

# **GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday 22nd November 2022**

**7:30pm in Greatford Village Hall**

## **Present**

Parish Cllrs Philip Britton (Chair), Gemma Taylor (Vice Chair), Jason Halsey (Responsible Financial Officer), Tony Barker.

Cazz Anders, Nigel Ashby, Helen Britton (Clerk), Ibis Channell, Elaine Hawkins, Lois Webb.

## **2021/22 - 51 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Kelham Cooke (SKDC), Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew (SKDC), Cllr Natalie Pretsell (GPC), Chris Granville White (Flood Warden), Alison Horton, Bridget Everitt.

## **2021/22 - 52 Approval of Minutes from September 2022**

Proposed by Gemma Taylor and seconded by Tony Barker.

## **2021/22 - 53 Matters arising**

- Mr Stringfellow scoped the rabbit problem and will be taking action once the foliage has gone.
- LCC Highways advised the PC that it is not lawful to intentionally gather traffic data via cameras.

## **2021/22 - 54 Reports from County and District Councillors**

No reports have been received.

## **2021/22 - 55 Financial matters**

Jason Halsey (FRO) reported that the cashbook balances. The VAT return for the last financial year has been submitted.

## 2021/22 - 56 Precept & budget setting

Jason Halsey proposed that the Precept request stays at £3900 as this amount covers regular planned expenditure, such as defibrillator, play equipment inspection, grass cutting, and an amount for the King's Coronation.

The Precept was formally proposed by Phil Britton and seconded by Tony Barker.

## 2021/22 - 57 Planning matters

Tony Barker summarised the application below and as the Parish Council believes that there is no specific concern to the village, there is no objection.

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 13 (construction working hours) of S22/0230 (Hybrid Planning Application for the proposed Grantham to Bexwell potable water Pipeline Scheme with full planning consent sought for 95 kilometres of pipeline and 4 kilometre spur, and outline consent for associated above ground infrastructure at Elton and Welby Heath with all matters reserved except for access.)

Location: Pipeline between Ancaster and Bexwell, Norfolk.

Tony Barker reported on the 'Consultation on potential mineral sites nominated for allocation in the updated Lincolnshire minerals and waste local plan' (received on 11.11.22). The Parish Council will draft and circulate comments before sending a response before 6.1.23. Potential issues raised were noise, HGV traffic, dust and tree-planting mitigation.

Greatford Parish Council is awaiting the full application from Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd. The Mallard Pass Action Group, acting, along with the PC, in objection to the application, are seeking further funds and parishioners are invited to make donations.

## 2021/22 - 58 Flood Warden's report

Chris (Flood Warden) sent a full report to all villagers on his list and Jason gave a summary. Chris and Jason (deputy Flood Warden) have met with the Environment Agency online, together with SKDC leader, Cllr Kelham Cooke, to discuss flood risk reduction in Greatford. In addition an EA engineer had recently walked the riverbank with Chris at the Steadings, following the EA survey of the riverbank heights at Greatford Hall (opposite the Steadings) a year ago. The datum for the opening of the Greatford Sluice is now 100mm lower for the winter period 1 Nov to 31 Mar. However, we have only just been informed that it had been left at this lower setting through the summer, which explains why there was little if any summer flow through the Fitzwilliams Sluice at Greatford Mill. This had been of concern for the health of the water during the warmer weather and the rich variety of fish and invertebrates in the millpond below that sluice. The Fitzwilliams Sluice was inspected recently by EA consultants, to advise how it might best be renovated for the future. The community came together effectively in the autumn to clear the small watercourse

around Greatford Gardens, and through the Old Rectory stables area to flow into the river.

## **2021/22 - 59 Planting the Queens Green Canopy oak tree**

The PC commemorative oak tree is to be planted in the corner of the Playing Field on Wednesday 28th December at 12:30pm.

## **2021/22 - 60 Litter picking date**

The next litter pick will be Wednesday 28th December from 10am - 12pm.

## **2021/22 - 61 Defibrillator**

Chris G-W reported that the defibrillator team has some existing volunteers wanting to stand down and some new volunteers willing to take over from them. Chris was taking over these administrative aspects from David Trawford, and Dr Majed Kebbeh has taken on responsibility for the medical aspects and volunteer training. As part of this, there was a request for the uneven and potentially slippery path to the defibrillator to be cleaned and the swollen gate freed. These aspects will be attended to on 28.12.22. A few more volunteers would be welcome to join the defibrillator call-out team.

## **2021/22 - 62 Repairs to finger-post on Main Street**

This is in need of repair and Phil Britton will look into how to get it mended.

## **2021/22 - 63 Any other business**

- Further dates for Community Speedwatch campaign sessions will be set up. Three new volunteers are awaiting training.
- Phil Britton reported that The Ramblers Association raised an issue with the footpath to Barholm in that the current, on-the-ground route differs from that on the Definitive Footpath map, and they are seeking to resolve this before 2026.
- Jason Halsey suggested that the King's Coronation is discussed and that in the meantime parishioners will be asked what they would like to organise.
- Ibis Channell reported on how the Deepings Leisure Centre will now not be repaired and urged the PC to take action. The PC will communicate with SKDC on this matter.
- Cazz Anders reported that LCC Highways will be removing a sycamore tree, located on highways land near the telephone box, and which is causing damage to a stone wall.

- An application for an off-licence at a commercial premises on Stow Road was brought to the attention of the PC who will carry out further investigation into this application via the SKDC Licensing Officer.

**The meeting closed at 9pm.**

**The next meeting is on 17th January 2023.**