

GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10th September 2024

Cllr Gemma Taylor chaired the meeting, and greeted those present and thanked them for coming.

Present

Nigel Ashby, Elizabeth Ashby, Cllr Tony Barker, Helen Britton (Clerk), Ibis Channell, Cllr Jason Halsey, Sue Holloway, Alison Horton, Cllr Natalie Pretsell, Cllr Vanessa Smith, Cllr Gemma Taylor, Lois Webb.

2024/25 - 13 Apologies for absence

Cllr Phil Britton, Bridget Everett, James Everett.

2024/25 - 14 Approval of Minutes from 25.6.24

Proposed by Cllr Tony Barker, seconded by Cllr Natalie Pretsell.

2024/25 - 15 Matters arising

All items to be covered in the Agenda.

2024/25 - 16 Reports from District Councillors

District Matters from Cllr Vanessa Smith

Recycling: From 16th September SKDC will be offering kerbside collection of batteries and single use vapes. These can be left in a clear plastic bag next to the wheelie bin every week. It is hoped this new measure will reduce fires in bin lorries and recycling centres which can occur when batteries are crushed or damaged when they are inappropriately put into wheelie bins. Batteries can still be recycled at retail outlets as before.

SKDC Community Awards: Nominations are now open for the community awards and close on 20th September. Categories include: Inspirational young person, Community contribution by business, Lifetime Community Champion, Beyond the call of duty and Community in Bloom award. <https://ow.ly/IBaY50SFqal>

Mini Orchard Grant: The second phase of funding for parish councils and community groups to apply for up to £1,500 to plant mini-orchards is open and accepting applications <https://ow.ly/FNpl50QFAWZ> (open until 27th September).

Evening for community groups on funding opportunities available: 19th September in Bourne.

SKDC and Parish Council Forum. Will be taking place over the next few weeks. Local Parish Clerks / Town Clerks have been invited to attend and representatives of SKDC's core management team will be present.

Thursday 12th September – Stamford

Tuesday 8th October – Market Deeping

Monday 14th October - Bourne

Anglian Water Pipeline: No further update

Review of the SKDC Local Plan: No further update

To view any SKDC active consultations go to:

<https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/consultations> (Currently a Proposed Council Tax Support Scheme 2024/25 - runs until 30th September)

Quarry Liaison Committee for Greatford: No further update

NSIPs

Mallard Pass: Approved in July 2024

New Lincolnshire Reservoir (Scredington): No further update

County Matters I am aware of - please contact County Cllr Baxter for more information

Quarrying: The Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Preferred Approach has recently opened for consultation. Sites include West Deeping:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/planning/minerals-waste

This runs until 24th September.

2024/25 - 17 Financial matters

The annual AGAR reports have been submitted and accepted. The Reserve Account balance has now been moved into the Current Account; the interest was negligible and it will make accounting simpler. The financial accounts are updated and reconciled to the latest held bank statement covering dates up to and including August 6th. The balance is £11,919.95. Cheques paid against invoices but not yet reconciled total £2278.17 leaving a working balance of £9641.78

Action: To draw up an invoice to the church fund for the play scheme contribution.

2024/25 - 18 Planning matters

S24/0916

Date Received: 29th May 2024

Applicant: Rosilyn Coulam

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

Location: Bumble Bee Cottage Main Street

Greatford Lincolnshire PE9 4QA

Decision/Date 1st August 2024

Application No: S24/1230

Applicant: Adelaide Bradbury

Proposal: Demolition of a rear single storey extension and construction of a wraparound side and rear extension, part two storeys and part one storey.

Location: 4 Baston Road, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4PU,

App Type: Householder

Cllr Tony Barker reported that these planning consultations had been looked at closely by the Parish Council and a 'neutral' response was submitted for each. Subsequently, both have been given approval with conditions.

2024/25 - 19 Flood Warden update

Cllr Jason Halsey, Greatford Flood Warden, reported that the Flood Group (FG) had met with the Environment Agency on the 8th July 2024. They walked the parish water courses, discussed maintenance of The Cut and whether the EA is considering moving gravel from the sluice. The FG will write for an update about this activity. The FG is awaiting the LCC Section 19 Report, tracking its progress on the LCC portal. This report may help the EA get funding for the actions they wish to take. The Chair, Phil Britton, has asked Cllr Ashley Baxter to expedite the publication of the Section 19 report and will communicate with him again to hear his response. Cllr Jason Halsey brought to everyone's attention the Government document outlining the riparian rights and responsibilities of those with a water course on their land. Here is a link to the document <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse> Parishioners not online may

contact the Environment Agency to ask for support. A team of villagers will carry out the annual ditch-clearing around Greatford Gardens and near Bridge Cottages.

2024/25 - 20 Anglian Water - Lincs Reservoir Project

Anglian Water are unable to answer the questions submitted by Greatford Parish Council at this time and so they will be invited to a future meeting. The Parish Council has requested that they liaise with the Environment Agency to avoid the area of a potential attenuation pond when routing the pipeline.

2024/25 - 21 Playscheme update

Cllr Gemma Taylor offered thanks to the Parish Council, the Church and the Village Hall Management Committee for funding this year's summer place scheme for the children of Greatford (families of children outside the Parish paid). There were 24 different children attending during the week, with 14 from Greatford. There is £900 left from the church contribution pledged towards the funding of next year's scheme and One Touch Football is happy to provide the scheme again next year.

Action: Cllr Gemma will propose dates for next summer's place scheme to OTF..

2024/25 - 22 Play equipment

The equipment on Greatford Playing Fields passed the annual inspection earlier in the summer and the PC is seeking to replace the wooden items before they become unusable. The PC is waiting for plans and prices from two providers.

2024/25 -23 Any other business

Sue Holloway (Mallard pass Action Group) gave a detailed explanation as to why a judicial review of the NSIP will not be sought. She urged that Greatford Parish Council and all associated local Councils should scrutinise the Mallard Pass plans which are open to change.. Sue suggested that a representation from the Parish Council should be made to LCC, SKDC and to Alicia Kearns MP about a Community Fund now that permission has been granted..

Cllr Gemma Taylor thanked Sue Holloway for all her efforts on behalf of the villages affected by the NSIP, including Greatford, and this was reiterated by Cllr Tony Barker and everybody present at the meeting.

Ibis Channell made comments about traffic calming, the Parish Councils scrutiny of planning applications and the pruning of the Parish Council-owned trees by the phone box. The parish council will enquire about activity at Freemans Pit.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm

The next meeting is on the 12th November 2024