

Gretton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2024
held at Gretton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Hanson (Chairman), Cllr Butcher and Cllr Green

In Attendance: Parish Clerk, Borough Cllr Madle, plus 1 member of the public.

1. To receive apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Oliver.

2. To receive declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting.

No declarations were received

3. Public consultation

To receive comments from members of the public -

A member of the public raised the following issues around keeping Gretton rural, which were not addressed at the meeting as they have been raised and addressed in previous meetings:

- Hard surface track at the playing field
- Traffic calming in the village
- Speeding traffic leaving the village

4. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2024

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman for Wednesday 8th May 2024.

5. Financial Matters

5.1. **It was resolved that** the following payments had been made since the last meeting. Payment of these were approved. Proposed Cllr Hanson, seconded Cllr Green.

To ratify payments made between meetings

Payee	Details	Amount
Saxon printing	Survey printing	97.03
R. Green	Memorial planting	68.82
Zurich	Annual Insurance	363.00
Saxon printing	Newsletter printing	191.34
C. Bridges	June Salary	336.30
Total		£1,056.49

- Cllr Green was unable to produce the receipt for expenses for the war memorial planting. **COUNCIL AGREED** that Cllr Green had provided sufficient evidence of a bank statement and plants as proof of purchase of for greening the War Memorial of £68.82.

5.2. **It was resolved that** the following payments for July be approved. Proposed Cllr Hanson, seconded Cllr Green.

To consider invoices for payment

Payee	Details	Amount
C. Bridges	Clerks salary - Jul 2024	240.30
PATA	Payroll (Apr, May Jun) & setup	61.05
Community Heartbeat	F2F Cardiac response seminar	210.00
Total		£271.05

- **COUNCIL NOTED** that due to a change in Clerks Tax Code, there will be a £96 credit note with HMRC, reimbursement of PAYE overpayment is reflected in Clerks June Salary.

- **COUNCIL AGREED** to pay the agreed amount of £500 towards the GVA summer Fete as previously agreed in minutes 130324.6c.

5.3. It was noted that the following receipts had been received

To note receipts

From	Details	Amount
Lloyds	Bank interest	23.18
Tewkesbury Borough Council	S106 - play area	19704.00
Lloyds	Bank interest	31.89
HMRC	VAT Reclaim	3971.29
Total		£23,730.36

5.4. COUNCIL APPROVED the bank reconciliation (Appendix A) for the current state of accounts 30 June 2024

5.5. To review the proposed savings accounts Ongoing Cllr Green

To carry this item forward to the September meeting.

6. Planning Matters

6.1. To make recommendations to the Planning Authority upon the suitability of the following planning applications/appeals

No outstanding applications

6.2. To ratify Comments on planning applications received that required a response before the meeting

Reference	Location	Description	Action
24/00461/TCA	Old Tower Cottage Working Lane	Birch tree, on boundary of corner of Working Lane. Remove as it is completely dead Leylandii on northern boundary of property. Dying back.	No objection comment
24/00501/TCA	Manor Farm Cottage Gretton Road	T1 Ash Remove 4/5 overextended limbs. T2 Cherry Reduce by approximately 1.5m and shape T3 Greengage Reduce by approximately 1.5m and shape T4 Magnolia Reduce by approximately 1.5m and shape.	No objection comment
24/00418/FUL	Manor Farmhouse , Gretton Road,	Erection of garage and link extension together with installation of infinity pool and erection of detached gym and pool buildings with associated landscaping. Change of use of paddock to residential use.	No objection comment. With additional comments: 1. multiple applications already on this site leading to confusion; 2. That development is for private residential use only.

6.3. Planning decisions

Reference	Location	Description	Decision
24/00283/TCA	Copse End Winchcombe Road	T1: sycamore: Remove as its heavily leaning and growing over the summer house and blocking a lot of light into the garden.	No Objections
24/00239/FUL	Glenbrook Gretton Fields Gretton	Installation of solar PV panels in garden to the rear of the property	Permit
24/00229/LBC	Tythe Farm, Gopshill Lane	Alterations/Remedial works to building B only (Changes to 21/00805/LBC, 21/00804/FUL &	Consent

		22/00084/CONDIS)	
24/00380/TCA	Greenway House Greenway Lane	T1: Magnolia: Reduce by 2m and shape.	No Objections
24/00414/TCA	Torsmead Gretton Road	HG1 Cypress hedge - fell to combat subsidence damage to Torsmead Winchcombe	No Objections
24/00416/TCA	Torsmead Gretton Road	T7 Holly tree located very close to boundary line between Torsmead and Kingsmead - Fell to combat subsidence damage to Torsmead.	No Objections
24/00401/FUL	Lynch Lane Farm Greenway Lane	Re-rendering of existing annexe, alterations to the fenestration and proposed roof lights to the south-east elevation.	Permit
24/00402/LBC	Lynch Lane Farm Greenway Lane	Re-rendering of existing annexe, alterations to the fenestration and proposed roof lights to the south-east elevation.	Consent

6.4. Planning Appeal

Reference	Location	Description	Action
23/00953/OUT	Land Adjacent Lily Barn Gretton Fields	Removal of glamping pods and change of use of land to enable the erection of up to 3no. bungalows together with associated development with all matters reserved except access.	COUNCIL AGREED that it should re-affirm it's previous objection response

7. Village Survey 2024

7.1. To receive a summary of key survey results

Thanks were given to Cllr Butcher for all the work carried out in collating the results of survey.
Survey results Appendix B

7.2. To agree actions arising from the survey results

To carry this item forward to the September meeting.
Concerns were raised of overgrown boundary hedges at five locations across the parish.
ACTION Cllr Hanson to draft formal letters to be sent by GPC to property owners

8. Village Communication

8.1. To receive update on the newsletter

Survey feedback was generally positive regarding the newsletter.
ACTION Cllr Butcher to investigate printing on a more sustainable paper stock option.

8.2. To receive an update and agree actions on the GPC email addresses

ACTION Cllr Butcher to make a recommendation

8.3. To receive an update and agree actions on Village Social media performance

It was felt the social media approach was working well plus the addition of the digital version of the newsletter.
ACTION Clerk to circulate an example of an Engagement Policy

9. Information and Correspondence

9.1. To discuss new street name consultation for Land At Part Parcel 3747

Notice has been posted on the noticeboard. No further action required.

9.2. Winter Updates 2024/25

The Snow Warden will continue for another year. There is sufficient grit stock. GPC are still pursuing replacing the two village grit bins.

10. Reports

10.1. To receive a report from the County Council

No report has been received.

On the 30th July GPC and GCC Highways will meet to discuss current concerns around the village.

10.2. To receive a report from the Borough Council

Consultation on name change of the Borough has been extended to 3rd September. This would be a phased approach, using £10K of budget that had been set aside for a branding upgrade.

The Old Boys' School, Winchcombe, which has been closed for three years, is being lobbied to reopen as a youth centre. A consultation is underway.

10.3. To receive a report from the Clerk

ACTION Clerk to review document page of the GPC website

ACTION Clerk to order poppy wreath

10.4. To receive a report from Greening Environment Group

Additional planting was purchased and planted for greening war memorial. No responses to the request for locations for bulb planting.

10.5. To receive a report from Traffic & Road Safety

Traffic speed remains a concern in the Village, prompting the revival of the Speedwatch team, which has four regular volunteers but needs more support to become an effective deterrent.

Recent sessions showed a 15% increase in vehicles exceeding 35mph compared to a previous 7% average, with 7 cars recorded at over 40mph. There have been several recent vehicle incidents, including a damaged car near the school, a collision at Gopshill bends, and a near-miss involving a child in the same area. A Speed Awareness campaign linked to village appearance might be a project for the council.

ACTION to create a record logging accidents and incidents that happen in the village

10.6. To receive a report from GVA

Two successful Hub events were held, attracting younger families. The next Hub is on July 14th, supported by GPC with approximately £40 per session after donations. The Play Area has been handed over, serving as a family focal point with three new litter bins installed.

The "Walk for the Park 2.0" event was a success, with 49 participants raising around £2,400 and an anticipated profit of about £1,750 due to generous donations.

The Village Fete and Play Area Opening are scheduled for June 13th, with the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire officiating. The event will feature over 20 stalls and activities, with potential attendance from the Mayor and Lead Member for Communities. A £500 Build Back Better grant and a £500 commitment from GPC have been received.

The GVA is offering bench sponsorships in the Playing Field, with two confirmed so far. Hall rentals are steady, with a new Pilates class and a big wedding planned. A book club and wine club are under consideration pending volunteers.

Future GVA projects include a Perimeter Path, Shed relocation and Activity Space, Solar, and Hall Decoration. However, the GVA is facing resource constraints, with some committee members contemplating their future and a lack of new volunteers leading to high workloads for a few individuals.

10.7. To receive a report from Flood Group

Three areas of flooding to be discussed with GCC Highways at meeting on 30th July.

10.8. To receive a report from Cotswold Warden

The donation of £100 from GPC was appreciated and will be used to buy a wheelbarrow and fencing pliers.

A new stile has been installed on path AWB5 off Winchcombe Road, and the path from Greenway Lane has been cleared.

D of E students continue to cause issues by not following countryside etiquette, such as closing gates and leaving no trace. One supervisor has been spoken to about this.

ACTION to create a working party to clear the top Gypsy Lane

10.9. To receive a report from Gretton Primary School

The school did not have anything to raise with GPC.

ACTION Cllr Oliver will meet with the school in September

ACTION to request that the school avoids scheduling sports day on a refuse collection day in the village

10.10. To receive a report from the Police

The Cllr Advocacy Group with the Police and PCC continues to be positive. The Handbook has been shared and includes contact details for various incidents/concerns. Future meetings will address Highways and Speed and Neighbourhood Watch.

11. To Review the Asset Register

COUNCIL AGREED that it would not be necessary to replace the missing hand gritter 2.

COUNCIL AGREED to approve the annual asset register update.

12. Parish Council Assets

12.1. To receive update on Street Lighting Cllr Hanson meeting with GCC Highways -ongoing, no update.

12.2. To receive update on Village Gateway – ongoing, no update.

12.3. To receive update on Bus stop refurbishment – ongoing, no update.

12.4. To receive update on War memorial repairs – ongoing, no update.

12.5. To receive update on grit & salt bins – ongoing, no update.

12.6. To receive update on mobile speed sign – to be discuss with GCC Highways on 30th July.

13. To discuss the necessity and potential acquisition of a second defibrillator within the parish.

Following the cardiac response seminar that it was recommended to be good practice to have a second defibrillator within Gretton.

ACTION Cllr Green to establish costings for the acquisition of a second defibrillator

ACTION Cllr Hanson to approach Gretton Church to discuss the possibility of housing a defibrillator in the church porch.

14. To discuss Other Items for Information Only/Future Agenda Items

The meeting closed at 8.11pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 11th September 2024, commencing at 7.00pm.

APPENDIX A**BANK RECONCILIATION - 30 JUNE 2024**

Balance per Lloyds TSB C/A statement	30/06/24	4763.73	
Balance per Lloyds TSB B/A statement	30/06/24	28016.40	
			32780.13
Unpresented cheques			
	chq no	0.00	0.00
	chq no	0.00	0.00
			0.00
Balance as at 30th June 2024			32780.13

Cash Book

Opening balance at 1st April 2024	23950.10
Add receipts in the year	35499.09
Less payments in the year	26669.06
Cashbook balance on 30 June 2024	32780.13

Total to carry forward	£	32,780.13
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APPENDIX B

2024 Village Survey Meeting Notes - Summary of feedback and key action areas

Introduction.

The survey took place in May '24.

Of those delivered, approx 40% were returned, with a 50:50 split between hard-copy and on-line. Whilst we would have hoped for a higher return, it is apparently average for such surveys.

Feedback provided to-date.

- i. Discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting – 9th June '24
- ii. Village Newsletter – mid June 24.
- iii. The full dataset (with parts of Section 1 redacted) is provided at the GPC web-site.
- iv. This note; a summary of feedback is also appended to this note.
Appendix I – Chart summary of responses
Appendix II – Written comments.

This note provides a summary and feedback on how the survey will impact what the Gretton PC does in the next few years.

Whilst there are some specific actions, the survey data will be used to guide future Council action and spend decisions.

Unfortunately, many of the suggestions are simply outside the Councils' remit or ability to influence.

The survey's 7-sections

<i>Section 1.</i>	<i>About you</i>
<i>Section 2</i>	<i>Communications</i>
<i>Section 3</i>	<i>The Community</i>
<i>Section 4</i>	<i>Traffic, Parking and Transport</i>
<i>Section 5</i>	<i>The Village Environment & Sustainability</i>
<i>Section 6</i>	<i>Housing Planning & development</i>
<i>Section 7</i>	<i>Prioritising council actions, including 3-good & 3-bad things about living in Gretton.</i>

Section 1. *About you*

Of most use to help the more detailed analysis of data by village location, age group and household details. This has not been circulated.

Section 2 *Communications*

Both conventional and digital communications are clearly appreciated.

Growing support for digital (social media & website), but there was strong positive feedback on the Newsletter.

GPC Actions.

- Maintain the regular newsletter.
- Encourage a wider range of inputs, include some less formal.
- Ensure a wide demographic is catered for.
- Consider recycled materials
- Better publicise social and on-line media.
- Ensure website is publicised, up-to-date, interesting and useful.

Section 3 *The Community*

There was strong endorsement for the level of community spirit, the importance of GVA's Village Hall and Field facilities and the activities supported.

Many requests and ideas for additional or alternative activities.

Some ideas need to be moderated by the need for people to help organise and run them.

Strong support for improvements to the rear of the Hall, parking and activity area.

Also, strong support for better access to the field and for a perimeter path.

Encourage the use of the field for a wider demographic.

More meeting places or social seating in the field.

There were some specific equipment requests

These details have been shared with the GVA.

GPC Actions.

GPC to continue to support village social initiatives, where there is a village-wide benefit.

Includes financial support for village social events ...eg

- Summer Fete and Apple Rock
- Gretton Hub

GPC to continue to support GVA Hall and Field maintenance and improvement initiatives. Where there is a village-wide benefit, and it helps the long-term viability of the facilities...eg

- Financial support to help establish additional parking at rear of Hall. This could also offload village event parking issues, possibly school drop-off & pick-up?
- Continue financial support of grass-cutting and field maintenance programme
- Continue to pay the GVA Village Hall building loan (effectively a mortgage). Note this is paid-off in 4-years)

Other ideas are being considered by the GVA

Section 4 *Traffic, parking and transport*

Traffic and Parking received the strongest feedback of any section.

Not all the respondents are directly impacted by traffic & parking, because of their location. But the overwhelming majority consider this to be the main concern.

This was clear from Section 7 (3-worst things about Gretton, and GPC Priorities), and it was the main topic at the Annual Parish Meeting discussion.

There is a clear need for the Council to do more itself and to lobby others (TBC, GCC Highways and the Police) to seek other improvements.

GPC Actions.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, there was a consensus that the preferred approach to the problem of parking and speeding, should be advice, encouragement and persuasion rather than a vigilante or punitive approach.

In addition, any actions must be moderated by another strong feedback theme – to 'Keep Gretton Rural'.

These two goals can be conflicting, when considering traffic calming measures, road-signage and markings.

GPC has decided that it should take the view that road-safety issues must take priority over keeping Gretton rural. But only for safety issues, otherwise creeping urbanisation will be minimised.

This will need to be a regular discussion / action agenda item, for the foreseeable future.

Some of the key ideas to be considered (in no order) :- .

‘Refuge’ to allow traffic passing, near the Railway bridge

Move (Gotherington direction) bus-stop, off the bend.

Clear hedge from in-front of School-Zone sign.

Localised ‘No-Parking’ road-marking, in safety critical areas.

(eg Duglynych Lane junction, School, Working Lane junction, other tbc)

Centre-line on double-bend corner.

Central 20mph zone (from Manor Farmhouse to Railway bridge?)

Review parking down Working-lane. (Hedging, road-marking, ‘T’-junction parking)

Consider establishing additional parking (with hedge shielding), opposite School.

Note: possible considerable impact to nearby residents in Barn Close.

New Alderton approach gateway.

Add 30mph repeater sign

Move mobile VAS speed-sign location on Alderton approach, closer to the corner.

Move 30mph zone to include Redwood Close.

New Prescott approach gateway

Move 30mph zone to include Bayhill property development.

Concern over some bus-driver behaviours (action ?)

More ‘speed-watch’ teams / locations

Parking in front of dropped kerb, near church.

Better management of parking at village events

Publicity / signage / marshalling (a published ‘parking plan’ for events)

Use of Playing field – lower entrance

Additional parking at rear of Hall

School parking.

Maintain liaison with school.

Occasional police presence.

Encouragement to parents

Nominated parking in nearby residents’ driveways

Local signage

Public Transport.

There were few strong views in the survey.

But more people would use public transport, if the routes were better, and if they were better publicised.

Recognition that it would be good environmentally.

GPC Actions

Better publicise bus timetables to encourage use.

Consider if we should campaign for additional routes.

Check route, raise awareness and encourage the Robin Bus Service

Section 5 *The Village Environment & Sustainability*

Few major themes emerged, apart from flooding at specific locations.

Dog-fouling remains a minor concern, although hopefully alleviated by recent new bins and signage.

Dog- barking was a concern for a few.

In general, improving the rural environment, including tree & shrub planting received between 70% & 80% approval.

Surprisingly c30% did not want any additional tree, shrub or flower planting.
Some concerns about the condition of footpaths (roadside & off-road), also hedges blocking footpaths.
Limited feedback on 'Green' initiatives, with only c35% thinking that more should be done.

GPC Actions

Hedges / footpaths.

Manage overgrown roadside hedges which impact pedestrian safety (some have narrowed the pavement over the years and need a significant cut-back).

GPC to approach hedge owner, and / or email, offer help if needed.

Campaign (again) for roadside footpath from Royal Oak to Littleworth turn.

Improve general maintenance and signage for village off-road footpaths (considered by many to be a significant village asset)

Clear public footpath above Gypsy Lane towards Abbotts Leys farm.

Flooding.

Work with Highways to re-visit plans to fix flood-concern areas.

West of R'way bridge

Roadside at entrance to Stoneville & Hill View Farm

Opposite White Cottage

Ensure flooding is considered in planning applications

Encourage solar panels on village buildings.

Note school has been done (with a grant Green Fields solar farm Trust .

Village Hall is currently under consideration.

Encourage EV charging points where practical.

2nd defibrillator – Church may be a good location

Street-lighting. Only where necessary. Consider turning-off, say .. after midnight on again after 6.00 if not light.

Section 6 *Housing Planning & development*

Similar feedback to previous survey.

More than 70% believed that Gretton should support the provision of smaller houses for younger families and older residents down-sizing.

General acceptance that Gretton should accept some new housing, but smaller developments, and within the village boundaries.

Concern about village extending and losing its identity.

Developments should be small and should aim to keep village rural character and feel.

Frustrations with the TBC planning processes, and being bullied by large developers

GPC Actions

Remain pro-actively involved with TBC Planning Dept and all new planning applications. This may be particularly relevant with expected changes to Government planning policy.

Update and refresh GPCs planning update / refresh policy guidelines: -

Favour smaller developments.

Encourage smaller houses for young families or down-sizing residents.

Ensure plans address concerns about parking, flooding and maintaining Gretton's rural character

Consider Sustainability and Green features in planning applications (note recent GRCC material)

Section 7 *Prioritising council actions, including 3-good & 3-bad things about living in Gretton*

See Appendix II

3-Likes

The nicest part of the survey!

With consistent themes: rural, quiet, friendly, good school, safe, countryside, convenient location etc.

Pub is mentioned many times.

3-Dislikes

This was much wider ranging, but useful to see what irritates people.

Traffic, parking (generally and school),

Noise (dogs barking and shooting).

Difficult to walk safely to Winchcombe.

Poor footpaths, some overgrown hedges.

Localised flooding problems

No shop.

Plus many more, some impossible to action

Prioritising what the Council Does.

See Appendix I

Extremely useful guidance.

The strongest support was for ...

Keeping Gretton Rural & Footpath maintenance

Playing Field access and maintenance

Speed reduction initiatives.

Supporting social events

Mixed – some ambivalence

Village communications

Footpath to Greet

Hall facility improvement

Concerns about ..

Encouraging minor developments

Introducing parking restrictions.

GPC Actions

Most of the actions arising from these questions are included in the main actions above.

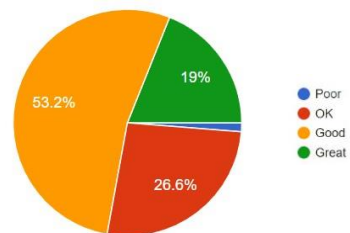
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Appendix I - Chart summary of questions

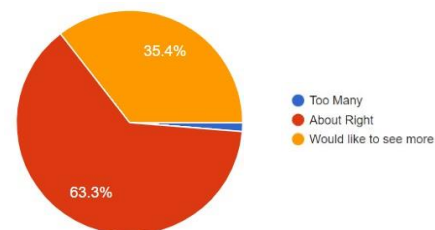
Community

Gretton Village Association as a Charity manages the Village Hall and Playing Field and uses these facilities to support a range of activities to support and enhance our community.

What do you think about Gretton's Community Spirit?

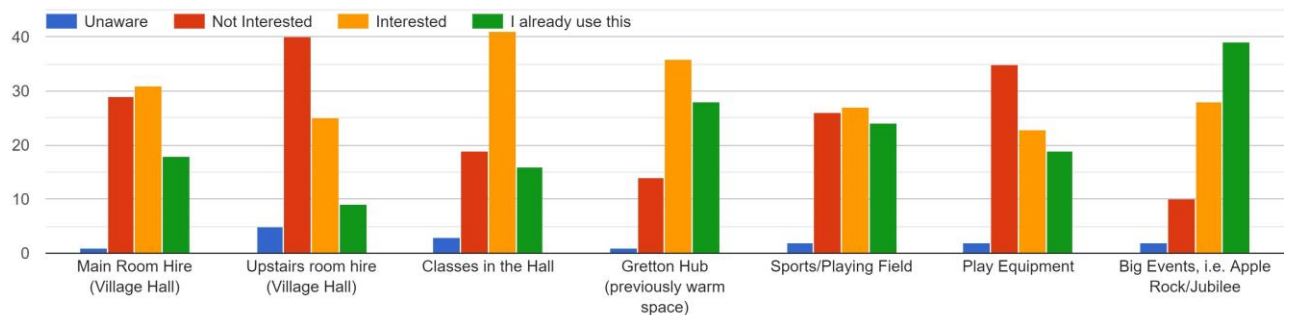


How do you feel about the Classes & Social activities provided in the Village?

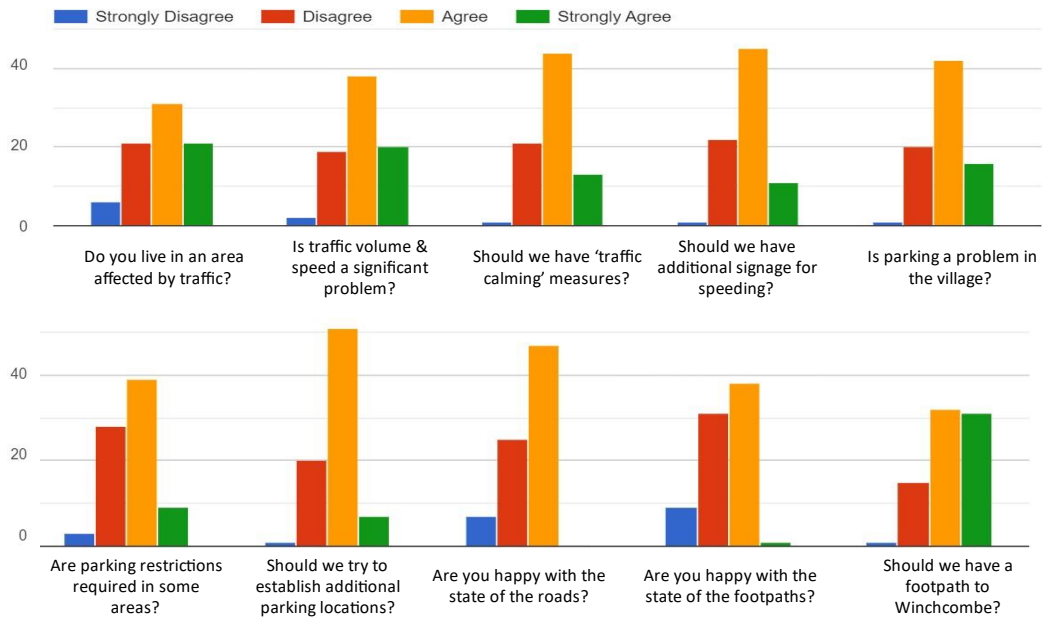


Community

Village Hall Facilities

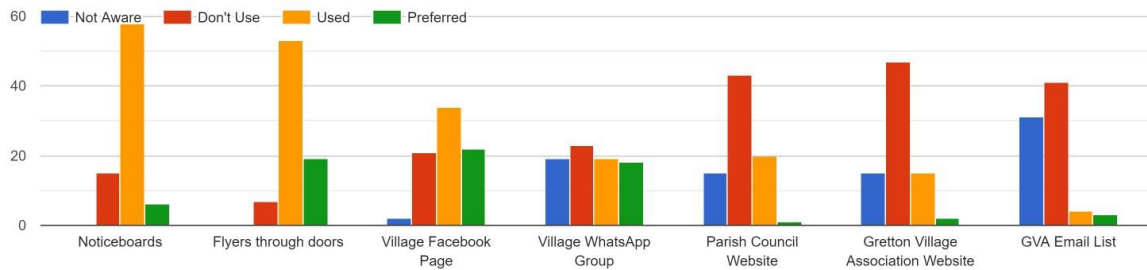


Traffic, Parking & Transport



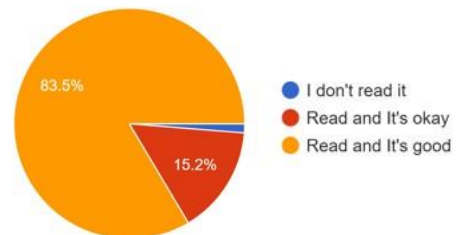
Communications

Various communications channels have been established to reach as many of the community as possible. Please indicate those which you use and mark the preferred manner in which you would like to receive information.

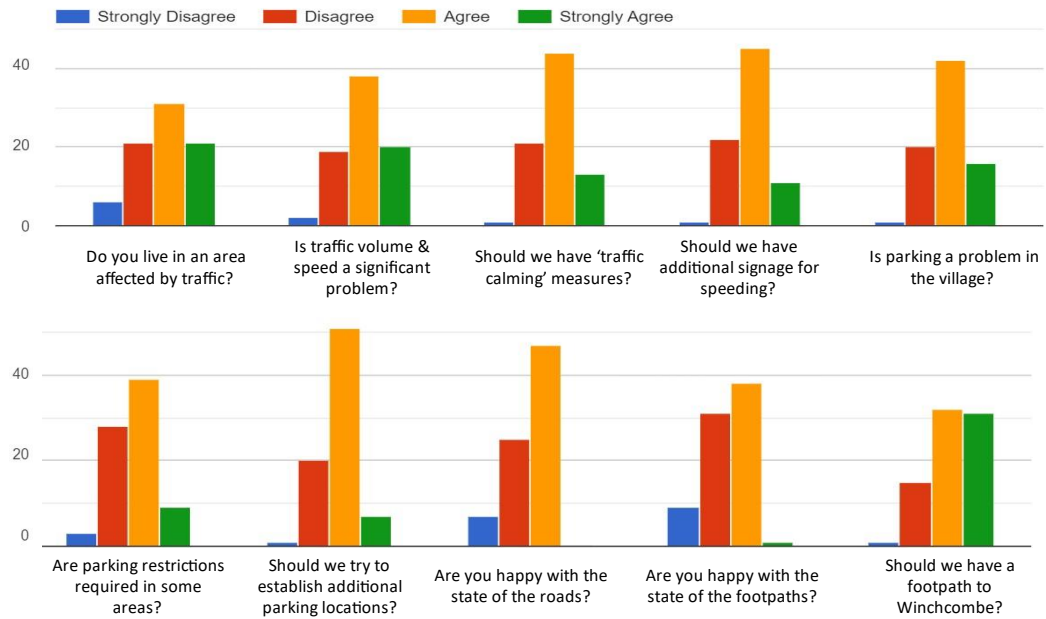


Village Newsletter

The Gretton Village Newsletter is distributed quarterly to provide a general update on news and to provide information. How satisfied are you with it?



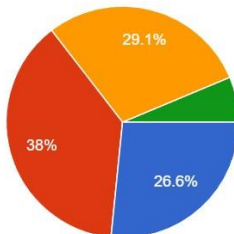
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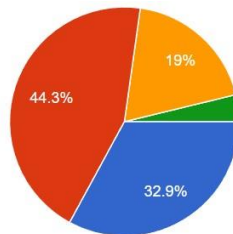
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Public Transport & Bus Services

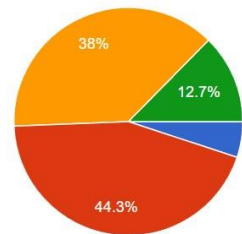
How important are public transport links to you?



Do you use the existing services?



Would you use them more if they were more frequent?

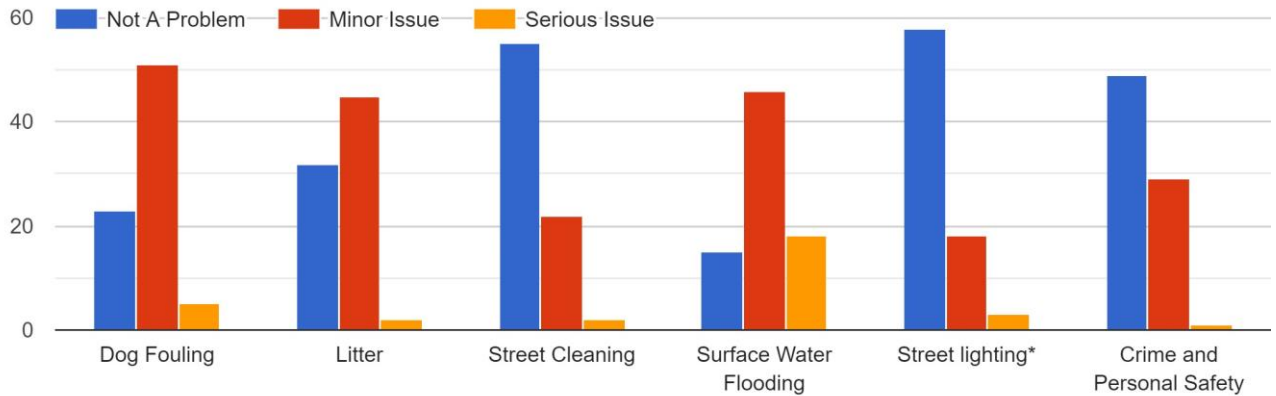


● Definitely Not
 ● Probably Not
 ● Likely
 ● Definitely

The Village Environment & Sustainability

Environment

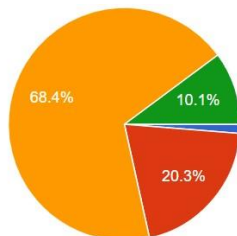
Are the following a problem in the village?



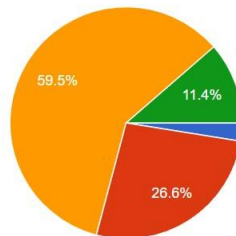
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Gretton's Rural Environment

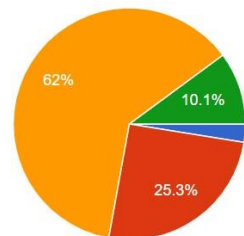
Should GPC take further steps to maintain and improve the village rural environment?



Additional tree planting?



Additional shrub and flower planting?

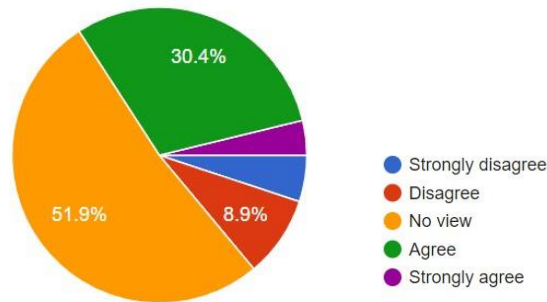


● Strongly disagree
 ● Disagree
 ● Agree
 ● Strongly agree

The Village Environment & Sustainability

Sustainability

Should Gretton be doing more to address the 'Climate Crisis'?



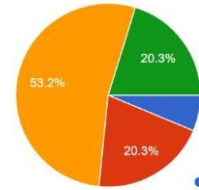
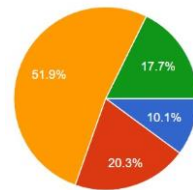
Housing, Planning and Development

Given the pressures in the Tewkesbury Borough to increase house building, how do you think Gretton should respond to new housing applications in or near the village?

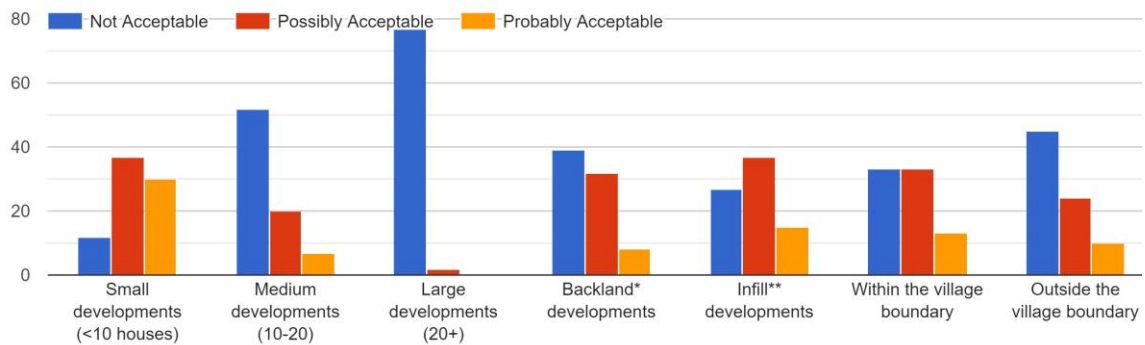
Smaller / more affordable homes, allowing younger people and families into the village

Homes suitable for downsizing, allowing older people to stay in the village

Housing Type

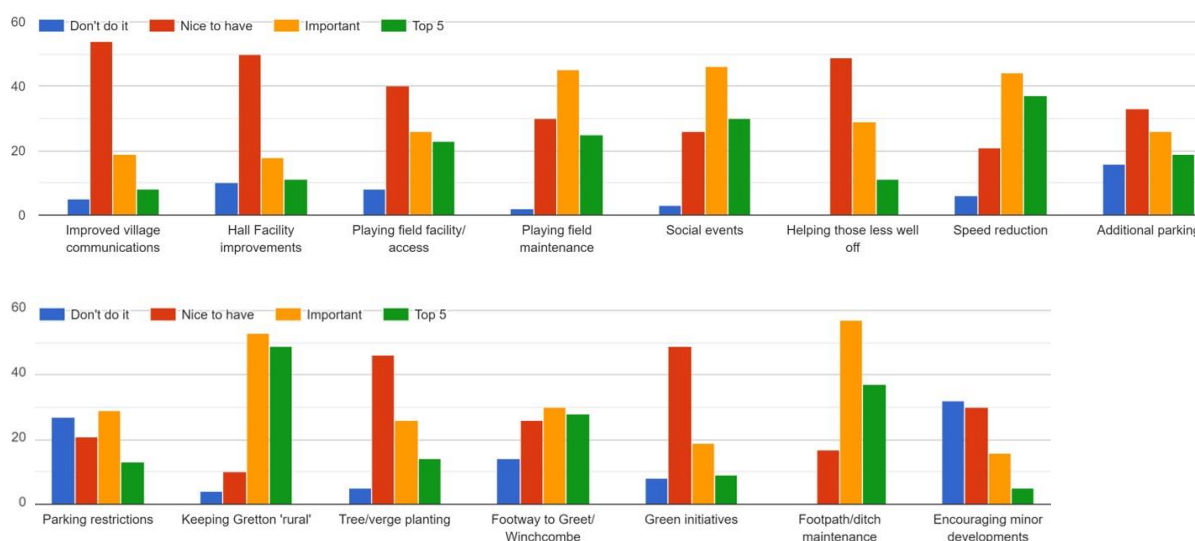


Development Type and Location



Prioritising what the Council does

How should GPC spend your money?



Appendix II - Written comments

Communications 2.8: Do you have any suggestions as to how communications could be improved?

More up to date info on weebly.com

village e-mail list

Talking

Knowing about village events further in advance would be helpful

Means of knowing how to be on the WhatsApp Group

Digital

I think that the channels you have are sufficient.

Flyers cost money and are wasteful for the environment. They tend to go straight in the bin. If you want people to give their honest views make the questionnaire anonymous - I could easily identify households based on your first few questions on this questionnaire!

Communications 2.10: How could the newsletter be improved?

Print on recycled paper- not glossy

I think it's pretty good in its current form, so just keeping going.

Online also and QR code to take you there

Bit more content. More imagery. Something aimed for kids maybe like a word search and more serious sudoku or something for adults.

more less formal inputs, also inputs from residents as well as organisations

More frequent - every 2 months?

Bus Timetables, Road Closure Notices

Unsure of usefulness in light of other channels of communications

It has seen a big improvement in the past couple of years

Would prefer it online - low cost and better for the environment. Would like to see pub news included as part of the community.

More info about school and pictures of local people

Community 3.3: Are there any activities you would like to see?

Dance classes for adults (couples, ballet, modern)

Basketball net somewhere, yoga on a few more eves after work time.

One off first aider class maybe?

Adult socials

More evening classes e.g. Pilates

more quiz nights

Evening yoga and pilates classes

Tool exchange

Craft workshops, film nights

More social activities for men

Children's Drama

Maybe more fitness type classes

Maybe some talks from (actually) interesting people. There must be some in the area.

Too many events that people drive to from outside the village causing parking issues - need to provide off-road parking for all events but not permanent urban car parking areas which could cause other issues and be out of place in the village. Community spirit is from talking to people when walking around the village rather than attending events. If anything extra, maybe events for older people in the community who may be isolated or mother/baby meet -ups for older people - benefits for both groups who may be isolated.

Kids clubs or activities

Theatre/Drama Evenings

Village Hall weekly get together for retirees

Art

More classes - keep fit

Bingo, film nights, dance, food-suppers + existing events

Something for men and families

Community 3.11: What facilities or activities you would like the GVA to consider?

Path around outside of field for easy walking- essential no dogs for health and safety

No children, but approve of initiative

Dogs should be allowed as the field is for the whole community, excluding dogs and effectively dog owners reduces the number of people casually meeting and therefore reduces village awareness and community spirit.

Social sitting area in the park

Path for Buggies

New playground is great but removal of the baby swing seat is an oversight for little ones

Dedicate the rights of way to the field formally. Make the field a common land or village green. This will ensure perpetual access.

The trial of allowing dogs on lead on the playing field would be invaluable. We don't use the field despite having children who would enjoy the space particularly the new equipment because we tend to go to Winchcombe skate park where dogs are allowed. We are diligent about clearing up after our dog and feel the majority of the village would also comply.

Cycle track. It would be amazing to somehow connect winchcombe to Gretton with a cycle path to make it safer to get between the two.

Parking

path around perimeter (similar to winchcombe)

Baby swing/toddler equipment

More for younger children (under 3's)

Somewhere for teenagers/young people to meet

Hay bales, smaller movable goals

Boule pitch, Fitness equipment

A Toddler Swing
Need a careful balance
Older children focused
Parking
Anything that enables meeting more of the community
Roundabout, zip wire
A few more benches for parents to sit on in the playing field near the new play equipment.
Events all seem to be school orientated. Hardly any children live in the village, how about facilities for older people eg boules or teen/adult fitness trail equipment. A lot of money already spent per head for each child in the village compared to amount spent on adults. As the school appear to be the main beneficiary of the playing field they should pay towards the field maintenance. Any event should provide off road parking - parking on main road and on Working Lane is unacceptable for sports day, Apple Rock, etc. Find it almost impossible to get on/off drive for big events. Also parking at the entrance to Working Lane is breaking up the road edge - maybe cut back the tall leylandii hedge growing into the road at the bottom of Working Lane to provide additional parking spaces. Parking issues are mostly due to the school and village hall - they should sort the problem rather than the parish council spending limited funds on it - parking areas around the village would be inappropriate to the rural environment.
Cycle path
Paths and tidy area at back of hall to make more usable for parking and activities

Traffic, Parking & Transport 4.11: What other actions to address traffic and parking would you consider reasonable?
Double yellow lines at the end of Working Lane. Cars are parked right up to the junction and it is difficult to see what's coming down Working Lane when turning in.
Special restrictions on parking at the lower end of Gopshill Lane. Parking there is not safe for pedestrians
School needs a parent car park. Extremely hazardous by the bridge. Advantages of path to Winchcombe outweigh the disadvantage - where there's a will there is a way.
No parking on footpaths and get people to cut back overgrown hedges
Stop cars parking by Duglynch Lane
Don't want sleeping policemen or measures such as by Winchcombe School
People generally sensible but forget large vehicles do come through village and don't allow enough passing space
Prefer 'soft' traffic calming rather than signs. Increase footpath width and decrease width of road to one lane only in places (e.g. Outside village hall)
Deterrent to people parking on pavement outside village hall
Parking restrictions/new locations may work if not detrimental to village ambiance. Some areas of current footpath are not wide enough for a pushchair.
Make village a 20 mph zone, this may result in cars slowing to 30 mph. When someone gets injured or killed \$15000 will seem a bargain
No parking either side of the bridge for 50 -100 yds
Pavement parking a big issue and needs addressing - especially around the school
Parking restriction at junction of Working Lane and road through village (e.g. Double yellow lines). Currently vehicles are left there for weeks blocking sight lines to enter/exit Working Lane.
Some means of preventing parking on corners of Duglynch Lane
Restrictions near to lane entrances from main road to help with visibility and safety
There used to be a path - but it was never maintained. Under the grass verge is a gravel path
Some sort of measure by the school
Parking outside school could be better controlled. Sometimes you take your life in your hands with the parking on the bends
Speed of vehicles, not the volume is a problem. Issue with cars parked by old Buggati property - on pavement and block road. Cars accelerate too soon having passed church heading towards Prescott/Alderton.
More parking at village hall
Speed from main road (Alderton end) to Gretton Village should be reduced to 40 mph limit

Would prefer a white line in centre of road in the village. Pot holes need sorting.
Replace white line on the 'S' bend in centre of village. Traffic often on the wrong side of the road at this point
Stop parking on pavements
Published parking plan including Hall events and school pickups

Traffic, Parking & Transport 4.16: What Routes / Destinations would you wish to see?
Winchcombe / Cheltenham / Bishops Cleeve / Broadway
Tewkesbury
Doctors surgery, Tesco, Winchcombe regular service
Tewkesbury, Evesham
More direct route to Cheltenham to cut journey time
Tewkesbury / Broadway. More frequent Winchcombe service
Tewkesbury - link to station
Tewkesbury / Evesham
Tewkesbury
Reintroduce Stratford on Avon (Sunday) service
Cheltenham / Evesham
Tewkesbury / Evesham

Village Environment & Sustainability 5.7: Please add any comments to your answers above, eg. specific problems
Flooding by bridge on main road near triangle
Due to health, move dog waste bin away from bench by the tree
Cars parking at the bottom of Gopshill Lane are forcing larger vehicles (bin lorries especially) to mount the verge and curb, causing major damage to the verge and pavement that links around to Apple Orchard Close. It's always been a minor problem but has got much worse the past few months (potentially linked to construction traffic).
A bench has been placed over the top of a plaque at the hall which (though a good place for a bench) isn't the most tasteful. Might be worth either the plaque or bench so both can co-exist.
Dog barking endemic in the village. It should have the same stigma as dog-fouling
fouling: working lane beyond bridge. Surface water: railway bridge towards Gretton Fields
Be careful that street lighting doesn't spoil the village. Dark skies are to be savoured and conserved.
street lights off after midnight, on in morning (during winter)
Impressed that the community keeps litter to a minimum
dog poop bin at top of Gopshill would be good
Overgrowth of shrubbery onto adjacent pavements, dogs barking
Gretton Fields, pipe blocked under entrance to Stoneville resulting in water going down the road and causing problem to traffic and causing erosion to drives further down
Don't expect a lot of street lighting in a village. Litter bad in Gretton Fields which ends up in the ditch which gets blocked and can cause flooding.
High volume of large trucks through Gretton Fields. They are noisy, smelly and travelling at antisocial hours.
There is often dog poo on the way up to the primary school
Flooding in Gretton Fields, ditches not cleared enough after hedge cutting
Yes this would be useful
Several blocked highway surface water drainage gulleys leading to surface water flooding/debris

Too many dog poo bins at one end of the village - need one moved to the village side of the Royal Oak. Prefer less street lighting - negative effect on nature and climate change; also look urbanised. Would prefer lights to turn off earlier eg midnight. Ditches and drains need to be kept clear. Need more community spirit in keeping area outside of own houses tidy and litter free - take responsibility for own areas rather than relying on council or litter picking days. Would like a grit bin on side roads - main road gets gritted so waste of resources there. Don't want additional traffic lines or signage or parking areas - get people to walk/ the school to set up a minibus as Isbourne School does - not additional parking or moving it to a side road. Need better footpath to pub for pushchairs/wheelchairs/people with mobility issues - unfortunately need to remove tree by grit bin and grit bin could be moved to side road as main road gritted by lorry. Make footpaths wider so people enjoy walking more and discourage drivers through the village by making the road narrower - not urban traffic calming but plants and wider footpaths. Hedges need to be cut back e.g. Manor House, on way to pub as path is becoming too narrow to walk safely in places and not at all suitable for pushchairs/wheelchairs/people with mobility issues. Why spend money on accessible play equipment for the park when the footpaths are becoming inaccessible? Sorry but there was no box for comments on traffic section so I've included them here!
Cars parking on the pavement on the S bend forcing pedestrians into the road on a blind corner is a serious safety concern
Surface water has been a problem, but not recently inspite of rain last 18 months
Litter along road past Royal Oak
Emerging potholes and road subsidence through village

Village Environment & Sustainability 5.11: What other actions to improve Gretton's enviroment would you consider reasonable?

Help soft drainage. The footpath over the railway linking the fields is always very muddy, even in the summer. Could some stone/pebbles be used to help soak it up. Footpaths from Greenway to the alpacas are always very wet + muddy.
Selfish attitude to parking where unsafe, and senseless dog barking have no place in village where most people want peace
planting to support the committed village gateways
Some money towards making my frontage look decent (jokes)
Clarification of times bonfires are allowed, maybe an informal village agreement of acceptable timings
Wildflower verges
Care of the conservation area, including education.
Making residence clear hedging to allow easier access on footpaths that we already have
Disappointed that letting verges grow and encouraging native flowers was abandoned before it was established. Much nicer to look at, easier to maintain, and better for wild life than a few bedding plants
With narrow footpaths verge grass should be cut more frequently to avoid having to step into road. The foliage from Manor Farm upwards needs to be kept under control and clippings cleared
Planting would require maintenance and associated cost
Better maintenance and resurfacing of some of the footpaths
Annual maintenance to hornbeam tree on village green. Rights of way to be better cared for. Paths fenced off to create pedestrian pinch points leads to very muddy sections of path that are unpassable.
More blossom trees/shrubs (e.g. Barn close, village green, verges)
Classification of 'Conservation Village' is outdated. It is inequitable in that it restricts garden maintenance for some residents, but not others - for no observable good reason. Time to get rid of it - lobby Borough Councillors
Hedges need to be maintained/cut back to keep paths & footpaths clear
Decent paths for mobility scooters especially by the Bugatti house there is no dropped kerb unless you go right up to where the path stops. The village is not practical for mobility scooters at all.
As long as it's maintained

No parking at the recently constructed disabled crossing by church. This is regularly blocked by a car and I am concerned if a less able person needed to use this crossing they would not be able to.

Reduce / deter speeding cars during rush hour. This is a danger to pedestrians.

Some hedges (in particular in the middle of the village towards the pub) need to be cut back to ensure pavements are usable and grass verges are not used as an alternative.

Would like to see native trees and shrubs planted not urban laurels. Would like trees planted opposite the school, another on the green and more on the playing field. Plant bulbs in grass verges and leave grass to grow long - good for wildlife and would help to make road feel narrower which can slow down traffic (psychological traffic calming). Celebrate the railway as part of the village and don't try to hide the bridge with non-native urban laurels. Bat and bird boxes put up around the village, fewer street lights/on for shorter periods. Ditch clearance in Gretton Fields as all of our water ends up going down there and they have the problem. Better footpath signage eg where does the footpath go when it heads across the fields towards William Gilders? Improvements to Working Lane track so it can be accessible for more of the year - any chance of discussions with the farmers who have created the problem with the extremely wet weather this year?

Britain in bloom like we did in past. Overhanging hedges

Village Environment & Sustainability 5.13: What practical actions should GPC take to support this and other green goals?

More general awareness

Public transport, stop flooding and wasting water

Consider incorporating electric car charging point into any major parking developments at the village hall (perhaps encourage the Royal Oak to set one up too?).

Drain taking flood water from Gopshill in need of repair for years. Very dangerous when it ices over in winter

Reduce car journeys and encourage walking by having footpath to Winchcombe. Maintain open spaces by retaining backfill land. Maintain habitat by restricting development.

Grants for rooftop solar :)

List of contractors used successfully in the village for solar, insulation, windows etc.

Recycling bins at the village hall

Is there a call for electric car charging for visitors/residents? A 'library of things' (e.g. Garden tools)

Individual behaviors required, rather than village initiatives

There is no 'Climate Crisis'

once other priorities addressed

Solar panels on village hall and new developments should have renewable energy requirements as part of planning approval

Solar panels on Village Hall. Timers on lights in hall

Tree planting, support TBC initiatives

Sharing of veg produce. More use of milk delivery

Recycling bin (e.g. clothing)

Dont know what Tewkesbury plans look like

More tree planting. Solar panels on Village Hall

Each home-owner should be doing their bit, which collectively becomes Gretton Villages effort

Reduce street light numbers/time on; turn off light in phone box; reduce paper flyers/newsletters; plant native trees, shrubs and wildflower verges; bird and bat boxes; widen footpath through village and narrow road to make it feel safer walking and slow traffic down; try to stop heavy lorries driving through village; close the school as most children are driven in from Winchcombe - fewer car journeys to drive Gretton's children to Winchcombe than vice versa and would get rid of the major parking problem; any new building to include swift boxes, hedging/trees - don't want to look like urbanised Alderton!

Improved public transport - lobby for this, not provide

Solar panels on hall and encourage on individual homes in village. Presentation on green options

Guidance, rules for future planning applications re planting and solar

Housing, Planning & Development 6.11: Please add any additional comments to your answers above.
Unless fields are sold, I don't see how new developments could be fitted in
keep the village for future generations
Already have planning for 2 further small developments and that is enough, no further development
The architecture style would need to fit in with those already in the village.
There is demand for homes and Gretton should be willing to play its part in helping out
Favour building outside village, not within it to avoid density and a town like feel. It also reduces wildlife habitat within village. Retain open spaces for physical and mental health
We can't be nimbys, but development needs to be done carefully to protect all the things already raised in the survey.
Character appropriate applications are much more favourable
Further development = more traffic
There are enough issues with Winchcombe traffic passing through village. More cars=more pollution. Traffic has increased 10 fold in 10 years
Development outside village boundary would lead to coalescence
Restrictions on AirBnB properties and holiday lets as they impact the village
Much depends on the scale of development and if it will change the character of the village - will the school need to be expanded etc? The experience of Alderton shows that a 'Neighbourhood Plan' would be a waste of time and offer no protection.
Resist growth that merges villages with each other. New dwellings must have sufficient parking to accommodate at least two vehicles within curtilage
Smaller homes needed, not large houses like many in Redwood Close
Avoid 'backlands'. People end up with little or no gardens. Bad for climate
Dont think we have a choice as developers get what they want and we dont have a say
A village shop would be useful
Fed up with typical housing plans - huge houses, expensive with no heterogeneity. The Borough Council needs housing so we need to accommodate that social need.
It is frustrating that the planning process biases towards large developers with funding for lawyers. The planning system is not fair or fit for purpose.
We need to ensure that we maintain the village feel. The surrounding villages are being swallowed up by development creep. The roads and infrastructure cannot possibly support more buildings or more cars. The parish council should not feel pressure to conform in this area and hold firm.
Lack of services in this settlement I.e no shop. Poor transport links. Development should be centred around higher tier settlements.
Village will lose its rural feel if there is more development and flooding will get worse. Do not want to join up with adjacent villages. Roads and paths are not up to additional traffic and school facilities are poor already without additional children. Wouldn't want to see the village just strung out along the road. Concentrate development on the areas that have already been developed so that facilities can be provided eg Alderton, Gotherington, Bishops Cleeve. Footpaths in the village are not particularly suitable for older people with mobility issues
Subject to land availability, Gretton Fields end could be expanded but not much scope within the village boundary. Most infills/backland either in planning already or already done

...and finally 7.2: What are the 3 best things about living in Gretton?
Village atmosphere, social events, villagers help each other out
Quiet, Pub, Friendly
Rural, peaceful and a good community
Rural environment, access to cycling, quiet village
The village and area are beautiful. The people are lovely and it's always great seeing them at events. There's a strong sense of community from the Oak to the Hall, School and Church, with the newsletter etc keeping people linked and informed.
Beautiful surroundings/supportive community/good village leadership
Pretty village, Church/Pub/School, Proximity to Winchcombe & Cheltenham

easy access to footpaths; beautiful surroundings; fantastic pub
Attractive location, good quality housing, surrounding scenery
Quiet, beautiful, community
Walking and cycling, access to towns, quiet and peaceful
Village feel. Countryside. Views.
Conservation area, camaraderie, appearance
living in a rural community
Rural, Friendly, quiet
Friends, Community, Safe
Active village, community feel, feels small and know many people
Friendly community, Peaceful, Pub
Access to Countryside, Community Spirit, Facilities (Pub, School, Village Hall)
Active community, friendly, engaged council
Neighbours, rural location, village halls/school
The friendly people, recent investment into the village pub, playing field and sense of community
Great People, peaceful, The GVA President
Community, countryside, Pub/Hub
Community, pub, rural walks
Friendly community, countryside access, pub and hall
Community, Royal Oak, Village Hall
Rural aspect + views. Community. Pub
Community
Mostly peaceful, friendly people, clean
Access to countryside, tranquility and aesthetically pleasant (nice looking houses and lots of mature green spaces)
Rural beauty, The school, The Royal Oak
Glorious scenery, friendly and supportive community
Safe rural environment, quiet village, sense of community
Community, Good Age range, Great pub
Character of village, Proximity to Winchcombe, Access to Cheltenham
Pretty village, historic buildings, community spirit
Supportive & friendly community, Beauty of the rural environment, great footpaths
Clean air, safety of rural habitat, quiet, fast broadband
Friendly, Countryside, Quiet
Pretty area, quiet and friendly
Semi rural environment, friends, close proximity to motorway and larger towns
Peaceful, Nice community, Rural
Friendliness of residents, Pub, School
Community spirit, rural village, access to Winchcombe and buses
Friendly, Good school, Nice place to live
Rural setting, Friendly, Helpful
Rural environment, Supportive Community, Ease of access to walking/riding trails
School, New Play Area, Village Events
Great village hall, strong community spirit, beautiful buildings.
Community, new playground, rural
Gretton Fields based so leaving blank
Peaceful, quiet, space.
The community, the primary school, the events such as Apple rock
Beautiful surroundings, good neighbours, convenient to Winchcombe/Bishops Cleeve
Its semi-rural location: it is a quiet area in general: areas to walk
Rural environment, availability of footpaths to encourage walking within village, ease of road access to bigger towns

Good pub, community feel, views
Quiet, Rural, Friendly
The rural feel. This is fast becoming unusual in our country. We should protect this at all costs. We should never take for granted how privileged we are to live here.
Being able to walk up the pub. (Having a good local pub).
It feels like a safe environment compared to many cities and larger villages that I visit regularly.
The village feel / community, playing field and surrounding walks / landscape.
The Pub, Sense of community, The tower and historic properties.
Rural environment, friendly, local school
Quiet rural location with direct access to country footpaths; mature trees and views - feel like we are losing the mature trees sadly; small village community especially among those who go walking
The countryside setting
Community, the quiet and the new play area
Rural Living/Friendly/Safe Environment
Community spirit
Clean environment, Well Kept Village, Friendly Neighbours
Beautiful Countryside, Community, Royal Oak
Good Community, East access to Countryside, Access to nearby towns
Rural, Royal Oak, Village Hall/Church
Landscape and footpaths, proximity to neighbouring towns, facilities (pub/Hall/Playing Field/Church)
Friends, Neighbors, Countryside
Community, village association, pub

...and finally 7.2: What are the 3 worst things about living in Gretton?
Shooting season! It gets worse each year + is far too loud. Most dog owners find it a problem. No warning signs + very close to the footpaths. Drainage needs sorting even though it's been improved over the last few years. Sometimes dangerous to walk along the main road to WinchcombeB295:B355
Traffic speed, Not east to get to Winchcombe on foot, Chaos around school by cars
Traffic speeding, parking (Especially bottom of Gopshill lane totally dangerous unneeded spoilt by certain residents and visitors opposite a junction for drivers and children walking) , a lack of fund raising i.e. Open gardens for air ambulance????
Car speed, inconsiderate parking, flooding roads
The nearest walkable corner shop is in Winchcombe, and the road there isn't always the nicest to walk along due to speed of traffic and lack of footpath. (Only after a loaf of bread!). For non-gardeners - keeping up with the great gardening standards of the village! A community-led gardening 101 class (or group to share questions in) that people can learn from could be nice.
3. Inconsiderate parking causing lorries/buses/large vehicles to run up onto verges and pavements
No village shop
Dog barking, Dog fouling, Car parking
traffic volume/traffic noise at peak times; speeding; school drop off/pickup havoc
Only 1 pub
No shop - a little convenience store would do, no easy walking or running access to Winchcombe (this would be a Game changer) no easy / safe place for kids to ride bikes, - further park improvements with tracks will sort this. Defo think we should be able to take dogs in park, I'd imagine the majority of residents are now tipping in favour of this. Suggest introducing fines and some bins in the park. Give it a trial, maybe get a petition out to gauge how many people would want this.
Opportunity for on pavement walking limited, no shop/cafe, nothing else
Speeding round the corner near the Royal Oak. Nothing else!
Speeding traffic, inconsiderate parking, poor quality architecture.
speeding through village, country paths not maintained
Traffic, Parking obstructions, encroaching urbanisation
Traffic, Rented Homes, pot Holes
litter from passing cars, speed of through traffic, parking on footpaths/kerbs

Grumpy people on Facebook, lorries passing through village
Speeding drivers, Lack of footpath to Winchcombe, Lack of village shop
Speeding in/out of the village at both ends; farm machinery travelling in well over the limit, speed at bend and vehicles over centreline in middle of village, lack of shop
Traffic, Narrow footpaths, State of roads
No footpath to Winchcombe is a real issue for us. Lack of small convenience shop.
Parking at School start & Finish
Speed of traffic especially school buses, no cycle paths/safe places for kids to ride bikes would be good to do that rather than having to get in the car, no access for Dogs into playing field
Speeding traffic, parking, buses
No shop, poor state of some footpaths, ban on dogs on playing field
Increased traffic. Footpaths too narrow for a pram. Offroad footpaths so waterlogged
No shop
Traffic, School parking
Lack of shop, Not many young families (even when houses have been sold recently) and lack of access to winchcombe and greet (by anything other than car)
Lack of parking, Traffic near school at drop off/pick up times
Speeding, no shop
Parking,
Parking, Traffic speed, Footpaths
Through traffic (particularly large vehicles)
traffic speed, inconsiderate parking, barking dogs
Traffic speed, lack of off road parking (e.g. Hall), Lack of dry walks in winter
Poor road surface, tree loping restrictions in specific areas, clear skies with low light pollution
Speeding cars, Roadworks, No shop/cafe
No just eat or deliveroo or any type service that brings take outs. The paths are awful for people on mobility scooters. The cars go far too fast through the village and no consideration for people from the hill climb.
Traffic by school, not enough amenities, cut off on foot
Traffic at school drop off/pick up, speeding traffic, pheasant shooting
Speeding cars, large vehicles passing through
Increasing traffic, No evening buses
Traffic (heavy trucks), bus service (no late service), Parking
Lack of footpath to Winchcombe, Speeding at Alderton gate entrance to village
Large vehicles being allowed to drive through both Gretton and Gretton Fields. The roads are too narrow and action should be taken to stop such traffic. Too much traffic as above.
Dog fouling particularly by school, ditch maintenance in Gretton Fields, no path from Gretton Fields to Gretton
Nothing
Guilders truck yard, perpetual worry about being flooded, fear that the fields around will become housing estates.
No footpath from Gretton fields to Gretton, no field for the school and the dog fouling near school
Speeding traffic, flooding, litter from passing cars
Lack of footpath to Winchcombe, 30mph not respected when entering village, our nearest motorway junction at Ashchurch is usually heavily congested
No shop, lacks footpath to greet
No footpath to Winchcombe
School time parking - it's dangerous and creeps into our close. People are not courteous at school time. As a cut through to Winchcombe, cars can really speed. Birds are too noisy 😊
The commute to Cheltenham, the roads aren't particularly cycle friendly.
School traffic, poor parking blocking roads, not being able to walk to winchcombe on the partially surfaced highway verge / road pavement.
traffic, too many birds/squirrels etc and their fouling

School parking on main and side roads - do not put restrictions on main road and shift the problem to the side roads; narrow footpaths along main road with speeding traffic - not wide enough for pushchairs/wheelchairs/people who need help walking; over the top focus on spending to provide facilities for primary school age children who make up a small proportion of the village population and not enough consideration of other residents
Not enough public transport
No shop, no parking at school, lack of safe space to learn to ride bikes
Speed of traffic through Village
Traffic and associated parking issues
No shop/post office, No 'local' pub for social use, poor bus service
Public Transport, Public Transport, Public Transport
Parking at school times, too many heavy vehicles pass through village
No shop, Speeding traffic
No footpath to Greet/Winchcombe, parking at school drop-off/pick-up, lack of parking for village hall events
No shop
Speeding, parking around school, people who don't pick up after dogs