

MINUTES

GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7:30pm

Greatford Village Hall

Present

County Cllr Ashley Baxter, District Cllr Vanessa Smith, Parish Cllrs Tony Barker, Phil Britton (Chair) Jason Halsey (RFO), Natalie Pretsell. Helen Britton (Clerk), Elizabeth Ashby, Nigel Ashby, Rod Campbell, Bob French, Elaine Hawkins, Alison Horton, Donna Radley, Geoff Radley, Lois Webb.

2024/25 - 1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Cllr Gemma Taylor, Ibis Channell, Ann Sumner.

2024/25 - 2 **Approval of Minutes from 21st May 2024**

Proposed by Cllr Tony Barker, seconded by Cllr Jason Halsey.

2024/25 - 3 **Matters arising**

Level of detail in the Minutes - brief discussion and agreement that the Minutes fulfil their criteria.

2024/25 - 4 **Reports from District Councillors**

Report from Cllr Ashley Baxter:

Cllr Baxter is due to meet Martin Hill (Leader of LCC) and the Anglian Water lead this week to discuss progress on the water transfer scheme project which is already underway.

Reports from the Section 19 investigation into flooding in Greatford are due by the end of August. During the week commencing 22nd July, LCC plans to meet Greatford residents.

Further to Cllr Britton's request about weight-limits through the village, there is an ongoing consultation involving LCC Cllr Richard Davies.

The consultation about the Mineral and Waste Plan involving quarrying at West Deeping has been put back.

Cllr Baxter recommended the Shared Prosperity Fund to contribute to updating Greatford's play equipment.

Contamination in the various recycling bins has seen a reduction and is only 10%.

Cllr Vanessa Smith had nothing further to add.

2024/25 - 5 Finances: Section 1 of the Annual Audit Returns

Cllr Jason Halsey presented Section 1 of the Annual Audit Returns for the year ended 31st March 2023, stating that members of Greatford Parish Council acknowledge responsibility for ensuring a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024. With thanks to James Everitt, the Accounting Statements were externally audited on 19th June 2024.

2024/25 - 6 Finances: Section 2 of the Annual Audit Returns

Cllr Jason Halsey presented the Parish Council Accounts for 2023/24 as set out in Section 2 of the Annual Audit Returns for the year ended 31st March 2024. Gross income was £10964 (Precept £3900, total other receipts £7064). Expenditure was £9775 (including the summer playscheme which was funded by a Lottery Grant, grass-cutting to the Playing Field and churchyard, hedge-cutting, Clerk's fees, play-equipment inspection and renovation, insurance, security patrol, defibrillator number).

Cllr Halsey was thanked, along with the Auditor, for their work in preparing this year's accounts.

2024/25 - 7 Certificate of Exemption

Cllr Jason Halsey presented the AGAR Certificate of Exemption Form 2 to be completed by smaller authorities where the gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25000 in the year of account ended 31st March 2024, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

2024/25 - 6 Planning matters

Application No: S24/0727

Date Received: 3rd May 2024

Applicant: Britton

Proposal: Section 211 notice to action the following work on a group of six mixed species (red) trees.

Crown raise 5.2m on roadside. Crown raise garden side to 4m

above adjacent phone line providing approx. 0.5m clearance.

Location: 5 Fitzwilliams Court Greatford

Lincolnshire PE9 4QQ

Decision/Date: Work Allowed 3rd June 2024

Application No: S24/0586 Date Received: 8th April 2024

Applicant: Mr Paul Morriss

Proposal: Two storey rear extension, detached garage and new entrance gates, post and fencing

Location: The Steadings Belmesthorpe Road

Greatford Lincolnshire PE9 4QA

Decision/Date: 7th June 2024 - work allowed

Application No: S24/0916

Applicant: Rosslyn Coulam

Proposal: To replace existing wooden double-glazed windows upstairs and downstairs and the doors to the back of the property.

2024/25 - 7 Speeding and traffic

More members of the volunteer team are needed. The next campaign will be planned soon.

2024/25 - 8 Summer playscheme

There is no lottery funding this year. However, the Trustees of the Greatford Church Fund are contributing £2000 and the Village Hall Management Committee are contributing £5 per Greatfordian child. The Parish Council will contribute any further part of the £2500 cost. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Gemma Taylor for her extensive work in planning the scheme, and the generosity of Fr Aran Beesley and the Church in Greatford and the Village Hall Committee.

2024/25 - 9 Flood Wardens update

The Flood Group is liaising with the Section 19 Investigating officer. The Village Hall has been offered as a meeting venue. The Flood Group will meet the Environment Agency on July 8th to focus on downstream assets and to call for tangible actions. Cllr Baxter has given his apologies for this meeting.

2024/25 - 10 Local quarries update

Cllr Britton attended a public event led by Breedon Quarries, raising concerns about HGV traffic as a result of any further quarrying near to Greatford. See *2024/25 - 4 Report from Cllr Baxter*.

2024/25 - 11 - Anglian Water Lincs Reservoir NSIP Project

Parishioners have been encouraged to engage with the consultation process. The Clerk has sought further details from AW:

- The specific pipeline route itself hasn't yet been determined, the 500 metre wide corridor is our search area. The refining of this corridor will form part of our next stage of work following further assessment and consideration of the feedback we receive at our second round of consultation.
- If the project is consented, during construction, we'd generally need to dig trenches to install the pipe. These trenches will then be filled in and the area reinstated. Where the pipeline route needs to cross a major road, railway route, river or major utility infrastructure, we would look to use equipment to install the pipeline underneath them that doesn't involve digging trenches.
- They are unable to provide further details about the construction, flood risk and traffic impacts in the area at this stage.
- To learn more about how our proposals for the Lincolnshire Reservoir will affect the Wilsthorpe area, particularly Greatford, we recommend starting with pages 30-31 of our [associated water infrastructure brochure](#), as these pages set out our specific proposals for the Wilsthorpe area. You may also find pages 24-27 of use as they provide a more detailed view of the infrastructure required for getting water into supply.

- The [interactive map](#) allows you to search by postcode and zoom in on specific areas to see how our proposals may affect them.
- Your knowledge is very valuable to us, and we welcome any feedback you have on our proposals, via email, our online feedback form or via a hard copy feedback form.
 - Email: info@lincsreservoir.co.uk
 - Freephone: 0800 915 2491
 - Freepost: Freepost Lincolnshire Reservoir
 - The Lincs Reservoir Stakeholder Lead, Kelly Linay, has been requested to attend the next Parish Council meeting which is on 10th September.

2024/25 - 12 Any other business

The Village Hall Management Committee were thanked for the Village Hog Roast event which was thoroughly enjoyed on a warm afternoon by many parishioners and their families and friends.

The PC will pursue finding funding to update the play equipment.

The decision on the Mallard Pass Solar Farm NSIP is awaited due to the General Election on 4th July.

Parishioners must report potholes and other issues on Fix My Street online.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th September at 7:30pm in Greatford Village Hall.