

## GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Gretton Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr's Dave Butcher, Richard Green, Geoff Hanson (Chairman) and Mark Oliver.

In attendance : The Clerk, TBC Gemma Madle and one parishioner.

### 1. Apologies for Absence.

No apologies were received.

### 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.

It was noted that Cllr Oliver is Chair of the GVA.

### 3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The minutes were approved and signed by the chairman.

### 4. Financial Matters.

a. To consider invoices for payment.

The following payments were agreed:-

Bulb and bedding plants	£90.77
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b. To ratify payments made between meetings.

UK2	E Mail	£43.20
Community Trust	Defib Battery	£357.00
RBL	Wreath	£25.00

c. Financial report.

Financial report had been circulated via email.

It is noted that payments for V Hall Grass-cutting - £500 is expected. Also the cost of new litter bins is still tbc, as an extra bin was provided, un-requested.

d. To consider the draft budget for 2024-2025.

Cllr Hanson will provide a draft budget for the next meeting. Cllr's to provide Cllr Hanson with new project / budget proposals. The level of precept then needs to be agreed, depending on these project proposals, balanced against a desire not to increase precept beyond reasonable normal escalation.

### 5. Planning Matters.

Full comments can be found on TBC planning website and also the Gretton Planning database on GPC's web-site.

a. Planning applications for consideration.

None outstanding

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

23/00761/FUL - 6 Gopshill Lane Gretton Cheltenham.

No planning reason to object.

23/00832/PIP - 6 Stanley Cottages Gretton Road Gretton.

GPC previously objected. However, following changes to the application detail and discussions with Planning Officers, GPC will revise its position to:- GPC has no valid PIP reason

to object, but does have significant concerns, which it expects to be addressed at the 'Technical details' phase.

23/00291/FUL - Land at Stanley Cottages, Gretton.

After considerable consultation, the council supported this application, which has now been approved.

23/00637/PIP - Myrtle Cottage, Gretton Road, Gretton

Gretton Parish Council objected to this revised application.

23/00859/FUL - Royal Oak Inn Gretton Road Gretton.

GPC has 'No Objection' to this application which changed details of the previous. But did raise concerns about parking.

c Planning decisions, permitted by TBC

1. 23/00663/FUL - Cupshill Cottage, Duglynch Lane
2. 23/00291/FUL - Land At Stanley Cottages, 6-houses
3. 22/01384/FUL - Part Parcel 1546 Gretton Road, 5-houses

Cllr Hanson to update & re-issue the Gretton planning database (on web-site) and the Gretton Village Notices FB page to remind residents of the 3-off key developments about to commence (as above)

## **6. Village Communications and Engagement Update.**

The "Gretton Village Notices" Facebook Page has 119 "Followers" and is seeing increased reach and reaction.

a. Newsletter

Next newsletter is scheduled for end Nov, with inputs now being pulled together. Plan is to simplify format, ensure it is a village-wide newsletter and for it to be available both hard-copy and on-line.

Newsletter needs to remind residents of the vacancy for a councillor.

## **7. To Discuss Clerks Replacement.**

Sadly, Jackie is leaving retiring as Gretton PC's clerk and we considering candidates.

Cllr Hanson will pursue a replacement and is currently discussing the role with a potential candidate. GAPTC will be consulted, but it may be appropriate to advertise the role as well. It was agreed to arrange an overlap with new and departing clerk, to ensure an effective handover.

## **8. To Review the Councils**

a. Standing Orders.

Updated version to go on the website.

b. GDPR.

To be uploaded onto website

c. Social Media Policy, to be agreed and uploaded to website.

Template had been circulated to Cllrs – no response by Cllrs – Clerk to adapt to Gretton and place on website.

d. Privacy Notice.

E mailed copy to all Cllrs, clerk to check council website.

e. Publication Scheme.

E mailed copy to all Cllrs, clerk to check council website.

## **9. Reports.**

a. Clerk

Report previously circulated.

b. Greening & Environment Group.

200 daffodil bulbs have been planted in clumps around the village, with thanks to Cllr Green and helpers.

c. Traffic and Speeding report...

*Our community Speedwatch continues as an effective deterrent to speed in the village. To date we have recorded 1385 vehicles over 30 mph (49% of total) with 201 people receiving letters for travelling over 35 mph (7% of the total traffic). 2 morning sessions and 1 afternoon session have been conducted. Good support from the small team of residents continues. We need to be more visible in the afternoons. The one session conducted recorded a higher proportion of excess speeders than is evident in the mornings.*

*We have applied for a Vehicle Activated Sign under the second tranche of Community Speedwatch Fund. Cllr Gray has progressed and we are in contact with the Police and Crime Commissioner.*

*We have agreed to trial moving the existing signs and this will be done soon.*

d. GVA report ...

*The GVA has had a good period:*

- *Gretton Hub continues to see a good level of support. Now considering how reach can be extended to all sectors of the community with a book exchange trialled, table tennis planned etc*
- *A grant of £990 has been awarded from the Warm Space Community Fund. This will enable the Hub to open as a Warm space on 10 days (weekdays and weekends) over the colder months. Consideration is being given as to how those in need can feel able to join the sessions.*
- *Apple Rock, on 7th October, once again was blessed by good weather and had a very good turnout. The scarecrows preceding the event were well supported and the event once again brought the community together.*
- *GVA has been successful in a major funding application to enable the play equipment to be refreshed. Unfortunately, a second application for paths / greening etc was not successful. Work will now commence to move to implementation.*
- *It is also planned to use some S106 funding to support this. GPC to consider contracting this part of the project, in order to recover VAT.*
- *A group of residents have come forward and are organising the Walk for the Park on 18 November to raise money for the Playing Field projects.*

*Looking forward, the GVA is planning a Christmas themed Quiz on 1st December, the Advent Windows will be repeated, and the Hall will open for festive refreshments on Christmas Eve following the Carol service.*

*The GVA has made a filing cabinet available for the GPC "archive".*

*The GVA AGM is on Wednesday 15th November.*

e. Flood Group.

Currently inactive

A revised listing of highway and flooding concerns has been sent to GCC Highways.

This includes the outstanding improvements to the ditch opposite 'White Cottage' on the Gotherington Road.

f. Cotswold Wardens

The Greenway Lane path work has been completed and the drainage/surface addressed.

Excellent support was received from the Wardens and PC and the Rights of Way team (Hilary

Grace) did an excellent job. Andrew Steward allowed access over his land to enable the works to happen.

g. Councillor Advocacy Scheme.

Cllr Oliver has joined this group initiated by the Police and Crime Commissioner, to provide a better link with the police and parish councils.

#### **10. Tewksbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council Update.**

TBC are in the process of preparing a new 4-year plan.

A youth council is proposed for the Borough.

A new injunction order prohibits the Warren Fruit Farm Gypsy caravan site development.

Tewkesbury garden town parish liaison group is being set-up, other parish councils are invited to join.

#### **11. Information and Correspondence.**

Cllr Oliver has attended meetings on Community Based Policing with the Police and PCC as part of the new Councillor Advocacy Group.

Resident feedback - Some very positive feedback about the Greenway lane path and Apple Rock/Scarecrows. Only negative is dog bins not being emptied (Cllr Green to raise with TBC / Ubico again, if problem continues).

Cllr Hanson to attend the TBC Interim Housing Policy meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.

A resident has raised a concern about dips in the road outside Redwood Close. This will be added to the GCC Highways 'To Do' reminder listing.

Remembrance Service 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Cllr Butcher to arrange collection and laying of wreath. Cllr Hanson to manage traffic / road closure. Cllr Oliver will manage liaison with Church and GVA Gretton Hub.

Cllr Hanson to meet Hillcroft Management Group (Redwood Close residents association) Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.

#### **12. Items For Future Agenda.**

Projects list for '24-'25, setting the '24-'25 budget and the Precept.

#### **13. To Agree Date of next meeting.**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

*Signed*

*Date*