

# **Draft Minutes**

## **GREATFORD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**17.5.22, after the APM, at 7:50pm**

### **2021/22 - 34 Present**

Clr Philip Britton (Chair), Cllr Gemma Taylor (Vice Chair), Cllr Jason Halsey (Responsible Financial Officer), Cllr Natalie Pretsell, Cllr Tony Barker.

Elizabeth Ashby, Nigel Ashby, Ibis Channell, Alison Horton, Ann Sumner, District Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew.

Helen Britton (Clerk to the Parish Council)

### **2021/22 - 35 Opening of meeting**

Philip Britton welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

### **2021/22 - 36 Apologies**

Cllr Kelham Cooke, Lois Webb, Dani Wheeler.

### **2021/22 - 37 Election of Chair**

Jason Halsey proposed Philip Britton to be Chair. This was seconded by Tony Barker.

### **2021/22 - 38 Election of Vice Chair**

Philip Britton proposed Gemma Taylor to be Vice Chair. This was seconded by Jason Halsey.

### **2021/22 - 39 Election of Responsible Financial Officer**

Philip Britton proposed Jason Halsey to be the Responsible Financial Officer. This was seconded by Tony Barker.

### **2021/22 - 40 Declaration of pecuniary interest**

None to declare.

### **2021/22 - 41 Approval of Minutes of APCM May 2021**

The approval of the Minutes was proposed by Natalie Pretsell and seconded by Gemma Taylor

### **2021/22 - 42 Approval of Minutes of GPC meeting March 2022**

The approval of the Minutes was proposed by Natalie Pretsell and seconded by Gemma Taylor

## 2021/22 - 43 Matters arising from last meeting

Regarding the Community Speedwatch campaign, the speedwatch locations were approved on 17.5.22. Six more '30' signs have been given to the village.

## 2021/22 - 44 Finances: as set out in Section 1 of the Annual Audit Returns

Jason Halsey presented the Parish Council Accounts for 2021/2022 as set out in Section 1 of the Annual Audit Returns for the year ended 31st March 2022.

## 2021/22 - 45 Finances: as set out in Section 2 of the Annual Audit Returns

Jason Halsey presented the Parish Council Accounts for 2021/2022 as set out in Section 2 of the Annual Audit Returns for the year ended 31st March 2022.

## 2021/22 - 46 Finances: mid-year accounts

The Precept of £3800 has been received. All the accounts balance. The Parish Council have set aside up to £500 for something permanent for the Platinum Jubilee. (A tree with plaque, a framed village photograph and a mosaic.)

## 2021/22 - 47 Planning matters

Permission has been granted for the following:

Application No: S22/0540

Erection of single storey front porch and single and first floor rear extensions. Proposal includes external alterations.

Location: The Brimbles, Carlby Road, Greatford, Lincolnshire PE9 4PY

Application No: S22/0131

Replace structural timbers in cart shed due to wet rot.

Location: Bumble Bee Barn, Main Street, Greatford, Lincolnshire PE9 4QA

Application No: S22/0746

Remove 2 x Pine Trees

Location: Riverdale, Carlby Road, Greatford, Lincolnshire PE9 4PR

Work Allowed with suggested conditions to plant 2 replacement trees.

Tony Barker reported that there has also been no objection from the Parish Council and the decision is pending on the following:

Application No: S22/0230

Applicant: Anglian Water

Proposal: Hybrid Planning Application for the proposed Grantham to Bexwell potable water Pipeline Scheme with full planning consent sought for 95 km of pipeline and 4 km spur, and outline consent for associated above ground infrastructure at Elton and Welby Heath with all matters reserved except for access.

Location: Pipeline Between Ancaster And Bexwell, Norfolk.

App Type: Full Planning Permission with EIA

Application No: S22/0945

Proposal: Reduce a section of conifers/larch/pines to the previous reduced section height

Location: 14 Greatford Gardens, Greatford, Lincolnshire, PE9 4PX,

App Type: Tree Preservation Order

The Councillors agreed to have a consistent approach when responding to planning applications; if trees are to be removed, they will suggest replacing them with native species.

The County Planning Officer has four investigations underway for non-compliance with Section 106 Agreements in relation to the quarries at Baston and West Deeping causing HGV traffic to come through Greatford at unsocial hours.

## 2021/22 - 48 Flood wardens report

Jason Halsey (Deputy Flood Warden) gave an overview of the situation since the January meeting.

### Overview

With mostly dry weather during recent month, the river level had been at a low height of around 0.1m since the since the PC meeting in March

### EA Maintenance

An additional ring of concrete walling had been added to the gauge surround at the Shillingthorpe to ensure that the gauge would continue to record at higher river levels.

### Mallard Pass commercial solar site proposal

The next phase will require the MP consortium to commission a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA). This will be of critical interest to Greatford, Essendine and Ryhall in particular. The FRA will be reviewed by the EA (for river flood risk), and by the LCC and Rutland CC Lead Local Flood Authorities for Flood Risk from other sources. Chris had been in initial contact with the managers of the EA and LCC LLFA who will be involved with this.

## 2021/22 - 49 Reports from District and County Councillors

### **Report from District Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew:**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend will soon be with use with parishes busy organising events, you can register your details on the SKDC website - [Platinum Jubilee events in South Kesteven](#). Please email the details to [pr@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:pr@southkesteven.gov.uk).

In the north of the district SKDC is jointly hosting a Beacon Lighting event in Dysart Park, Grantham, on Thursday June 2, residents can bring along a picnic and enjoy a great night of entertainment and celebration, featuring the Cranwell Military Wives Choir and the Jammy Codgers band?

Local District Councillors will be attending a zoom meeting with representatives from Mallard Pass this week before Stage 2 of the statutory consultation begins on 26<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> August. Parish Councillors should have also been approached for a meeting.

We have just launched our Best Kept Village Awards 2022, there are two categories – small villages 100-500 residents and medium villages – 501-5000 residents. A golden litter bin will be awarded to the winner, please contact Steve Frisby on [S.FRISBY@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:S.FRISBY@southkesteven.gov.uk) for copies of last year's report.

More residents have come forward to offer accommodation to Ukrainian evacuees, (including Baston) escaping the terrible conflict in their country. At the last count there were 124 approved registrations of interest from those wishing to become a sponsor and this number is increasing on a daily basis. In response, TeamSK's project team set up to help those arriving is continuing its great work and has completed 86 accommodation checks.

More information is available at [Homes for Ukraine scheme – expressions of interest \(EOIs\) and Support for Ukraine \(southkesteven.gov.uk\)](#)

We are also lucky that the Queen's Jubilee Baton will be visiting Wyndham Park, Grantham on 11<sup>th</sup> July, the Baton started its journey from Buckingham Palace on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, travelled around the various Commonwealth countries and will finish at Birmingham for the opening of the Commonwealth Games.

SKDC has refunded 35,997 households who pay their council tax by direct debit, this amounts to £5,399,550 in the last 2 weeks. For those who don't pay by DD, the district council hopes to contact by letter from 13<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Report from District Cllr Kelham Cooke:**

#### Best Kept Village

We recently announced the return of the 2022 Best Kept Village Award, a really engaging competition that celebrates the aesthetics of our beautiful villages and champions the efforts of our local communities. Every village in the District will be inspected and judging is scheduled to commence in July on key village facilities, grounds maintenance, street scenes and front gardens. Judges will include representatives from the Lincolnshire Gardens Trust and a mystery judge from SKDC. Only one village per parish will be eligible for a prize and only measures that are readily visible will be assessed. The parish council of each winning villages will receive £400 for the top award, £300 for second and £200 for third. Last year was a great success and really shone a light on the hard work that goes into each of our local villages on a daily basis. I can't wait to see the images of each candidate this year and I look forward to seeing the difficult decision made by judges to establish this year's winners.

#### Jubilee events

I have been amazed by the amount of work carried out by parish councils across the District generally, and in and around Stamford specifically, in organising events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. There is such a wide variety of events, including a village rounders match in Uffington and the beacon lighting event and fair on the Stamford Recreation Ground. It has been incredible to see the preparation for these events so advanced as early as March, and I am really excited to get out and experience everything we have going on and see so many within our community come out and celebrate this momentous event.

#### St Martin's Park

I recently met with Burghley Estates to visit the site of the new St Martin's Park development and I was delighted to see the next step in the process get under way. The demolition of the existing buildings has now begun, which means we are moving in a steady direction towards the construction of this amazing concept. I am so excited about this project and I can't wait to see the progress made over the next year as we see ground broken on the site and beyond.

#### Deepings Leisure Centre Update

This month, the Cabinet approved the results of a public consultation on the future of the Deepings Leisure Centre, agreeing with plans to fully remodel and refurbish the much-needed venue. The Cabinet also approved

the decision to retain the learner pool, as requested by local residents during the consultation process. Next, we will be working with Lincolnshire County Council, the owners of the site, and Anthem Trust, who use the facilities through the Deepings School, to agree a legal agreement that will allow us to press ahead with the works. We are eager to get the leisure centre re-opened as quickly as possible, but with the proviso that the necessary changes are made to ensure the site truly meets the needs of all local users.

Rosemary and Kelham will be attending a meeting about Stage Two of the NSIP Application for Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

## 2021/22 - 50 AOB

### Community Emergency Plan

Elizabeth Ashby suggested revisiting the idea, in the light of the Mallard Pass planning application and the associated increased risks of flooding and electricity outages if granted, and that Cllr Natalie Pretsell will look into producing a list of useful emergency contacts. Tony Barker confirmed that there are Anglian water generators to maintain sewage flow in case of electricity outages.

### Mallard Pass Solar Farm

There will be an exhibition for Stage 2 at Greatford Village Hall on Wednesday 29th June 3 - 8:30pm. There will be a Q and A session led by the Mallard Pass Action Group (MPAG) at a later date, to be confirmed.

Philip Britton proposed that GPC contribute to the Mallard Pass Action Group. Rosemary Trollope-Bellew has enquired with LALC and will confirm whether such a contribution is legally permitted.

Tony Barker and all the Council commended Susannah Holloway on all that she has done, so far, as the Chair of the MPAG.

### Street lights

Ibis Channell suggested switching them off. Natalie Pretsell will investigate who is able to decide about this.

### Platinum Jubilee commemorations

The Councillors discussed the proposal for a tree. It was decided to plant a small oak tree (kindly donated by Nigel Ashby) on the Playing Field along with a plaque, to be funded by the Parish Council. A village photo and a village community-made mosaic will be created on Sunday 5th June, as part of the village jubilee events.

**Next meeting:** 19th July 2022 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm