The minutes of the meeting held at Gretton Village Hall on Thursday 15th November 2018 at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance Jackie Shields (Clerk), the Cotswold Warden, District Cllr. R Allen and

6 parishioners.

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr’s R Wilson, J Day and J Mason.

1. **Declarations of Interest.**

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and their nature**.**

Cllr Hurley registered an interest in item 13 and took no part in the decision.

1. **To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held On Wednesday 6th September 2018.**

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed.

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

No reports.

1. **To Review the Standing Orders.**

Ongoing.

1. **To Discuss Village Maintenance.**
2. Grass cutting.

Grass cutting maps have been received. Cllrs to notify Cllr Allen of any uncut areas.

**Action** Clerk to check on grass cutting outside Manor Farm House.

1. Licence to cultivate.

The council agreed to proceed with the licence.

**Action**. Cllr Hurley will complete application.

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

Flooding/drainage.

After recent heavy rain, Cllr Nixon had cleared eight blocked grips and drains at Gretton Fields. The council on behalf of the parish thanked him.

**Action.** Clerk to check with Highways regarding the rolling programme of clearing drains.

Traffic, parking issues and working group updates.

Installation of Village Gateway.

A gateway has been installed at the Oak end of the village. Once the cultivation licence has been received it was proposed to plant low level plants ie. bulbs at the base of the sign, and with the land owner’s permission shrubs between the gate and the hedge one side.

Upgrading of Village Green.

Ongoing due to a difficulty in getting quotes for a fence.

**Action** Cllr Hanson will obtain quotes for a notice board.

Liaison with school over parking.

Cllr Green had not yet met the school representative.

**Action.** Cllr’s Green and Nixon will liaise with the school as to proposed ‘refuge’ places to help alleviate the parking problem outside the school.

Update on Traffic survey at Gretton Fields.

Unfortunately the strips had been placed where drivers where either reducing speed or accelerating and not where they were asked to put the trips. There was however data which shows that 15% of the vehicles where still exceeding the speed limit.

**Action.** Cllr Nixon to contact the relevant bodies.

The driveway splay and material of Gardeners Cottage.

Many parishioners had contacted the council reporting of a slippery surface and angled surface. This issue is not within the remit of the parish council and residents should contact Glos. County Council Highways Department.

**Action.** The clerk had contacted Highway.

**Action.** Cllr Allen will speak to planning regarding the different coloured hatching on the plans.

**Action.** Clerk to contact the relevant Highways Officer.

The meeting was closed by the chairman to allow parishioners to air any comments on planning applications to be discussed.

*Parishioners gave comments on 17/00791/FUL, these comments were included in the response by the council.*

The meeting was reconvened by the chairman.

1. **Planning Matters**
2. Planning applications for consideration.

Planning Application Amendments

17/00673/FUL - The Rosary Winchcombe Road Gretton Cheltenham.

The council has no objection to the application, however it does have concerns regarding parking and it would like to see the bridge returned to its original state.

1. Consideration of any further planning applications received that require a response before the next scheduled Council Meeting (details to be published on the website).

17/00791/FUL - Manor Farmhouse Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham.

The council would like to object to this application for the same reasons as stated in the E mail sent in March 2018, comments of October 2018 and also

* The proposed silage store and menage are higher than, and will overflow into, an adjacent natural stream (not a ditch), which borders a public open space used by children and the local community on the other side.
* The area proposed for a menage and silage store are mapped by the Environment Agency as liable to flooding, so exacerbating the risk to adjacent public and private space from animal and other waste.
* Conformity with the visibility splay diagram (posted on Nov 6th) requires the destruction of an existing stone wall which is an important part of the character of the village and the conservation area, with no information about the proposed outcome.
* The acceptance of the changed splay lines by the Highways Authority on Nov 13th pays no regard to the visual and aesthetic effect on the Conservation area.

1. Planning Applications Submitted since the last meeting.
2. 18/01015/FUL - Bramble House 9 Duglynch Lane Gretton Cheltenham.

The council has no planning reason to object.

1. 18/01020/FUL - The Former Bugatti Inn Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham.

The council has no planning reason to object.

1. 18/01016/TCA - Manor Farm Cottage Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham

The council has no planning reason to object.

1. Planning decisions.

Approved by TBC

18/01016/TCA - Manor Farm Cottage Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham.

1. **Financial Matters**

To consider invoices for payment.

The Council agreed the following items for payment;-

Gretton Village Association Grass Cutting £500

Richard Green Defib. Pads and lamp £105.60

JACS Village gateways £1842.00

J Shields Clerks expenses £32.60

Royal B Legion Wreath £25.00

L Clifford Plants for memorial £19.95

**Action** Clerk to Invoice Highways for 50% of the JACS invoice.

Financial report.

Financial report including a review of the budget was presented to the council.

Audit

For logistical reasons the council agreed to use a different Auditor.

**Action**. Clerk to contact Mr A Rhodes.

1. **To Consider Any Projects For The Forth Coming Year And To Draft The Budget 2019/2020.**

To be included in next year’s budget

Provision for new councillor and defibrillator training.

Village enhancements, gateway for the village.

1. **Reports**
   1. Clerk. Report circulated.
   2. Representatives.

Gretton Village Association.

The bank balance is healthy and covering its costs, however there is a need to start saving for future maintenance.

A Christmas Fair is being held on the 1st December 2018.

1. **Information and Correspondence.**

Update on the footway outside the Bugatti.

“There are two applications 16/00944/FUL and 16/00228/FUL both of which required a footway to be provided secured by condition. Highway Development Management (HDM) have been contacted regarding this footway in the past month, the bottom line a segregated footway is being sought and details are being agreed.”

1. **To Discuss the Signing of the ‘The closed church building Of Gretton Old Church’.**

Cllr Hurley handed the chair to Cllr Hanson, for this item, as he has an interest in the Tower Trust.

The council agreed to support the Sale of the Tower to a trust.

1. **Councillors Reports.**

Defibrillator

The pads have been replaced and the light fixed, the electrician, gave his labour free of charge. 15 parishioners have volunteered to undertake the training and the parish council will meet the cost of training and hire of the hall.

1. **Items For Future Agenda.**

Set Budget and Precept

To Review the councils Risk Assessment and Financial Regulations.

Set the date for the village clear up.

1. **Date Of The Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 9th January 2019.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

Signed.

Date.