

MINUTES

GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

14th November 2023 at 7:30pm

in Greatford Village Hall

Present:

County Cllr Ashley Baxter, District Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, District Cllr Vanessa Smith, Parish Cllrs - Philip Britton (Chair), Gemma Taylor (Vice Chair), Natalie Pretsell, Tony Barker, Helen Britton (Clerk), Nigel Ashby, Elizabeth Ashby, Ibis Channell, Lois Webb.

2023/24 - 21 Apologies for absence

Alison Horton, Chris Granville-White, Cllr Jason Halsey.

2023/24 - 22 Approval of Minutes from 4th July 2023

Proposed by Tony Barker, seconded by Natalie Pretsell.

2023/24 - 23 Matters arising

The bank statements have now started to arrive from Natwest.

2023/24 - 24 Reports from District Councillors

From Cllr Ashley Baxter

He has spoken with Cllr Richard Davies (Traffic Management) about HGV traffic through Greatford and this remains a 'work in progress'.

The streetlight has now been fixed and he urges all parishioners to report such items via Fix My Street online.

Cllr Phil Britton questioned Cllr Baxter about the lack of communication with Greatford Flood Warden over Greatford's response from the Lincolnshire County Council Lead Local Flood Authority, Matthew Harrison, to the Mallard Pass Application. Cllr Vanessa Smith has tried to intervene and get communication.

From Cllr Trollope-Bellew

SKDC will respond to the planning application at Thetford Farm for a quarry.

From Cllr Vanessa Smith

SKDC Website: SKDC has a new website. Please get in touch if you spot any issues.

Recycling: Purple lidded bins are due for delivery later this month with the separate card/paper collections starting in the new year. Everyone should have received a letter from the Council with further details and the 2024 bin calendar. Telephone 01476 406544 if you have any issues (SK purple lidded bins dedicated phone number)

SKDC Full Council have recently approved to increase Housing Development investment by £1m to be able to purchase properties to increase Council's Housing Stock

SKDC Full Council have last month approved funding for a new waste depot in Grantham

SKDC will be upgrading all its street lights to LEDS

SK Funding workshops: Information evenings for community groups on the various pots of money available, such as UK Shared Prosperity Fund, SK Community fund, LotterySK and how to apply. Further sessions will be held: 18 Jan- Grantham, 21 Mar - Bourne.

Meet the Cabinet sessions: An opportunity to meet the Councillors who form the SKDC Cabinet. 27th November in Corn Exchange, Bourne. Session are drop in, no appointment necessary from 1-2pm

Lincolnshire Resilience Forum: Anyone who would like to get involved as an individual can join as a Ready for Anything Volunteer:

<https://www.lincolnshireresilienceforum.org/ready-for-anything/>

Congratulations to Tallington who came Runners Up in the SKDC Community in Bloom Award.

Quarrying: LCC approved an application to reduce the standoff to property to 25m at West Deeping

Thetford Farm Quarry: PL/0070/23 There is a lot of opposition from people within Baston. Main concerns are related to impact on Highways and dust, given proximity to property within the village (less than 500m from Primary School).

Local Devolution: There are plans for Greater Lincolnshire Devolution with Mayoral control. If approved these are expected to be announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement later this month. (These plans have been made with input from County rather than District Council)

Lincolnshire Health Survey: I am aware that County Council are asking for people's experience of healthcare services. There is a questionnaire online if you wish to take part:

https://nhslincolnshire.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_000zPdJTfAvrhFs

2023/24 - 25 Financial matters, inc. Deepings leisure centre

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the cashbook. It balances at £8263.60. Since the last meeting in September, the following payments have been made: £180 for cutting the grass on

the Playing Field, and £260 for Clerk's fees. There have been no receipts and the VAT refund from the Summer Scheme is awaited. (£1000).

Cllr Natalie Pretsell asked Ashley Baxter about the business proposal to reopen Deepings Leisure Centre and he responded with information that there is a 15-year business plan. The Parish Council has been approached to contribute to the start-up costs (see 2023/24 - 25)

2023/24 - 26 Precept for 2024

The Parish Council is minded to propose that the Precept has no percentage increase and to be £3935, but to add on £150 as a one-off contribution to the Deepings Leisure Centre which would be refundable in the event that the business proposal does not go forward. The latter suggestion will be published in the village magazine (Towers and Spires) so that all parishioners have the right to respond ahead of the next meeting.

2023/24 - 27 Planning matters

GPC has no objection

Application No: S23/1702

Date Received: 18th September 2023

Applicant: Mr Marek Michalowski

Proposal: Section 211 notice to fell 1 x Eucalyptus T1, 1 x Silver birch T2 and 2 x Beech T3 and T4.

Location: Meadow Court Carlby Road
Greatford Lincolnshire PE9 4PR

GPC commented

Application No: S23/0044 Date Received: 27th February 2023

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

Decision/Date 18th October 2023 The South Kesteven District Council has considered this application under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and Grants Planning Permission for the development described above.

GPC has no objection

Application No: S23/1733

Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Avory

Proposal: Two storey extension to side of dwelling.

Location: Fletland Mill Cottages , King Street, Baston, Lincolnshire, PE6 9NS

GPC has no objection

Application No: S23/1869

Applicant: Mr Dean

Proposal: Lime (T1) - Remove lowest limb on road side to lift crown over footpath to get more clearance to the path, clean crown by 15%. Lime (T2) - Clean crown by 15%. Lime (T3) - Clean crown by 15%. All works to allow more

light and make trees for aesthetically pleasing.

Location: The Doghouse , Main Street, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4QA

TPO No.

App Type: Works to TPO Tree(s)

GPC has no objection

Application No: S23/1730

Applicant: Ms S Essex

Proposal: T1 cherry crown reduce by 2m, T2 horse chestnut crown raise by 2m, T3 blue atlas cedar reduce height by 2.5m, reduce lateral branches by 2m, remove lowest stem and lateral reduction above that by 2m, T4, T5 and T6 3 x cherry trees fell and replace by suitable species

Location: Carlingford House , Main Street, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4QA

App Type: Trees in CA - Section 211 Notice

Work allowed

GPC has no objection

Application No: S23/1739

Applicant: Mr Richard Rodriguez

Proposal: T1 and T2 limes to pollard down to 8-10 m in height.

T3 ash to fell and remove due to ash dieback and fungal brackets.

T4 willow to fell.

Location: The Old Rectory , Carlby Road, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4PR

App Type: Trees in CA - Section 211 Notice

GPC has commented

The Parish Council has responded with a 'comment' asking for a potential weight-limit through the village as there is likely to be increased HGV traffic.

PLANNING REFERENCE: PL/0070/23

DEVELOPMENT: TO EXTRACT SAND AND GRAVEL WITH RESTORATION TO AGRICULTURE AND NATURE CONSERVATION, IMPORT AND PROCESSING OF INERT RESTORATION MATERIALS, EXPORT OF RECYCLED AGGREGATE, THE CREATION OF NEW PUBLIC FOOTPATHS, THE ERECTION OF ASSOCIATED PLANT AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND A NEW/ALTERED ACCESS FROM THE A15

LOCATION: THETFORD HOUSE FARM, BASTON

GRID REFERENCE: 511899 315739

GPC has no objection

Ref. No: S23/1869

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The Doghouse Main Street Greatford Lincolnshire PE9 4QA

GPC has objected.

Application No: S23/1325

Applicant: Mr Paul Hudson

Proposal: Erection of two-storey rear extension with dormer windows, and drop kerb to highway.

Location: Rose Cottage , Main Street, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4QA

App Type: Householder

Cllr Phil Britton withdrew from the discussion about the application owing to a personal interest. The Council received correspondence from the residents at Crane Cottage and the Parish Council echoed concerns about the scale of the development and the impact on amenity to the adjacent property.

GPC has objected (the application is linked with the above, S23/1325)

Application No: S23/1801

Rose Cottage Main Street Greatford Lincolnshire PE9 4QA

Listed building consent for the erection of two-storey rear extension with dormer windows, and drop kerb to highway. Works include two new openings created at ground and first floor levels in the north gable end wall to link to the new extension, side entrance porch rebuilt reusing the stone and collyweston slate roof.

2023/4 - 28 Traffic HGVs

No Speedwatch was possible since the last meeting. All measures possible to mitigate traffic issues have already been put in place.

2023/24 - 29 Update on Mallard Pass Solar Farm NSIP

The Parish Council has submitted everything possible to date and attended as many hearings and meetings as possible, and has made an excellent representation of the objections of Greatford parishioners. The Summary Final Submission goes in this week.

Cllr Tony Barker expressed thanks to Cllr Phil Britton for all his hard work doing this.

2023/24 - 30 Flood wardens report

The Environment Agency's Flood Warnings system alerted all those registered in the early hours of Saturday 21st October '23 with a recorded message and email about possible flooding downstream of Greatford. Although there was a lot of surface water for a period near to Braceborough, and between Braceborough and Wiltsthorpe, there was no other flood water apparent in the immediate local area, apart from the small watercourse around Greatford Gardens overflowing harmlessly in places. The height of the river at Shillingthorpe peaked at around 1.22m (just above the Flood Alert height of 1.18m). This was well below the Flood Warning height of 1.32m – and the height of 1.37m which experience has shown is when more extensive flooding is likely to begin.

The Greatford sluice operated as it should, enabling a considerable flow of excess water from the West Glen to be diverted along the Greatford Cut to the Welland.

During the day the West Glen river level through Greatford gradually reduced, and there were no issues of concern.

As agreed with the EA, the setting for the Greatford Sluice was lowered by 100mm from 1st November, and will be reset back up again from 31 Mar. This has proved a useful way of releasing excess river water earlier to reduce the flood risk during the winter months.

2023/24 - 31 Any other business

Elizabeth Ashby reported a blocked drain near Greatford Gardens and Cllr Baxter reported this via Fix My Street,

Meeting dates were set for 2024: January 9th, March 5th, May 14th, July 2nd, September 10th and November 12th, subject to confirmation nearer each date.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

Date of next meeting - January 9th 2024