

GREATFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

13th September 2022

7:30pm Greatford Village Hall

Present:

Councillors Philip Britton (Chair), Gemma Taylor (Vice Chair), Jason Halsey, Tony Barker; Helen Britton (Clerk); Nigel Ashby, Elizabeth Beckett, Rod Campbell, Ibis Channell, Elizabeth Edgar, Ross Edgar, James Everitt, Mark Gilbert, Sue Holloway, Alison Horton.

A minute's silence was observed in respect of the death of the Late Queen Elizabeth II.

2021/22 - 41 Apologies for absence

SKDC Cllr Kelham Cooke, SKDC Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Parish Cllr Natalie Pretsell, Elizabeth Ashby, Chris Granvile White (Flood Warden), Lois Webb.

2021/22 - 42 Approval of Minutes from 26th July 2022

Proposed by Cllr Gemma Taylor, seconded by Cllr Tony Barker.

2021/22 - 43 Matters arising

The Chair reported that the playground equipment has been kept in very good order and that it passed the annual inspection, carried out by Wicksteeds. All risks were either very low or low.

2021/22 - 44 Reports from County and District Councillors

The Clerk gave a precis of Cllr Kelham Cooke's report:

Development of the former Cummins site in Stamford is going well and will provide a designated commercial area; mixed-use area; retirement village; range of residential properties, including affordable homes; and areas of green and open space. The high-quality, well-designed and sustainable development has been shortlisted for a Brownfield Award 2022.

Supporting our business communities is a key priority for SKDC and a HelloSK app, designed to point consumers towards local businesses, events and venues, has been launched. It is as they continue their recovery

As part of our continued support for the people of Ukraine, SKDC marked Ukraine Independence Day. 144 households across South Kesteven have warmly welcomed refugees into their homes since the conflict began in February 2022.

Shortlists have been drawn up in all seven categories for the SK Community Awards 2022, ahead of a presentation night in October. Three nominees in each category will be invited to what will be a fantastic celebration of community goodwill.

This year all three of Grantham's parks have been awarded Green Flag status – the international benchmark for quality.

South Kesteven's Best Kept Villages of 2022 have been announced. Ropsley and Welby were awarded first place with second place being awarded to Allington and Stubton and finally, Barrowby and Witham on the Hill in third place. (Entry is automatic).

2021/22 - 45 **Financial matters**

Cllr Jason Halsey (RFO) reported that there is around £14500 in the parish accounts. Once presented, the cheques for £6000 (grant monies / summer childrens scheme) and £900 (use of Village Hall for summer children scheme) will take the accounts to their forecast level.

2021/22 - 46 **Planning matters**

Approved planning applications:

Application No: S22/1112

Proposal: Listed Building consent for conversion of barn to residential dwelling, with additional annexe and works (Re-submission of S19/1687 - to include a single storey extension and alterations)

Location: Bluebell Barn Main Street

Greatford Lincolnshire PE9 4QA

Decision/Date 2nd August 2022

Application No: S22/1025

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning approval S20/0901 (Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning approval S19/1686 (Conversion of barn to residential dwelling, with additional annex and car store) to make alterations including rooflights and fenestration alterations) to include a single storey extension and alterations

Location: Bluebell Barn Main Street

Greatford Lincolnshire PE9 4QA

Decision/Date 2nd August 2022

Application No: S22/1438

Proposal: Proposed replacement dwelling and detached garden room.

Location: Ash Lodge Carlby Road

Greatford Lincolnshire PE9 4PR

Decision/Date 5th September 2022

Mallard Pass Solar Farm NSIP

Sue Hollway, from Mallard Pass Action Group (MPAG), reported on progress of the NSIP solar farm proposal. The Statutory Consultation closed on 4.8.22 and, currently, the Adequacy of

Consultation (AoC) process is taking place. The Planning Inspectorate will review responses to the AoC from LCC, SKDC and RCC and then allow Mallard Pass to proceed with their Planning Application. MPAG met LCC's Chief Planning Officer, Phil Jordan, and will submit a response in November. Cllr Jason Halsey attended an SKDC planning meeting and spoke in objection on behalf of Greatford parishioners. Response to the actual Planning Application by Greatford PC and all of MPAG will be against policy and legislation and will require a response with the expertise of planning consultants and barristers. Funds will need to be raised and Cllr Phil Britton proposed a donation of £500 to MPAG to pay for this. Four local Parish Councils have done the same, the legalities have been checked and all Councillors were in agreement. Cllr Phil Britton thanked Sue Holloway for all her time and hard work leading the Action Group and supporting the objections of Greatford parishioners.

2021/22 - 47 Flood wardens report

Flood Warden, Chris Granville-White, has provided a report to parishioners who have requested it. Cllr Jason Halsey gave a summary; the annual dyke-clearing near Greatford Gardens is taking place.

The Environment Agency has been approached regarding the reinstatement of the riverbank with no response. Cllr Kelham Cooke is very supportive of the Flood Warden's efforts and a meeting with the EA is arranged for October.

2021/22 - 47 Update - Speedwatch campaign/ HGV traffic

There have been 3 campaigns to date with another 2 planned. The aim is to deter those speeding through Greatford but also to gather data evidence.

Parishioner, Elizabeth Edgar, spoke about her efforts to deter HGV traffic. She has spoken with County Cllr Ashley Baxter and several companies that use HGVs. When stopped and asked, drivers said that they are given no guidance about Section 106 agreements, for which the local authority is responsible.

2021/22 - 48 Rabbit issues on Playing Field

There are large holes on the Playing Field and Cllr Phil Britton is concerned for the safety of users. Efforts have already been made to fill the holes, to no avail, so legal rabbit control will be deployed.

2021/22 - 49 Update - children's playscheme

Cllr Gemma Taylor, who organised the funding and booking, reported some examples of the positive feedback of families whose children benefited this summer. 84 children from Greatford and the immediate parishes took part over the 3 weeks, and they hope that it will take place in 2023. The Parish Council will discuss applying for lottery funding for this or other future projects. Cllr Phil Britton thanked Cllr Taylor for organising such an excellent parish event.

2021/22 - 50 Any other business

A Book of Condolence for The Late Queen Elizabeth II is in the Church until the day after her funeral.

A parishioner suggested an updated portrait of Elizabeth II. This was discussed and it was agreed that a portrait of King Charles III would be added inside the Village Hall, following his coronation.

A liaison meeting with Breedons had been postponed and as it is during the working day, no Councillors will be able to attend.

The missing finger of the signpost needs to be repaired and reinstated.

Cllr Gemma Taylor thanked parishioners, Alison Horton and Gaynor Leigh, for leading parishioners to make the wonderful Jubilee Mosaic which is now inside the Village Hall for all to enjoy.

Cllr Phil Britton thanked everyone who attended and the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Date of next meeting - 22nd November 2022