

Gretton Parish Council

Informal notes of the reconvened Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday 9th June 2024 held at Gretton Village Hall

In attendance: Cllr Hanson, Cllr Oliver, Cllr Butcher, County Cllr Gray and Borough Cllr Madle and 30 members of the public

Gretton Parish Council is required to hold an Annual Parish Meeting in addition to its regular bi-monthly meetings. The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Wednesday, 8th May 2024, with minutes and formal reports subsequently published. Due to low public attendance, the council decided to schedule an additional informal meeting on Sunday, 9th June 2024, to encourage broader village participation and to present an overview of recent Village Survey results. This meeting reconvened after a Gretton Hub event in Gretton Village Hall and saw good and active participation from the community.

Key Concerns Identified: The survey and meeting discussion highlighted significant concerns regarding traffic speed, poor parking, and parking congestion within the village.

Discussions and Agreed Actions:

- **Increasing Police Presence:** There were numerous inquiries about increasing police presence within the village was thought to be highly effective. While the police have been helpful, their resources are limited and focused on areas with demonstrated need based on data and evidence.
 - Residents are encouraged to report offenses, ideally with photographic evidence every time.
 - GPC will provide contact details for reporting in the Newsletter.
- **Parking Congestion:** A major issue identified was parking during school drop-off and pick-up times, causing blocked drives, reduced visibility at junctions, and narrowed road width (e.g. Duglynch Lane). The parking discussion was not exclusive to school pick up there was general concern including refuse lorries up Gopshill , Working Lane and Winchcombe Road.
 - The school are equally frustrated and routinely remind parents about parking etiquette.
 - GPC to contact school to ensure school events (sports day, parents evening, end of term etc), where parking may be an issue, are advertised on the village socials.
 - Suggestion of external messages from the Police or GPC to reinforce driver courtesy, possibly included in a 'Village welcome pack' for new parents.
 - Consideration of additional road markings, though scepticism about effectiveness given current zig-zag lines are often ignored.
- **Village Events Parking:**
 - Additional signage and marshalling during events.
 - Possible use of the field (bottom entrance) for parking.

- Encouragement for residents to offer temporary parking on their drives.
- **Additional Parking Availability:**
 - Few sites are available and unlikely to be available close enough for practical use.
 - GPC to follow-up with the Royal Oak for potential parking solutions.
- **School-zone Signage:**
 - Foliage obstructing school-zone signs to be cut back.
 - GPC to notify Highways or seek volunteers for this task.
- **Footpath Maintenance:**
 - Most footpaths are in good condition, however some have overgrown hedges
 - GPC to write to property owners politely requesting action.

Post Meeting Note:

- **Highways Visit:** GPC Chair to arrange a walk-through of the village with Cllr Gray to highlight concerns and discuss potential solutions.