

Minutes of Gretton Parish Meeting held at The Village Hall, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 starting at 7.00pm.

**1. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

The minutes had already been agreed and signed by the chairman.

**2. Report of the Chairman of Gretton Parish Council 2021/2022.**

Report from the Chair 2021/22

After two years in which we have had to conduct the AGM virtually, this is the first year in which we have been able to hold it in public. This is also the year where we have resumed holding our bi-monthly meetings in public with appropriate health precautions. Full minutes of all our meetings are available on the Council's web page.

Our return to normal business has been substantially helped by two vigorous new Councillors, Mark Oliver and Andrew Steward, who have contributed particularly to the restoration and development of Village community life after Covid. This year has been one where we have caught up with issues postponed over the previous year and started to drive forward on new developments.

Amongst these have been:

- beginning to implement the findings of the village survey carried out in July 2020 which has included the:
  - provision of an additional speed sign on the entrance to the village
  - establishment of a village greening group
  - siting of additional dog bins in the village
  - engagement of the higher tier councils in flood prevention work
  - evolution of the neighbourhood plan group into a parish plan group
  - securing the imminent provision of a pavement outside the old Bugatti Inn
  - maintaining the village defibrillator which has now saved its first life
  - continuing to support the Village Association with their claim for S106 monies from the Spitfire development.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the collaboration of the Council with the School, GVA, FOGS and village groups to establish the expanded Apple Rock event which blessed with unseasonably fine weather was a runaway success.

Planning has become an issue of greater prominence this year, partly because of changes to government planning policy including the replacement of outline planning permission by planning in principle (PIP) with fewer grounds for objection, and the setting aside of all planning frameworks if there is a shortfall of identified development land as in Tewkesbury Borough. This has placed this and neighbouring villages under renewed development pressures which are likely to continue.

The Council increased its precept for the first time in two years in order to fund an ambitious forward programme including Jubilee celebration events, but this remains less than the predicted rate of inflation.

This is my last report before stepping down as Chair to make way for a new Chair running up to Council elections in 2023. Looking back at my annual reports over the last seven years it is remarkable how much has been achieved and how quickly that is forgotten. That is perhaps always the way with local politics but the council continues in 22/23 with an active team and a continuing ambition to make Gretton a good place to live and work.

John Hurley, 1 May 2022

## GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Gretton Annual Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 following on from the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

In Attendance J Shields (Clerk), Borough and County Councillor David Gray and a parishioner.

### 1. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Green proposed, Cllr Oliver seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Hanson as Chairman, who signed the declaration of acceptance.

Cllr Hanson thanked Cllr Hurley for his chairmanship for the past 7 years.

### 2. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Murphy.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

### 5. Election of Vice-Chairman.

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

### 6. To Appoint The Following:-

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

### 7. To Review the Councils

- a. Financial Regulations.

As there has been no change in legislation the council agreed there is therefore, no reason to update the financial regulations.

- b. Standing Orders.

As there has been no change in legislation the council agreed there is therefore, no reason to update the Standing orders.

- c. Risk Assessment. (Deferred to September)

- d. Code of Conduct.

Deferred to July, clerk to send out a copy of old and new.

**8. To Receive The Report From The Internal Auditor 2021/2022.**

On the basis of the internal audit work carried out, in my view the council's system of internal controls in place are adequate for the purpose intended and effective.

Andrew M Rhodes

26/04/2022

**9. To Approve The Governance Statement For 2021/2022.**

The council agreed the Annual Governance Statement, the relevant document was signed by the Chairman.

**10. To Approve The Accounts For 2021/2022.**

The council agreed the Accounts, the relevant document was signed by the Chairman.

**11. Tewksbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council Update.**

TBC

The new 5 year housing land supply should be confirmed soon.

Mike Dawson, who has left the council in a financially sound position is retiring and being replaced by Allister Cunningham.

More resources are going into planning.

County

Central Government has given the county 1M for Climate Change.

Highways Department has been criticised by the public, as a consequence: more teams have been employed, moving towards being more client friendly and proactive. New Highways Director appointed - Jason Humms. Local rep remains Craig Freeman.

Each Councillor is being allocated £30k, to identify places in their area that needs attention.

There is still money available in the 'Build Back Better Scheme'.

The Women's and Men's race of Tour of Britain Cycling race is taking place through Bishops Cleeve and Winchcombe, hopefully the roads being used will be improved!

Central Government is promoting more cycling routes with specific funding.

Work is being carried out to address the A46 and Junction 9.

Cllr Hurley thanked the Cllr for his input on the Bugatti Footpath.

**12. To Receive Updates On Highway Matters**

**a. Traffic Calming and Parking.**

After a trial, in connection with the police, with the radar gun the council has purchased its own, a team is in place led by Cllr Oliver, to carry out checks. The Team has been busy, with good feedback from the Police and residents.

**b. Roadworks.**

None to report.

**13. Planning Matters.**

**a. Planning applications for consideration.**

22/00403/FUL - Unit 25 Park Farm Industrial Estate Evesham Road, Greet. The council has no planning reason to object.

**b. Ratify comments on planning applications received that required a response before the next scheduled Council Meeting.**

**i. 22/00301/FUL Erection of an outbuilding. Yeomans Barn Gretton Road Gretton. No planning reason to object.**

- ii. 22/00408/TCA - 1 Fountain Bungalows Winchcombe Road Gretton. The council has no planning reason to object.
- c. Planning decisions.
  - i. Approved by TBC  
22/00408/TCA - 1 Fountain Bungalows Winchcombe Road Gretton Cheltenham  
22/00108/FUL - The Maples Gretton Fields Gretton Cheltenham
  - ii. Refused by TBC  
21/00960/FUL - Siwa Gretton Fields Gretton Cheltenham
  - iii. Approved By Planning Inspectorate  
APP/G1630/W/21/3280423: Manor Farmhouse, GL54 5EP

The Council held a village meeting to discuss key developments in the village on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022. This was well attended and views taken on board. Notes of the meeting will be available on the GPC web-site and copied to Centaur Homes and Mr Gilder. A social media notice to state, 'Thanks for attending the 'planning meeting', notes from the meeting are now available on the GPC web-site.  
Cllr Hurley is working on a GPC planning guide.

#### 14. Financial Matters.

- a. To consider invoices for payment.
 

Insurance		£422.36
GAPTC	Training	£30.00
CAPTC	Subs	£127.55
Community Heartbeat	Defib Pads	£58.80
Plants for War Memorial		£117.20
- b. To ratify payments paid between meetings.
 

Amazon	Radar Gun	£179.00
Inkspot	Newsletter	£187.00
- c. Financial report.  
Financial Report had been circulated.  
The precept of £11,100.00 has been received from TBC.
- d. To Consider Insurance Renewal Quotation.  
The council agreed the insurance premium.

#### 15. Reports.

- a. Clerk (report circulated)  
All end of year paperwork has been returned.
- b. Greening Group  
The group is trying to keep all the newly planted items watered due to lack of rain.  
A shrub will be installed by the gateway near the Oak, kindly donated by Simon Sylvester.  
List appended.
- c. Traffic and Speeding  
Spitfire are not returning Cllr Hanson's e-mails, regarding the gateway at Gretton Fields end of the village, other funding may need to be found.
- d. Hall & Playing Field Improvements  
Plans are available and were discussed at the 4<sup>th</sup> May meeting. Now awaiting a meeting with TBC Planning.
- e. Bugatti Pavement

Ongoing, the school is very concerned for the safety of children walking to school. Councillor Gray offered to help progress.

f. Flood Group

The group has a new member – Ian Jordan, and is working with GCC drainage officer.

Work has been carried out at Gypsy Lane by the landowner and county.

Grips and gulleys are being more regularly attended to, by Highways.

The street cleaner has been in the village.

It is very clear that the land drainage system at Gretton and Alderton Fields, is very old and is inadequate, any further development here will need to address the problem.

g. Cotswold Warden

Mark Oliver is now the Parish Warden.

Maps of walks in and around the parish is being prepared. To improve accessibility there is a move to replace stiles with Kissing Gates across the Cotswolds and this may be something that the Council could consider in future years

h. Gretton Primary School

The school is working with the Jubilee Group.

Dog fouling outside the school entrance is a problem.

i. Jubilee

Preparations are going well. Cllr Oliver has chaired well-attended planning meetings.

j. GVA

The Hall and field made a loss last year. Improved parking and facilities are considered essential to improving utilisation.

## 16. Future Projects.

An update had been circulated by Cllr Oliver, who is still awaiting feedback from Cllrs. This item to be placed further up the agenda in future. The future Projects list is appended.

## 17. Information and Correspondence.

The council had received the resignation of Andrew Steward, TBC has been informed, and due process will be carried out to find a replacement.

Cllr Hurley is still pursuing the litter bin by the bus stop.

Cllr Hanson will fill in and return the 'Dog Survey'.

Andrew Steward is still working on the new notice board.

The village clear up will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> May, this is to be advertised on Social Media.

The recent newsletter had been well received and a big thank you was given to Cllr Hurley.

## 18. Items For Future Agenda.

Communication and Engagement.

To discuss the future of the tree on the green, Cllrs to gauge village opinion.

Also consider a new bench on the Green. The existing bench is considered non-restorable. May depend on funding available from a successful village jubilee event

## 19. To Agree Dates And Times Of Future Meetings.

2022 – 13<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> November.

2023 – 11<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Signed

Date