

Draft Minutes

GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7:30pm

Welcome from the Chair

Present:

County Cllr Ashley Baxter, District Cllr Kelham Cooke, Parish Cllr Phil Britton (Chair), Cllr Gemma Taylor (Vice Chair), Cllr David Anderson (Responsible Financial Officer), Cllr Jason Halsey; Helen Britton (Clerk); members of the Parish, Elizabeth Ashby, Nigel Asby, Ibis Channell, Robert Hogg, Alison Horton, Mike Stonestreet, Lois Webb, Dani Wheeler.

21/22 - 1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Cllr Natalie Pretsell, Martin Brebner.

21/22 - 2 Approval of Minutes from March '21

Proposed by Cllr Gemma Taylor and seconded by Cllr David Anderson

21/22 - 3 Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor, Ashley Baxter (Independent)

Cllr Baxter began by acknowledging the excellent turnout of parishioners at the meeting. He has been a District Councillor for 6 years, and is currently on committees for Flood and Water Management and Economic Development, and for Environment and Planning. He attended the Planning Committee meeting of 5th July '21 (King Street gravel extraction S20/1351) and explained that what he would have said was said by Cllr Robert Reid and Alison Austin regarding traffic issues. The decision is now deferred until after a site meeting has been held to assess these issues further.

District Councillor Kelham Cooke (Conservative)

Cllr Cooke mentioned the site meeting with the Environment Agency scheduled for 7th July '21 and Greatford Flood Wardens to assess ways to mitigate flooding in the village.

Fly-tipping is an issue and parishioners need to report it online so information can be gathered. The Chair asked about full reopening of the local tips; Bourne is reviewing the process and Stamford are meeting about reopening the Saturday bin lorries. The Covid19 vaccination programme continues and younger people are encouraged to sign up. The Quality Care Commission has investigated the healthcare provision at Lakeside Healthcare and a report is due soon.

Stamford Georgian Festival has been cancelled for 2021.

21/22 - 4 Financial matters

The current account balance on 24th May was £8092.29 as reported at the Annual Parish Meeting on 26th May '21. Since then £1626 has been received from the Trustees of the Greatford School, comprising £720 for the Hall tables and a £906 contribution towards the playing field equipment and the levelling of the field. We have paid a total of £468 which includes £103 to Wicksteed Leisure for inspection of all of the play equipment on 4th May, and £250 for the Clerk's fees, £90 for grass cutting and £24.72 to Bob French for repairs to the swing seats.

The cash-book balance on 4th July was £9251.07. The only major items of expenditure still to come are the Insurance renewal and any repairs of the play equipment.

21/22 - 5 **Planning matters**

The following planning applications, received by the Parish Council, were discussed and no objections were raised.

1) Application No: S21/1317

Applicant: Webb

Proposal: Plum (T1) - reduce in height by 2-2.5m, Cherry (T2) - Fell, Ash (T3) - Crown lift to 4m, Willow (T4) - Pollard to 6m

Location: 1 Bridge Cottages , Belmesthorpe Road, Greatford, PE9 4QA,

App Type: Trees in CA - Section 211 Notice

2) Application No: S21/1249

Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Andrews

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for erection of single storey garden studio

Location: Greatford Old House , Main Street, Greatford, PE9 4QA,

App Type: Listed Building Consent

3) Application No: S21/1248

Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Andrews

Proposal: Erection of single storey garden studio

Location: Greatford Old House , Main Street, Greatford, PE9 4QA,

App Type: Householder

The following application was also discussed, to understand it.

Part I – Particulars of details to be approved

Application No: S21/1114

Date Registered: 28th May 2021

Applicant: Mr J Czarnota

Proposal: Erection of general purpose agricultural building

Location: Greatford Hall, Belmesthorpe Road, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4QA

Decision/Date Details not required - 22nd June 2021

Part II – Particulars of decision

The South Kesteven District Council hereby give notice in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Development Order (as amended), that the proposed works specified in Part I hereof will not require the formal submission of details for approval by the District Council.

THE DEVELOPMENT CAN PROCEED AS NOTIFIED.

21/22 - 6 **Planning matters - Update following planning committee meeting for Cat. A Planning**

Application S20/1351 Gravel extraction at King Street

Cllr Phil Britton spoke at the Planning Committee meeting on 5th July 2021. He presented the objections of the Parish Council emphasising the need for road safety and a weight-limit through Greatford and the villages in the vicinity of the quarry. A decision is deferred until after a site meeting within the next three weeks, which will assess the state and the width of the road. CCllr Baxter will ask to attend this meeting. A planning committee meeting should then take place in September 2021.

21/22 - 7 **Flood wardens report**

Chris Granville-White, Greatford Flood Warden, sent a detailed report to the Parish Council, of which an overview was presented by Cllr Jason Halsey, Deputy Flood Warden.

Following the online meeting with the Environment Agency (EA) on 11 Mar arranged by Cllr Kelham Cooke, there would be a follow-on meeting on 7 Jul. However, a recent email from Henry Hammond (EA Asset Performance Team Leader) had indicated that there may be insufficient funding for any reinstatement work of the riverbank downstream from Shillingthorpe to be carried out this year. One consideration being that the priority for Greatford is not considered to be high because there had been no reported flooding or flood damage within properties. Because flooding incidents in Greatford are most likely during winter months, the EA is considering a precautionary lowering of the datum settings for the Greatford and Fitzwilliams Sluices by 10cm

during Nov-Mar, to enable excess river water to flow away earlier through the Greatford Cut and into the river Welland near Market Deeping.

21/22 - 8 Defibrillator update

There was a discussion about a suggestion raised by a parishioner, that all parishioners have the defibrillator access code. There was general approval of this suggestion and a comment that Braceborough gives the code to all its parishioners. Cllr Anderson raised a point about the legal position of a responder should the casualty die at the scene. The Clerk will contact 'Lives' to find out more on this.

21/22 - 9 Speeding in the village

Cllr Jason Halsey presented his idea for a targeted campaign to improve on speeding through Greatford. This will involve using a speed gun at 2 locations and at 2 times of day, to gather hard data with which to seek expert advice as to the actions to then take to reduce speeding. This would mean that any expenditure is justified. Cllr Halsey and Cllr Gemma Taylor will liaise on this campaign. The speed gun will be loaned free of charge.

21/22 - 10 Queen's Platinum Jubilee beacon

There is a desire to celebrate the jubilee but not necessarily with a beacon.

20/21 - 11 Any other business

- Cllr Taylor urged all parishioners to be even more vigilant following a recent burglary in the village.
- Mike Stonestreet, reiterated that sand and sandbags are available to all parishioners for collection.
- There is a box of sports equipment (football, rugby ball, rounders and cricket set) available for parishioners which is to be sited on the playing field. Parishioners will be advised of the access code.
- A parishioner has requested that the Clerk contact the gravel companies at West Deeping to ask them to dim the lights.
- At the request of a parishioner, Cllr Kelham Cooke will research the current SKDC policy regarding trees; removal for development or when they are dangerous. Cllr Baxter will research the current policy regarding the cutting of verges, and Cllr Cooke will provide a map of who is responsible for cutting the different verges.
- A parishioner raised how overgrown some of the footpaths are, in particular this year, making it difficult to walk along them. I.e. the FP from Stow Road to King Street. The Clerk will contact SKDC to ask for remedial works to be carried out.
- Dani Wheeler, one of the organisers of the Greatford Picnic in the Park has proposed a new date of Saturday 11th September, time to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

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