**GRETTON PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT 2.0**

Minutes of Gretton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th October at 7pm.

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

In Attendance J Shields (Clerk) and 2 parishioners.

Two parishioners raised issues and made comments regarding, street furniture, lost footpaths, and Public Session times. All the items were addressed during the meeting.

The Chairman specifically thanked the Clerk and fellow Cllr’s for their significant efforts and achievements since the last meeting

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

No apologies were received.

1. **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.

1. **Co Option of Councillor.**

Cllr Hanson proposed, Cllr Green seconded and it was agreed to co-opt Mr David Butcher, the appropriate paperwork was signed, clerk to inform TBC.

1. **To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held On Wednesday 13th July 2022.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

1. **To Sign The Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held On Wednesday 11th May 2022.**

The approved minutes were signed.

1. **Financial Matters.**
2. To consider invoices for payment.

GVA Grass Cutting Contribution £500.00

Mr Steward E Mail hosting c£50

1. To ratify payments paid between meetings.

Memorial Benches Bench £967.00

D Green Plants £21.90

1. Financial report.

Report had been circulated.

The Cahir commented that the current arrangement of the cutting of the grass, shared between the GVA, School and the PC may need to be reviewed.

1. The council agreed to the reduction in the crown of the tree on the Green, at a cost of £300.00 plus VAT.
2. War Memorial.

The council agree to increase the budget for the planting of the War Memorial; all expenditure will need to be approved first by the council.

1. Remembrance Sunday.

The council agreed for the clerk to order a wreath at £20.00, it will be collected and laid by Cllr Butcher.

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

22/00805/FUL - Plot 6 Warren Fruit Farm Evesham Road Greet. Revised PC response, to be jointly agreed -

“ This appears to be another in a series of applications of different types which share a common aim to translate many settlements, established without planning permission, into ~~a~~ large housing development.

In the process many applications and appeals have sought to overturn restrictions legally imposed on their patterns of use and occupation.

Each application may in isolation appear relatively minor, but when considered as part of the 30 (approx.) plots on this hillside, could become part of a major development in this very visible location.

Gretton Parish Council is strongly of the view that current restrictions on usage, occupation and type of building~~s~~ on this land should be maintained and enforced.   It therefore objects to this application. “

1. Ratify comments on planning applications received that required a response before the next scheduled Council Meeting.
2. 22/00582/FUL - Cupshill Cottage Duglynch Lane, Gretton, Cheltenham

“ GPC has no objection in principle to a development in this position.

However, GPC does have the following concerns (which are also detailed in a resident’s letter of representation, submitted 11th July ’22) :-

* The orchard to the rear of the properties is of both historical significance and a ‘priority habitat’. It is suggested that it is a condition of any planning approval, that it is protected from a future change of use.
* There appears to be insufficient consideration to vehicle access to the three properties, with limited space for turning and parking, particularly for larger delivery or contractor vehicles. This may impact access for neighbours and emergency vehicles
* There is unclear definition of boundaries, including which hedges are being removed or replaced and their impact on privacy and vehicle access. “
1. 22/00722/LBC - Tudor Cottage Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham. The council has no planning reason to object.
2. 22/00553/FUL - Brandywine Cottage Duglynch Lane Gretton Cheltenham. The council has no planning reason to object.
3. 22/00804/TCA - 4 Close Field Gretton Cheltenham Gloucestershire. The council has no planning reason to object.
4. 20/00185/FUL - Manor Farmhouse Gretton Road Gretton Cheltenham. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
5. 21/01426/LBC - Oak Cottage Greenway Lane Gretton Cheltenham. The council has no planning reason to object.
6. Planning decisions.

Permit

22/00547/FUL - Park Farm House Evesham Road Greet Cheltenham

22/00543/FUL - 10 Working Lane Gretton Cheltenham Gloucestershire

22/00804/TCA - 4 Close Field Gretton Cheltenham Gloucestershire.

1. GPC village planning policy document.

The document is complete, clerk to put on the website as a ‘Draft for comment’.

1. Appeal Decisions.

Planning Inspectorate APP/G1630/W/22/3296143: Gretton Farm, GL54 5HB. The appeal is allowed.

1. **Future Projects Update.**

Circulated, post meeting.

1. **Village Communications and Engagement Update.**

Cllr Butcher volunteered to take over the E mail hosting and Website. Clerk to contact Mr Steward re E-mail hosting contract.

The council agreed to have a presence on Face book for notices and information, to be administered by Cllrs Butcher and Oliver. Outline and administration guidelines to be agreed with the Council, before going live.

1. **Reports.**
2. Clerk. Circulated.
3. Greening group

Unfortunately, due to the drought, some of the plants will need to be replaced, Mr Parker has kindly offered to supply a replacement oak tree.

The area by the Green will not be re-wilded due to adverse parishioner’s comments.

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1. Traffic and Speeding.

In general, over half of all traffic is exceeding the speed limit with 10% exceeding 35mph and speeds >40mph seen on each outing. The Police continue to be very supportive and have now issued approaching 100 warning letters to motorists. The police enforcement team have made three visits to the village.

More volunteers are required.

1. Village Gateway.

A new gateway is to be installed at the Gretton Fields approach, it will cost £2, 000.00 plus VAT. This will be discussed with Redwood Close residents and Highways. It is hoped that Highways will fund 50% (see item 12).

1. Village Hall and Playing Field

GVA. There are some concerns regarding the future of the GVA, with the impending resignation of the chair and two other members. As the community agenda is key to the village, a PR campaign was held (flyer, direct emails and social media) to solicit support. Following a well-supported meeting, it appears that a) sufficient volunteers came forward to form a committee and b) a few people were interested in both the playing field development and social agenda. The AGM is scheduled for 18 October and this will be the key test to ensure that the committee is complete and a new chair can be found.

A meeting with HAGS Play Equipment was held 21 September to solicit views on scope and content of any refresh of the play equipment. Artist’s impressions of options and text to support funding applications to be provided. Potential funding sources were discussed. Quotes for the other work packages are also being solicited.

Planning for Apple Rock ‘22 on 15th October is underway. The event will be in memory of Nick Sharman. There will be children’s activities between 4.00 and 6.00pm, raising funds for FoGS, followed by music and refreshments. Funds raised from food, bar and donations will go to Winston’s Wish (the charity nominated by Tristan Sharman). GPC budget allocation of £500 will not be required

1. Bugatti Pavement.

This is currently in the hands of the Tewkesbury Planning Enforcement Team.

1. Flood Group

No meeting had taken place, however work continues, to address future flooding.

1. Cotswold Warden

Path clearance work continues. Centrally, the Wardens are assessing relationships with Parish Councils and how greater impact on the environment can be made by closer partnership.

In Gretton, consideration is being given to the path from Greenway Lane up to the 4-path junction as this is frequently waterlogged in the winter. As the path is the primary access to Forest School and a key walking route improvements to drainage and path surface are being assessed to improve access for all. This will involve ROW, the Wardens and local support. Help needed re flooding risk if path drainage is cleared!

A village map and two walking routes have been produced. The map will go on the new Noticeboard, and it is hoped that the two routes can be included on the GPC website.

1. Gretton Primary School.

The Head-Teacher - Richard Woolston will be leaving in 2023. The key issue from school for the council, remains the Bugatti pavement, where there is much frustration at the inactivity on an important road safety issue. Cllr Hanson is pursuing this issue with TBC Planning Enforcement and GCC Highways.

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

No Updates received.

1. **Information and Correspondence.**
* At the last meeting the increase in dog fouling in Working Lane was discussed. With the assistance of Cllr. Mason contact was made with the appropriate team in TBC and within 2 days we had new “stronger” signs in place.
* Cllr Oliver attended the Road Safety networking session.
* The new bench and notice board has been installed on the Village Green.
* The chairman and Cllr Green are meeting GCC Highways (10th Oct) to discuss various issues including, Road Signs, Speeding and Village Gateways
* Cllr Hurley will format a newsletter for delivery (hard-copy and via Facebook) in December, please E mail items to be included to Cllr Hurley.
* The council agreed for the footpath maps to be made available on the Parish Council website and Noticeboard.
1. **Items For Future Agenda.**

Draft budget for 2023/2024.

1. **To Agree Date of next meeting.**

Wednesday 16th November.

Signed Date