came together to decorate the village, conduct a clean-up, redecorate the phone box, host the flower festival, the Saturday event and then a Church Service. There was good engagement in organisation and c250 people attended on the Saturday. The Lord Lieutenant opened the event.
The Council secured a grant of £1000 from the GCC, Build Back Better (BBB) Fund and agreed to pass £600 to GVA to fund specific compliant items such as Bouncy Castle, Band

etc. £400 was retained to go towards a Jubilee monument. See below. It should be noted that GPC had budgeted £500 but this was not required as the BBB grant was secured. The overall finances for the Jubilee are being managed by the GVA. The surplus generated from the event was £1,425. A profit of £225 plus the benefit from the £600 BBB grant and £600 roll forward from Apple Rock. The Jubilee Team agreed to distribute as follows: £400 to FoGs, £400 to GVA, £312 to help fund a Jubilee Bench and £312 to help fund the next event. The engagement with the Jubilee was seen as a success and has renewed focus on the village social agenda. GVA will consider how to harness this. Additionally, the Lord Lieutenant offered to assist us if required.

11) Tewksbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council Update

Cllr Jim Mason attended and provided an update summary of Borough Council business.

12) Information and Correspondence

GAPTC AGM – 23rd July, Highnam – Cllr Oliver to attend.

Bugatti road-race will take place through Gretton on the 11th Aug.

13) Items For Future Agenda.

- Co-option of new Councillor.
- Discuss progress on the GPC Facebook / Web-page
- Sign-off the GPC village planning policy document

14) To Agree Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 14th September 2022

Signed

Date