

Gretton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

22nd May 25

Annual Parish Meeting

Agenda

- Why are we here, who's here ?
- GPC Annual review

The team, where we fit in, what we do?

24/25 Highlights

24/25 Finances

Plans for next year

- GVA update
- Tower trust update
- County Council update

The Parish Council team

Gretton Parish Council

We currently have vacancies

Mark Oliver
Dick Green
David Butcher
Cathie Bridges (our Clerk)
Geoff Hanson
Vacancy – could be you ?

Tewkesbury Borough Council representatives

(Winchcombe) *Note 1*

Cllr Gemma Madle
Cllr Jim Mason
Cllr David Gray

Gloucester County Council representative

(Tewkesbury; Winchcombe & Woodmancote) *Note 2*

Cllr Cheryl Agg

Maintaining a strong, collaborative relationship with both the Borough and County councils is essential to ensure that the concerns of Gretton are addressed, particularly in areas such as Highways, Policing and Planning.

Note1 - Annual report available on GPC website

Note2 - “ “ “ “ “ “ (from David Gray)

Who does what ?

Community Formal – GPC

Voice of the Gretton community

Raising concerns and seeking improvements, particularly through local government.

Planning & Development

Statutory consultation rights

Raise funds

Through local tax 'precept' & new developments.
Spend it to benefit the community

Improving Quality of village-life

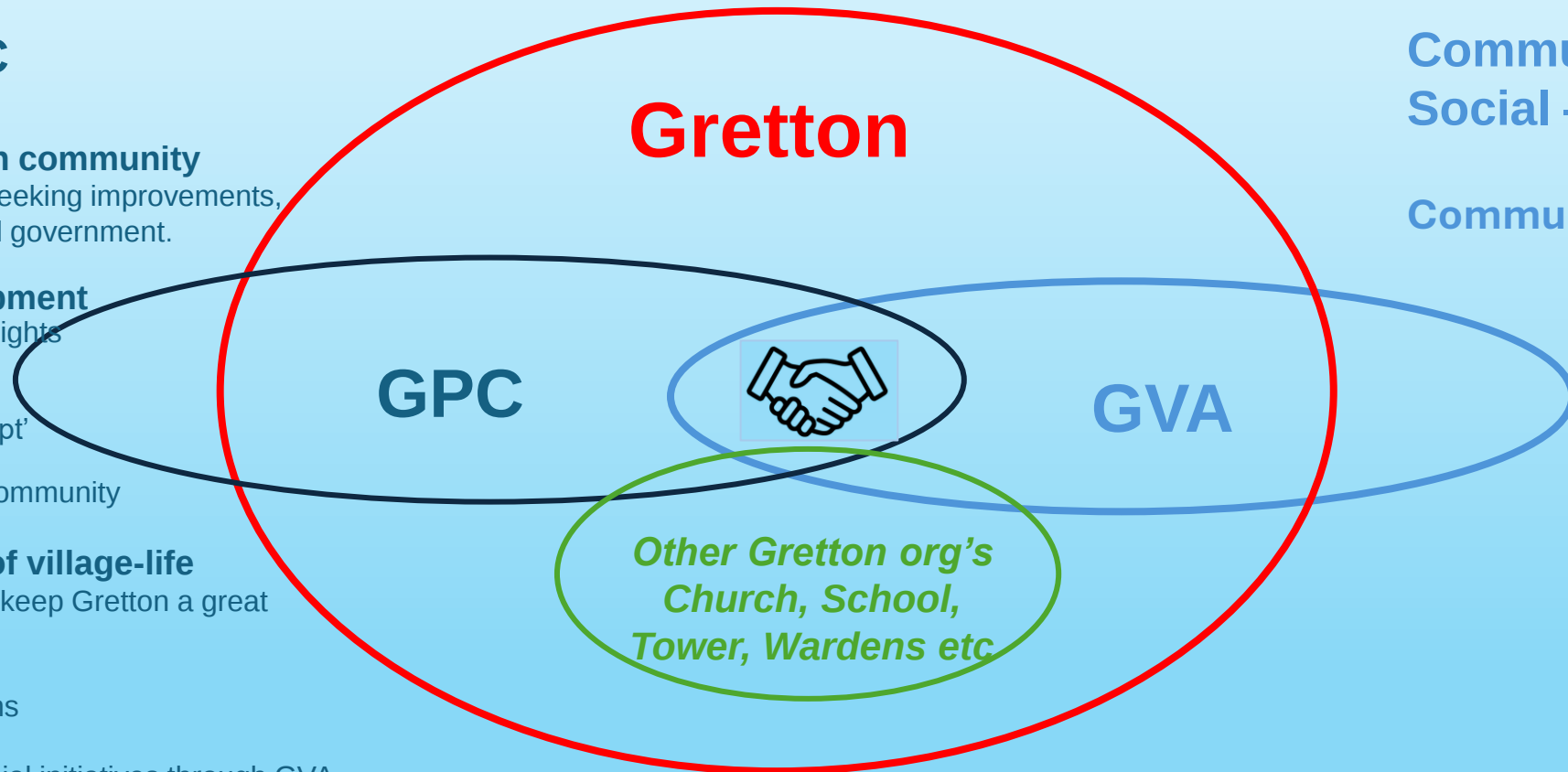
Any initiative that helps keep Gretton a great place to live

- Traffic & parking
- Village communications
- Village facilities
- Supporting Village social initiatives through GVA

Community Social – GVA

Community Cohesion

- Recreation
- Social
- Welfare
- Facilities



Where does the Parish Council fit in?

Glos County Council

Highways
Rights of Way
Transport
Education
Health & Social Care

Tewkesbury Borough Council

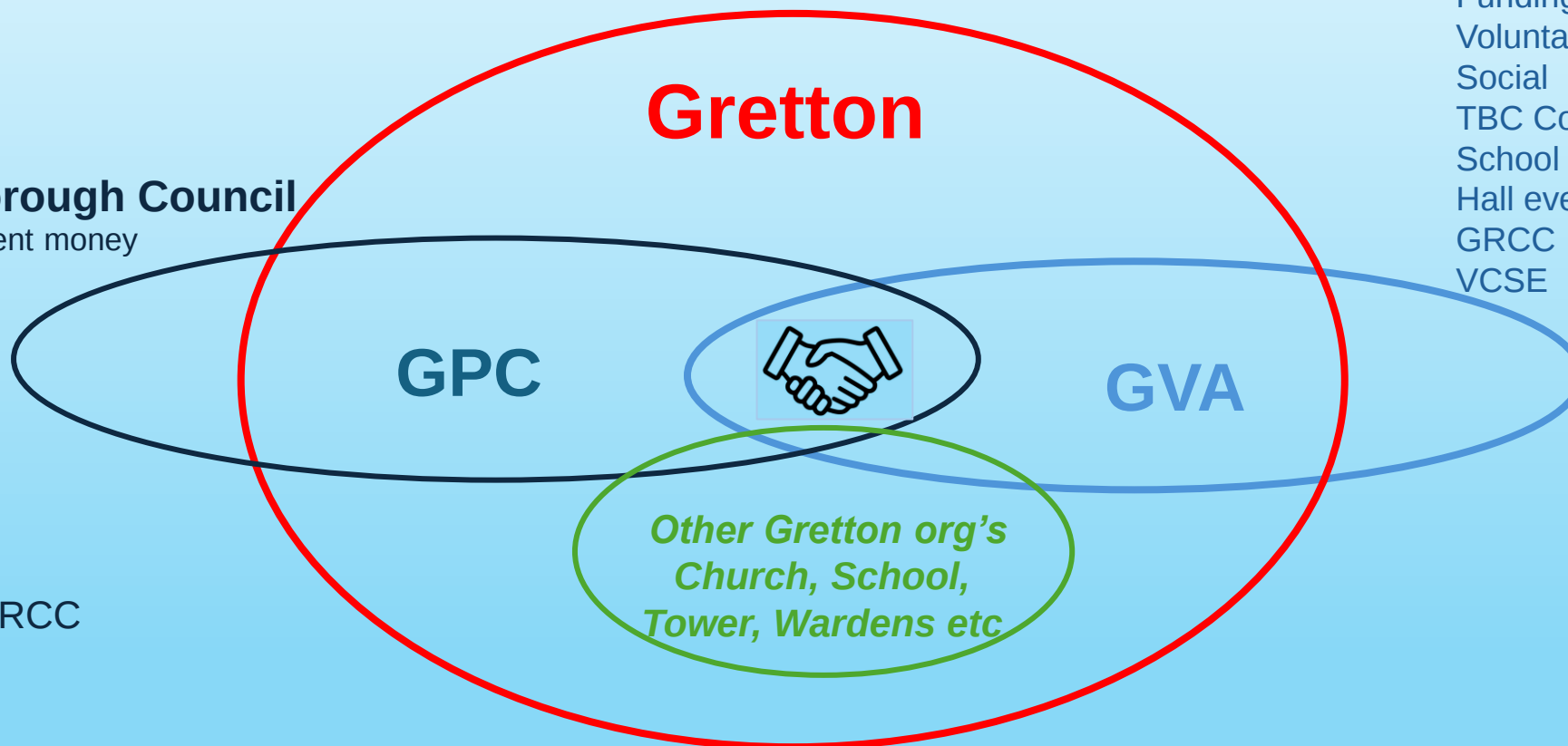
Precept & Development money
Planning
Recycling
Housing
Flooding
Environment

Police / PCC

Church

NALC / GALC / GRCC

Funding bodies
Voluntary Organisations
Social
TBC Community team
School / FOGS / Church
Hall events / sports
GRCC
VCSE



Glos CC Divisions. **Tewkesbury;** Gloucester, Cotswolds, Cheltenham, Forest of Dean, Stoud

TBC Wards; Bishop's Cleeve, Brockworth, Churchdown, Highnam, Severn Vale, Tewkesbury East, Tewkesbury West, **Winchcombe & Woodmancote**

NALC – Nat'l Ass'n of Local Councils.

GALC – Glos “ “ “

GRCC – Glos Rural Comm Council

VCSE – Vol Comm & Social Enterprise

Highlights last year ('24 – '25)

- **Building a vibrant & Engaged community – supporting the GVA**

Funding support for :- Summer Fete & Apple Rock, Hall building-loan, Gretton Hub and Grass-cutting

- **Highway safety**

Vehicle activated road signs

Speed-watch teams – *big thank you, to all who support this*

Police engagement – *Police & Crime Commissioner - Council Advocacy Scheme*

Working with Highways (pot-holes, 30 mph zones, surface-water, school zones, new gateway, signage, ...)

Gritting contractor & salt supplies, new grit box. Flood sand-bags

Hedges

Insufficient progress and engagement on School parking

Pressure not to urbanise village

- **Improving the Village environment**

Greening-up – daffodils, war memorial

Litter-pick + equipment now available

Supporting work of Cotswold Wardens

Supporting Tower Trust

Bus shelter maintenance

- **Building a vibrant & Engaged community – Community engagement**

Fund and produce quarterly newsletters

Managed the Gretton Survey. Very useful feedback, to help guide GPC and GVA future plans

- **Planning activities** *see next slide*

Reflecting feedback
from the village survey

Planning challenges

- UK-wide housing shortage
 - TBC struggling to demonstrate 5-year housing land supply
 - Gov't pressure to build new homes and relax controls
- } Developers know this
- GPC are always consulted, we try to be pro-active and respond positively where possible....
 - see GPC paper 'How we deal with planning'
 - also, database of all planning applications in Gretton. *Both on GPC website*
- Important that TBC take us seriously ...
- Add value to planning process, by ensuring effective local consultation & feedback
 - Bringing local knowledge
- In 24-25, 4-off significant on-going developments, plus many other applications
- This year we will need to be aware of increasing new development pressure
(ref, Gotherington, Gretton Fields, Bishops Cleeve, Alderton)

Finances – spend last year ‘24-’25

GPC collects % of Council Tax – ‘Precept’ from TBC.

Used to support Council obligations; Village initiatives, social activities (through GVA), Newsletter & maintenance obligations.

• Council Tax – Precept	£11,752
• Non-discretionary spend	£4,500
Village Hall loan repayment	£2,300
Grass-cutting	£500
• Discretionary spend	
Newsletters / comms / survey	£1,200
GVA support - Summer Fete	£500
- Gretton Hub	£300
- Apple Rock	£500
Other (C. Wardens, Tower Trust)	£270
Defib (maintenance & training)	£300
Bus shelter repairs	£330
‘Greening’ (daffodils & war memorial)	£100
Transfer to reserves for 25/26 spend	<u>£950</u>

Clerk (p/time) Memberships; Insurance, Hall hire, Audits

Additional funds – for major projects

S106 & CIL money from new developments

*Note * strict definitions of how monies are used*

Spitfire – ‘Redwood Close’ S106

£19,704	spent
£25,027	available now *
£11,546	available now *

Centaur – ‘The Croft’, Goth Rd CIL

£2,064	available now
£9,287	available Oct 25
£9,287	available Oct 26

Full, just-audited accounts are available upon request and on the website.

CIL = Community infrastructure levy. S106 = similar

Plans for this year

- Support Village Hall facility improvements - *Hard standing / Activity space*
- Continue financial support of Village events – *through GVA*
- Consider refurbishment of the War memorial - *seek add'l funding*
- Major tree maintenance to the hornbeam on the village green (*also watch the chestnut on Gupshill corner*)
- A second defibrillator – probably near the church
- Continue speed, parking, police initiatives, especially 'Speed watch' team & 'speed-signs'
- Getting the 30mph zone moved on the Gotherington Rd approach
- Newsletters & 'Housing Needs Survey'; *with GRCC (Glos Rural Communities Council)*
- Sort the new Gateway on Alderton approach !
- Highways and Planning ; continue pro-active engagement

***What else
would you like
to see?***

Reflecting feedback from the village survey “..ensuring Gretton remains a great place to live. Continue to support social engagement & communications across the community; address traffic & parking concerns, support GVA, and improve the Gretton environment – keeping it rural, greener and safe...”

Finances – spend next year (Apr – Mar 26)

• Council Tax – ‘Precept’	£12,058	
• Non-discretionary spend	£5,000	Clerk (p/time) Memberships; Insurance, Hall hire, Audits
Village Hall loan repayment	£2,300	
Grass-cutting	£650	
• Discretionary spend		
Newsletters / comms	£1,000	
GVA support - Summer Fete	£500	
- Gretton Hub	£300	
- Apple Rock	£500	
Other (Tower Trust)	£150	
2nd Defib (assumes add'l funding)	£900	
V Green tree maintenance	<u>£750</u>	
‘carry-over’ from 24-25	£950	

Additional funds – for major projects

Released from GPC reserves

£11,000 available now

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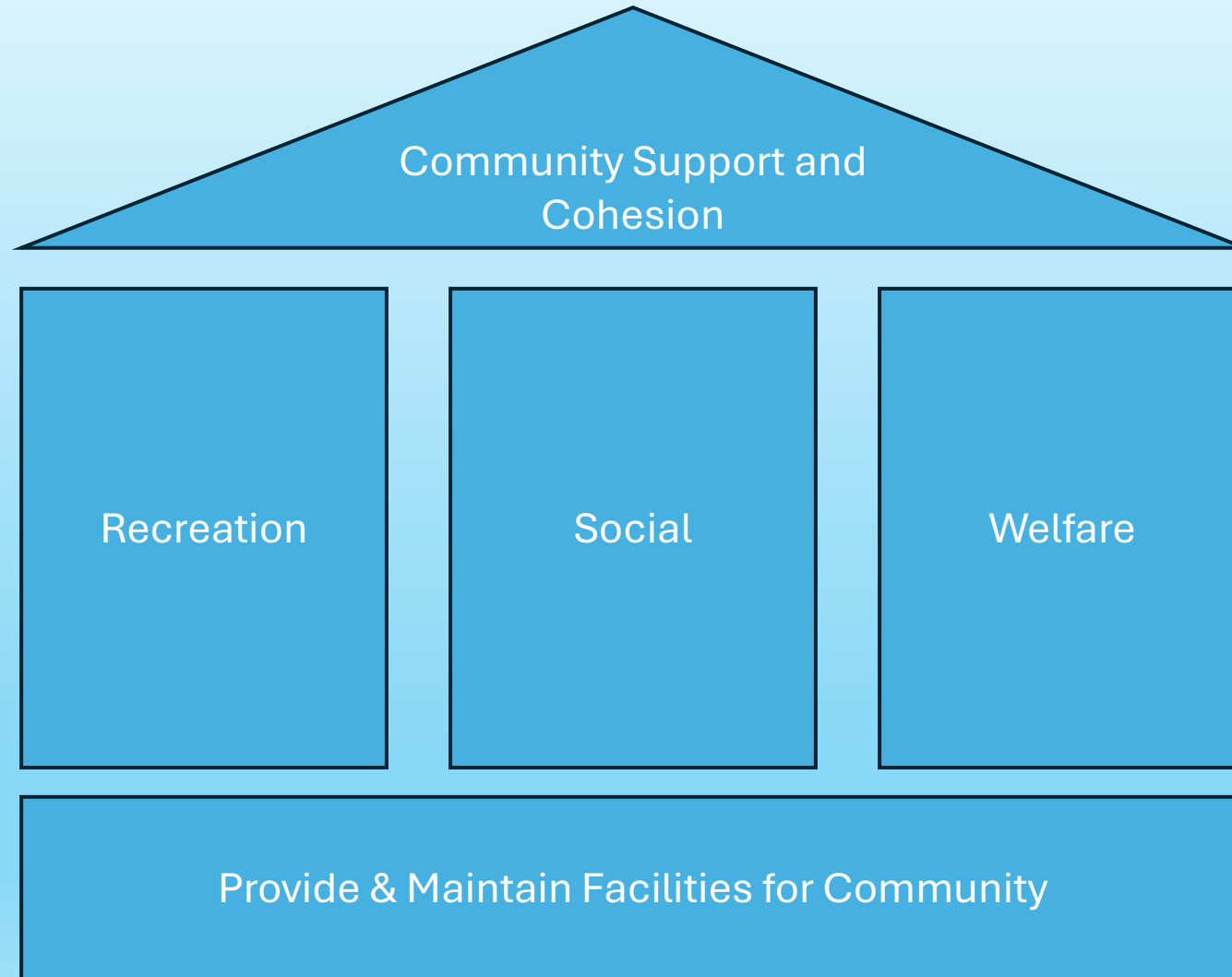
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GVA Update

Gretton Village Association - Purpose





2025 and on Projects

Delivered:

- Planting of 8 Fruit Trees (Greener Glos Community Climate Change Fund)

Funded and in work:

- Solar Power (Gretton Solar Farm Ltd through Greenfields Trust)
- Sports Storage Facility (S106)
- Hard Standing / Activity Space (S106 & GPC)

Planned:

- Energy Efficient Heaters (TBD)
- Playing Field Perimeter Path (TBD)

2025 Events



- 25 May Rogation Walk
- 14 Jun Walk for Park
- 5 Jul Village Fete
- 4 Oct Apple Rock
- 28 Nov Christmas Quiz
- 29 Nov Christmas Fair
- Gretton Hub

Tower Trust update

County Council update

Become a Parish Councillor

*We have vacancies for new councillors, to join the team,
representing Gretton & Gretton Fields*



**"Your Parish
Council Needs
YOU"**

*Would you like to help make a difference in your community?
Could you volunteer a few hours a week, to help?
Then it would be great if you could join us*

Why is it important – what does the Council do?

We're the voice of Gretton to authorities like Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire Highways, and the Police. We help shape change and keep Gretton a great place to live. We unlock funding for village projects, events, and the Village Hall (with the GVA). We're consulted on local planning – especially as traffic and parking pressures grow. No Council = no village voice and less access to funds.

Is it a big commitment?

We meet every two months.
No fixed term – join when you like, leave when you like.

Am I qualified?

If you live in or near Gretton and care about the village – yes!
There are some rules (we are a tier of local government) but we have a professional clerk (p/time), to advise and manage admin. Plus, there's training available if you like.

Interested?

Join our next meeting: Wed 14th May, 6:30pm for 7:00pm start
Talk to a councillor – see website for contact details
Come to the Annual Parish Meeting on Thurs 22nd May (details overleaf)

Together, let's keep Gretton thriving.

*".. someone
should do
something .."*

***What do you think?
could you help?***

Newsletter – early June
Next PC meeting Wed 9th July