**Minutes of the meeting of Great and Little Gidding Parish Council**

**Held on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs N Hill, P Hodson, J Dear, and Parish Clerk

Also one member of the public

**130.18 Chairman’s welcome.**

Cllr Hill was in the chair and welcomed those attending.

**131.18 To receive apologies and reasons for absence.**

Cllr Jarvis – holiday

District Cllr – Tim Alban

County Cllr – Ian Gardener

**132.18 Disclosure of interest - NONE**

**133.18 No members of the Press present**.

Michael Trolove (member of the public) advised that he had been in correspondence regarding “Safeland” a website/app that is a digital form of Neighbourhood Watch that – he requested that the Parish Councillors take a look at the website with a view to the village joining the scheme, but there would be a sign up fee to be paid. Parish Councillors will consider and await further contact. This to be an item for the next agenda.

**\*\*\* for the Charities Trustees meeting**, Michael Trolove enquired if he could hire a machine to trim the grass, particularly in the central area, of the Jubilee Wood. This could cost in the region of £90 (paid from the Charity Account). Cllr Dear agreed and was seconded by Cllr Hill – the work will be undertaken in the next few weeks.

**134.18 To confirm and accept minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2018**

Cllr Hill proposed accepted and seconded by Cllr Hodson.

**135.18 Matters arising from the minutes**

Cllr Hodson advised that it would now appear that the Barclays Mandate is in order (see 120.18). Clerk will now request “View Only” online banking for Clerk and Cllr Jarvis.

Re 110.18 – the mirror opposite the Village Hall has been moved on several occasions again. The Clerk advised that, in a letter to Milton Estate, the request had been made to site a larger safety mirror in Church Farm’s garden. This is a safety issue and Cllr Hodson suggested that, if no response is received from Milton Estates by the October Parish Council meeting date, a further letter should be sent to Milton Estates advising that a replacement mirror will be installed providing they raise no objection within 14 days of the letter.

Mill Road resurfacing project has started, diversion signs have not been altered but, as the project is half way through, no further action will be taken.

Local Highways Incentive bid – Cllr Hill has asked Paul Crank of Catalyst Design to take more aerial photographs, particularly of Oak Tree corner, that could be used during any subsequent presentation to support the LHI bid.

**\*\*\* for the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Meeting** – Cllr Hill has met with Playground Projects to discuss possibilities and they had offered to assist with completion of the National Lottery grant application.

The Budget will be discussed at the December meeting, as at that stage there may be further details on the LHI bid, and the Recreation Ground bid/quote.

**136.18** **Communication from Councillors**

**Cllr Dear** – the lock has been changed on the Byway/Bullock Road gate, following 2 further incidents – 1 key to be retained by local farmer, and the other by George Hay of Cambridgeshire County Council. The gate is to remain closed and locked until further notice.

Cllr Dear advised that Hungry Hill footpath gates have been fixed.

Cllr Dear advised that Little Gidding now has its own dog waste bin and bag dispenser and Cllr Dear will be responsible for emptying/restocking this bin.

**Cllr Hodson** – He had attended a School Governors meeting, governors had been elected, although they are short on numbers. Dr Julie Arbuthnott-Byard has been re-elected as Chair.

**137.18 Volunteer Gritting Team**

Cllr Dear is keen to pursue the set up of a Parish Gritting Team. It was suggested an item should be added to the next Clarion, with a request for volunteers. Little Gidding are going to set up their own team. Training will be provided by CambsCC. Clerk to provide maps of areas gritted by the County Council to Cllr Dear.

\*\*\* CambsCC emailed the Clerk on 19/9/2018 to advise that a grit bin will be delivered to Little Gidding in the near future and, at the same time, all grit bins will be topped up with grit.

**138.18 November event**

Clerk had written an outline for a prospective event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. It was agreed that a flyer would be sent out to villagers in the next week, to ask them to show their interest and/or how they can help, before a decision is made to continue with the plan. Clerk will contact School and Church to see if they have anything planned for the date and will then liaise with Cllr Hill regarding the wording for the flyer.

**139.18 Payments and Accounts** (a spreadsheet was made available).

Payments made since the last meeting:

£258.14 Glasdon UK Ltd Dog waste bin and bag dispenser - Little Gidding

£261.94 CGM LTD Grass cutting

£23.83 Paul Hodson Paint for Rec. Ground goal

£703.48 Julie Trolove Administration

£54.00 Vodaphone telephone and broadband

Income received since the last meeting:

£150.00 Barclays Bank refund

**140.18 Correspondence (as at 11/9/2018)**

Barclays Bank – statements

Steven Lord – historic documents and deeds had been sent to the Clerk following correspondence. These will be retained with the History Group archives.

E-mails:

CambsCC – Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Clerk advised that Great and Little Gidding has no sites on this plan. No further action.

Pkflittlejohn – Cllr Hodson advised that they are the external auditors and the Clerk will be required to complete a submission based on 2017-18 accounts.

Cllr Gardener – had send an e-mail regarding Mill Road resurfacing (see earlier comment).

**141.18 Items for next Agenda (Cllr Hill will not be available)**

November village event

Safeland digital Neighbourhood Watch

Milton Estate – road safety mirror

External auditor

**142.18 Next meeting** – Tuesday 16 October 2018

Meeting closed at20.36