

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 17th June 2024 @ 7pm held at Greetham Community Centre

Members Present: Mr K. Edward (KE) – Chair, Mrs J. Denyer (JD) , Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Ms. Mrs R. Chipperfield (RC), Miss L. Hinch (LC), Mrs J Isaac (Clerk) Cllr. N. Begy (NB)

7 members of the public attended plus
Karen Newman from RCC Rural Transport Office

Ref	Item	Action
062/24	Welcome and Apologies for absence	
	Apologies were received and accepted from David Baker and Janem Shelton.	
063/24	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	None	
064/24	Questions/Comments from members of the public	
	A member of the public asked when the trimming of the grass verges up Great Lane are scheduled for cutting. <i>Agreed to make enquiries and report back.</i>	Clerk
065/24	Approval of minutes	
	The following Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections: PC Meeting held on 17 th May 2024 Proposed by JD, seconded by RC - Unanimous	
066/24	Matters arising	
	The signed Declaration of Chair’s Acceptance was passed to the Clerk for filing. The Chair outlined the co-option process and asked Councillors if they had anyone whom they can recommend who they think are suitable and willing candidates, to put forward to the Chair. The closing date for recommendations will be the July Parish Council Meeting. Any candidates would then be interviewed by the Chair and Vice Chair. The full council would then be given a report and a co-option would be voted on.	
067/24	Finance	
067.1	Monthly budget/finance report, and bank reconciliation The bank reconciliation and updated budget at 31 st May was noted and approved. The Chair has checked and agreed the May finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation is correct. JD signed and checked the monthly finance report.	
067.2	Approval of Invoices Invoice in May <i>already paid</i> QD – Plastic Storage Box - £8.99 Invoices to be approved and paid Clerk Wages for April - £387.50 Proposed by JD, Seconded by LH - Unanimous	Clerk
067.3	Approval of orders to be placed An urgent order for new pads for defibrillator with Heartbeat Trust – £59.94 Invoice to be recorded at the July Meeting.	
067.4		

	<p>This is an annexe of the main house and should not be listed as a separate address.</p> <p>A separate planning application has since been received relating to this property for the removal of a large fern tree with comments to be submitted by 5th July. This has gone to the tree warden for comment and following inspection those comments will go to all for approval before entering response on the planning portal.</p>	
068.5	Decision Notices	
	<p>Application 2024/0139/NMA</p> <p>Non material amendment to 2021/1385/FUL (Variation of Condition 3 in relation to Application Reference Number 2020/0142/FUL – to allow alterations to Unit 2 to meet the functional and operational requirements of the end user.</p> <p>Ram Jam Services, Great North Road, Greetham RCC have approved subject to 1 condition.</p>	
069/24	AGENDA ITEMS	
069.1	Proposal for a bus stop and yellow lines at the Five Counties Site	
	<p>RC outlined the rationale for the proposal for the yellow lines and bus stop on Greetham Inn Lane at the Five Counties Site. There is a strong argument for a bus stop which would give residents on site the opportunity to catch a bus to either Oakham or Stamford, making the bus service more viable. There is an area for the bus turning at Five Counties rather than the current arrangement of turning by the Wheatsheaf.</p> <p>All voted in favour for the GPC Traffic Group to put forward the proposal to RCC Highways for yellow lines, bus stop and street lighting.</p>	JD
069.2	Website Update	
	<p>A new website has been set up by AJ Computing.</p> <p>It was agreed for the Clerk to contact AJ Computing to arrange training to administer and manage the site.</p> <p>Any costs to be put forward to the July Meeting.</p>	Clerk
069.3	Suggested proposal from Greetham Goes Wild	
	<p>Greetham Goes Wild has put forward a suggested proposal to set aside a third of the Burial Ground to become a wild flower meadow.</p> <p>The proposal has been sent to all interested parties for comment.</p> <p>The Chair reported that at this moment in time a decision cannot be made following a number of questions which need to be taken into consideration following concerns raised.</p> <p>It was agreed for these concerns/questions go back to GGW to respond in order for GPC to consider the next steps to see it is viable.</p>	Clerk
069.4	Proposal for £150 Donation to Citizens Advice Rutland	
	<p>Correspondence received in May to support the work of the charity.</p> <p>All felt this was a worthwhile charity to donate to in the current climate and it was agreed for a donation of £150 to be made to Rutland Citizens Advice.</p>	Clerk
070/24	ADVISORY TEAMS	
070.1	<p>Significant Planning Application Team <i>Already Covered</i></p> <p>Streets and Services Team</p>	

070.2	<p>RCC Highways (Cllr. C. Wise) has reported that the 2 issues Bridge Lane and Reduction from 60-40 mph outside 5 Counties are currently on hold. Bridge Lane due to pedestrian crossing being rejected 2 years ago, so cannot be resubmitted for 3 years and the view that the police will not support the 60-40 reduction.</p> <p>The Streets and Services Team have advised her that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridge Lane has issues with visibility that any traffic calming measures (not just pedestrian crossing) needs to be reviewed. 2. 60-40 mph reduction has been implemented by Highways already as part of Ram Jam planning application – this just needs extending to include the 5 Counties entrance. <p>Auto Speed Watch: A group of Parish Councils headed up by Essendine are lobbying RCC and Leicestershire Police to support PCs purchasing a data collecting piece of equipment (costing approx. £2000) called AutoSpeed Watch. This assists the policy by prioritising the highest and most persistent speeding vehicles and provides information to PCs. It is not an enforcement camera, so does not issue fines. JD proposed that GPC should join the Group – unanimous agreement.</p> <p>LH raised the parking on the corner of Church Lane creating problems for farm vehicles to pull out onto Main Street.</p>	JD
070.3	<p>Environment Planning Team A Biodiversity Meeting was held on 10th June. There is a possibility of funding coming up that may be available for the maintenance of Greetham footpaths. In the meantime, the Group are looking at getting quotes, speaking to landowners and drafting a letter to local businesses. It was suggested that Highways be contacted regarding possible tree planting in the future on Thistleton Lane.</p>	
070.4	<p>Burial Ground The pet area for scattering ashes is now complete.</p>	
070.5	<p>Community Centre The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday at 6pm. The newsletter is an agenda item and GCC is still looking for a volunteer to take this on. GCC have had a good income over the last year enabling the re-wiring of the building. The next project is the replacement of the flat roof.</p>	
071/24	Correspondence and Communication	
071.1	<p>NALC New Financial Regulations To be reviewed and put forward to July meeting. <i>Clerk to send copy of the new regs to all.</i></p>	Clerk
071.2	<p>Letter from member of public regarding Oak House Planning An alternative plan has been received and comments have been sent to RCC Planning.</p>	
071.3	<p>Letter from member of public re HGV complaint in Main Street This was due to temporary traffic lights and the work being carried out by Gigaclear.</p>	

071.4	Dementia awareness events in Rutland organised by our MP A recent event was held at GCC. A big event is scheduled ahead to take place at Barnsdale.	
071.5	Great Lane closure June 24 th – 28 th It has been advised that there will be access to the Community Centre	
071.6	Letter from MP on Highways England	
071.7	Complaint on work from Longhurst the bungalows in Great Lane. This is with NB to look into.	
072/24	Reports from outside bodies	
072.1	Parishes Liaison Meeting JD attended the last meeting at which there was a talk from Leicestershire Police. There will be a talk on Regulation 19 during September.	
072.2	The Rutland North Beat Report for May There are no incidents reported in Greetham	
072.3	Health Watch update for May AJ spoke about Peppers a Charity in Oakham which offers a service on mental health issues.	
073/24	Items for next Agenda	
	Disabled Toilet at GCC - payment next month. Review NALC finance regulations in July Record Actions on Internal Audit 2023/24	
074/24	Next Meeting	
	Next Meeting: Wednesday 10 th July at 7pm	

Meeting ended at 8.25pm

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