

## GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present Richard Green, Geoff Hanson, John Hurley (Chairman), Mark Oliver and Andrew Steward

In Attendance Cllr Grey (County) and nine members of the community.

Members of the public were invited to express matters of interest. With some passion views were expressed on three planning matters as follows:-

1. 21/01163/FUL - Royal Oak Inn Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham.

The views expressed related to the development being partially beyond the development limit for the village and also concern as to the precedent that would be established should this go ahead.

2. 21/01197/PIP - Gretton Farm Gretton Road Gretton

Considerable strength of feeling was expressed with the following points made:

- The site lies outside of the village development boundary
- The site is susceptible to flooding with a number of drainage issues
- The proposed development would change the current rural feel and appearance of the village and impact the views of surrounding properties
- Concern as to impact on bio-diversity
- Significant disruption would be caused during construction
- Road safety related to access, speed limits etc
- Precedent

The Chair advised those present to respond, in writing, to the planning application

3. 21/00876/TCA – Cupshill Cottage, Duglynch Lane, Gretton

- Issues with adding a 3rd access to the already shared access.
- The proposed house, will have only pedestrian access, over a bridge and up steps. It is also upside-down, the bedrooms (downstairs) having no conventional windows.
- Problems with plans for sewage disposal.
- Other general concerns about loss of an orchard, loss of outlook, unsightly when viewed from the lane. etc.
- It is Backfil.

### 1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Jackie Shields (Clerk) 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.

Cllr Hanson declared an ODI interest in planning matters related to the Royal Oak, as he is a neighbour.

### 3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held On Wednesday 8th September 2021.

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

The Tewkesbury Borough Plan has had inspection comments addressed and is an advanced stage of consultation. When adopted the Plan addresses the Five Year Housing Supply.

Updates from County as follows:

- Funding remains in the £40k Build Back Better fund. £1.5k has been granted to the Gretton Tower Trust.
- M5 J10 plans are now out for consultation
- A417/Birdlip Preliminary Design is complete and is now in consultation
- M5 J9 design progresses as part of the Garden Town Development
- Current priorities include Green Christmas Campaign, avoiding food waste and a major tree planting initiative with some 20,000 trees available. GPC to identify any needs for trees.
- Issues related to local roads and drainage are both being progressed by Cllr, Grey with definitive plans requested.
- The local Highways team is being strengthened to improve operational execution.

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

a. Traffic Calming and Parking.

- i. The speed indicator sign continues to have a positive impact.
- ii. Cllr Hanson is in communication with Spitfire regarding the village gateway at the Gretton Fields entrance to the village
- iii. Cllr Oliver reported that the Community Speed watch team had offered to provide support to local speeding issues. All agreed that this should be progressed by Cllr Oliver

b. Roadworks.

Nothing to report

**6. Planning Matters**

a. Planning applications for consideration.

i. 21/01163/FUL - Royal Oak Inn Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham.

The council does not object to this development but has raised the following comments on the application:

The proposal would be contrary to these policies for the following reasons:

- Increased noise and Visual impact of development
- light pollution
- Overdevelopment of the site
- Change of use of Agricultural land to a Caravan Park

Additionally, the application has the following flaws:

- No consideration is given to the sewage facilities for the Shepherds Huts.
- Concerns about the impact of additional foul drainage into the village system are not addressed
- The parking provision is inadequate
- The proposed location on the tennis court is not on a disused facility that can be treated as a "brownfield" site but on a frequently used community facility."

ii. 21/01375/FUL - Sunnybank Greenway Lane Gretton.

The Council has no objections to this application

iii. 21/01197/PIP - Gretton Farm Gretton Road Gretton

The Council objects to this PiP on the following grounds:

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- The site lies outside of development boundary
  - Susceptibility to flooding
  - Site is a critical visual element to the village
  - The site is on of significant bio diversity
- b. Ratify Comments on Planning Applications received between meetings.
- i. 21/01322/TCA - The Blacksmiths Shop Winchcombe Road Gretton. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
  - ii. 21/01245/TCA - 8 Working Lane Gretton. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
  - iii. 21/01275/FUL - 4 Barn Close Gretton. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
  - iv. 21/01231/FUL - Pink Cottage Gretton Road Gretton. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
- c. Planning Decisions.  
None received,
- d. Planning enforcement.  
Green Acres, Duglynch Lane, Gretton.
- e. Appeals Notification  
21/00357/PDAD - Plot 2 Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road Greet  
21/00363/PDAD - Smallholding Plot 11 Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road.

### **7. To Discuss Ideas to Utilise Some of Cllr Grey's Allowances.**

Cllr Oliver reported that the village had been successful in its application to the Build Back Better – Market Towns Fund for £1000 to support a Platinum Jubilee event

Cllr Hurley reported that the Tower Trust had been successful in its application for £1500 to improve access to the Tower.

A number of ideas were in progress by Cllr Green to improve the visual amenity of the village. It was agreed that these should be refined and submitted as discrete applications.

### **8. To Consider the Siting of Two Oak Trees.**

Cllr Oliver reported that we had been successful in our application and would be receiving two Oak trees from the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire

It was agreed to progress two sites as follows: The playing fields would be progressed by Cllr Hanson with GVA and the triangle field at the Gretton Fields/Gotherington junction would be progressed by Cllr. Green.

### **9. To Discuss How The Parish Will Mark The Platinum Jubilee.**

Cllr Oliver reported that this matter was in hand and discussions with GVA were underway. The grant from the Build Back Better fund (£1000) and allocation of profits from Apple Rock (£600) were available to support an event.

Cllr Oliver raised the potential for a GPC “memento” for younger members of the community and all agreed that this should be further investigated by Cllr Oliver

### **10. Village Initiatives.**

Recorded under Agenda item 8 and progressed by Cllr Green.

Additionally, it was noted that the litter bin from the bus shelter had been damaged and removed. It was agreed that its reinstatement should be progressed by Cllr Hurley.

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### 11. Financial Matters

a. To Consider Invoices For Payment via BACS.

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

GVA	Grant for Grass Cutting	£500.00
GAPTA	Training Mark	£80.00
J Shields	Clerks Expenses	£91.41
RBLA	Wreath	£25.20

b. To ratify payments made by BACS between meetings.

The following payments were ratified:-

GVA	Apple rock	£350.00
Ink Spot	Newsletter	£150.00
CPRE	Training Mark	£80.00
A Steward	Domain and E mail	£88.75

c. Financial Report.

The report had been circulated.

d. To consider the purchase of Dark Night signs.

### 12. Reports

a. Clerk. Report had been circulated.

b. Representatives.

- GVA. Cllr Hanson reported that Hall use was increasing and draft plans for the development of the playing field were now in discussion.
- School. Cllr Oliver reported that the kerb/pathway at the Bugatti development remained a significant safety issue for school children and an inconvenience for residents. Cllrs Hurley and Oliver would progress.
- Tower Trust. Cllr Hurley reported that the £1500 grant would be used for improved access, signage and planting in the Tower area.

c. Councillors.

Cllr Oliver reported that the Apple Rock community event had been a success. Some 350 people had attended and £1600 profit had been made largely due to significant donations made. Profits would be allocated as follows: £600 to be held for future events, £500 to GVA and £500 to Friends of Gretton School

d. Cotswold Wardens.

Cllr Oliver reported that a number for local projects had been completed and more would be undertaken before the close of the season

e. Parish Plan.

Cllr Hanson reported that little progress had been made since last meeting but the revised activity would be launched shortly

f. Flooding Sustainability Report.

- Little progress had been made. Some works had been initiated at the Gretton Hill Farm site but the only progress at Gretton Fields had been the provision of additional sandbags
- Cllr Hurley stated that the Flooding Working Group needed strengthening and he is looking for additional volunteers.

g. One Gretton.

It was noted that the community meeting had been held with representatives from: School, FoGs, GVA, Church, Tower Trust and GPC. Neighbourhood Watch were also subsequently included. The meeting identified some common themes and actions would

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be progressed in two areas: 1) The Parish Plan led by Cllr Hanson and 2) The village Social Development led by GVA with Cllrs Oliver's support.

### **13. Information and Correspondence.**

20mph Residential Speed Limit In Gloucestershire. The Council agreed not to support this initiative.

Environment Agency – have your say about the flood and water environment. Cllr, Hurley would submit the Council's views on this matter.

Statement of Community Involvement – Response submitted.

### **14. Items for Future Agenda.**

January meeting to agree Council budget for next accounting period.

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

*Signed*

*Date*