

GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28th March 2023

7:30pm in Greatford Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Cllr Phil Britton (Chair), Cllr Gemma Taylor (Vice Chair), Cllr Jason Halsey (Responsible Financial Officer), Cllr Tony Barker, Helen Britton (Clerk); Nigel Ashby, Ibis Channell, Bob French, Mark Gilbert, Alison Horton, Richard McDermott, Lois Webb.

2023/24 - 10 Apologies for absence

Cllr Natalie Pretsell, Cllr Kelham Cooke (Leader, SKDC), Chris Granville White, Elaine Hawkins, Ann Sumner.

2023/24 - 11 Approval of Minutes from 17th January 2023

Proposed by Cllr Tony Barker and seconded by Cllr Phil Britton. However, Ibis Channell did not accept the Draft Minutes of January 2023 and is to submit her suggested amendments.

2023/24 - 12 Matters arising

None

2023/24 - 13 Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew reminded parishioners that nominations for the Parish Council elections are due by 4th April '23.

2023/24 - 14 Financial matters

Update from Cllr Jason Halsey (RFO)

As of March 28th 2023, I can report an unreconciled bank balance of £6320. Payments made since the last meeting total £517; Hedge cutting, Mole catching, clerks fees and LALC membership payments. Receipts £30 from National Grid for wayleave. The balance cannot be reconciled with the bank as no current account statements have been issued since December

2022. Statements have been requested. There has been no notification that the VAT return payment for 2022 has been received; however this may have been paid directly into the bank account.

2023/24 - 15 Planning matters, inc. Mallard Pass

1) *Application No: S23/0044*

Applicant: Frederick F Smith (Development) Limited

Proposal: Erection of 1(no) detached two-storey, six-bedroom dwelling.

Location: Adjacent To, 9 Main Street, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4QA

The Parish Council has responded with no objection and a comment that parishioners have raised their concerns about the current usage of the field behind, which is being used for storing builders' waste (rubble, fencing, scrap wood and general builders' waste).

Following discussion about concerns about the presence of great crested newts and grass snakes on that field, and following receipt of three emails expressing concern to the Parish Council, the Parish Council is to submit a supplementary comment. Parishioners were encouraged to submit personal responses, including comments on the fact that no yellow notice had been displayed by the applicant. Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew offered support regarding the inappropriate dumping of builders' waste on the paddock behind the site and will liaise with the relevant environmental authority.

2) *App Type: Full Planning Permission*

Application No: S23/0406

Applicant: Mrs Anna Ireland

Proposal: First floor extension above existing garage with external staircase and insertion of two dormer windows

Location: Willow Croft , Baston Road, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4QA

The Parish Council discussed this and will comment that there is no objection but there are concerns about overlooking and shading of the adjacent property.

3) *Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd (NSIP)*

Cllr Phil Britton reported there have been over 1200 responses to the Consultation, mostly in objection to the proposal. As part of the Mallard Pass Action Group, he is drafting the Soils, Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) response, and the flooding response, in conjunction with Chris Granville White (Greatford Flood Warden). The date of the Mallard Pass NSIP Public Consultation is yet to be announced.

2023/24 - 16 HGV traffic

The volume of HGV traffic through the village continues to concern the Parish Council and parishioners. Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew reported some success in an adjacent parish following a 'walkabout' with a LCC Highways Officer and she will pass the relevant LCC contact details to the Parish Council. Miss Channell has passed on a letter from LCC highways that

confirms that GPC are not permitted to purchase signs and erect them (speed signs) however the letter stated that GPC can make a request to LCC to consider upgrading the signs. GPC should and will therefore make this request to LCC for consideration.

2023/24 - 17 Parish and District Council elections

Nominations of the Parish Council elections are due by 4th April. The new Councillors will be announced on May 9th, and the new Council formed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on May 16th '23. If contested, there will be a ballot on Thursday 4th May at the local Polling Station alongside the District Council ballot.

2023/24 - 18 Flood wardens report

Cllr Jason Halsey (Deputy Flood Warden) gave a report prepared by Chris Granville White (Flood Warden).

Through the winter and approach of Spring, the river level has remained well within limits. The Greatford Sluice and Cut have operated normally on the few occasions necessary, with the winter setting 100mm below the normal summer setting until the end March.

As reported for the January PC, during the most recent contact with the EA it was acknowledged that there is a continuing need to reinstate the northern riverbank between Shillingthorpe and Greatford (which leads to flooding in the large field alongside the river immediately upstream of Greatford), and to reinstate the riverbank at Greatford Hall - which is the route for overflowing river water to flood the old watercress beds and thence towards Greatford Gardens. However, there is still no maintenance funding available for this restoration work.

2023/24 - 19 Playscheme update

Cllr Gemma Taylor reported that the Summer Playscheme will go ahead. It is hoped that a Lottery Funding Grant application is successful and will subsidise the cost, making it free of charge. If not, the Playscheme will be chargeable. It will run for 2 weeks, w/c 31st July and w/c 7th August, Monday to Friday, for 25 children each day.

2023/24 - 20 Defibrillator update

Cllr Phil Britton gave a report prepared by Chris Granville White, the parish defibrillator coordinator.

The changeover of the Greatford volunteer team members was completed on 28 Feb, when Kate Large provided superb initial and refresher training in the village hall. Six new volunteers have now taken over the places of those standing down - with grateful thanks to all those who have been available for call-out since the defibrillator was first installed in Greatford. A note will

be published in the April Towers & Spires about the action to take in the event of suspected heart emergencies. Dr Majed Kebbeh (No7 Greatford Gardens) is the medical officer responsible for overseeing the defibrillator procedures.

2023/24 - 21 Rabbits on Playing Field

Holes are reappearing. This will form part of the King's Coronation Big Help Out (see next item).

2023/24 -22 Kings Coronation

The Parish Council proposes a village Coronation Big Help Out event on Bank Holiday Monday 8th May, from 9am - 1pm, based at the Village Hall, to include a village litter pick, cleaning/ refurbishing notice boards, rabbit hole filling and reseeding. Parishioners are encouraged to suggest worthwhile jobs around the village and to ask their neighbours if they would like some help with jobs that they cannot manage by themselves.

2023/24 - 23 Any other business

SKDC Electoral Services have advertised for additional staff to work at polling stations as polling clerks at the elections on 4th May. 6.30am until just after 10.00pm. Further details can be found on the District Council's website at www.southkesteven.gov.uk/electionjobs.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

The next meeting is on 16th May '23. (The APCM and APM)