

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting on 3rd October 2022 @ 7pm held at the Community Centre

Members Present: Mrs J Denyer (JD) – Vice Chair, Mr P. Hitchcox (PH), Mr D. Baker (DB), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mr James Earl-Fraser (JE), Mrs J Isaac (Clerk), Cllr. N. Begy (Ward Member)

4 members of the public attended

Ref	Item	Action
138/22	Welcome and Apologies for absence	
	Apologies were received and accepted from Ken Edward (Chair), Graham McKee, Janem Shelton	
139/22	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	There were none.	
140/22	Questions/Comments from members of the public	
	<p>Comments were received from members of the public present who had attended the RCC Planning Meeting on 26th September. The excellent presentations from GPC, residents and Cllr. Nick Begy arguing against the applications were noted. One member of the public said that he did not feel the warehousing application would go away. It was also noted that it was difficult to hear the RCC councillors/staff in the chamber and that the sound system was poor.</p> <p>There was an issue raised with regard to the Community Centre field by the skate park. Protruding tree roots have caused the tarmac to lift at the edge of the field which is likely to cause an accident. GPC agreed to look into this with the Community Centre.</p> <p>A member of the public again raised the issue of the chicane causing a potential accident, and his feeling that the chicane was the wrong way round. <i>This has been added to the list to be discussed with Highways following the June PC Meeting. Covered under 146.2 later on the in the meeting.</i></p> <p>A breach of weight restriction up Thistleton Lane was raised by a member of the public. There is a 7.5 ton restriction which was clearly exceeded by a skip hire company. GPC agreed to take this up with RCC.</p> <p>Street lights out on Church Lane/Shepherds Lane were reported. The member of public has reported this directly on "Fix my Street". This will be record on the GPC Fix my Street Log.</p> <p>Cycle signage on poles at each end of the cycle/footpath from Greetham to Cottesmore were suggested, together with a request for hedges to be pruned the Begy Gardens end. This will be reported on RCC Fix my Street</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>JD</p>
141/22	Approval of minutes	
	<p>The following Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections: PC Meeting held on 7th September 2022</p> <p>Proposed by AJ, seconded by PH - Unanimous</p>	
142/22	Matters arising	

	<p>Update on Biodigester: Ann Jenkins reported that the possibility of a biodigester was looking hopeful. It was noted that Anglian Water are now on a blacklist with Ofwat and as a result refunds are due. It was felt that Anglian Water would be ready for GPC to approach. A report provided by Anglian Water on "Tackling Environmental and Regulatory Challenges around Sludge" was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. <i>AJ agreed to make contact with Anglian Water to request a presentation to GPC.</i></p>	AJ
143/22	Finance	
143.1	<p>Monthly budget/finance report, and bank reconciliation The bank reconciliation and updated budget at 31st September was noted and approved.</p> <p>The Chair approved the September and October finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation has been checked and agreed.</p>	
143.2	<p>Approval of Invoices for payment</p> <p>Invoice in September already paid JRB Enterprises - £451.20 (incl. VAT) for dog poo bags Kings Chambers – Zoom meeting on Quarry - £1,200.00 (incl. VAT)</p> <p>Invoices to be approved and paid in October Clerk Wages for October - £350 J Isaac – Amazon - Laser Printer toner cartridge - £38.87 (incl. VAT) P Hitchcox – Postage for traffic documents sent to MP - £3.45 GCC – Payment for Schools Out toys etc - £99.24 (already approved at July meeting Ref: 112.8) Proposed by AJ, seconded by PH - unanimous approval.</p>	Clerk
143.3	<p>Approval of orders to be placed 2 wheelie bins for Community Centre at £51 each (incl. VAT) = £102.00 Trash Head Signs for Bins - £7.99 GPA 76 Cell Batteries for Bank Card Reader - £2.16 Ink Cartridges for Chair from Amazon - £41.94 Proposed by PH, seconded by JE – unanimous approval</p> <p>3 sets of Plastic Clips for Bins = £43.50 (incl. VAT) – approved in principle – Invoice for payment to go on next agenda for payment.</p>	Clerk
143.4	<p>Income Received Awaiting £7.27 from SPC for printing costs</p>	
144/22	PLANNING	
144.1	<p>Planning Application: 2021/0297/MIN – NW Extension to Greetham Quarry - Deferred 2021/0170/MAO Housing – Outline Plan approved 2021/0171/MAO Warehousing - Rejected</p>	
	<p>JD gave the following update from the RCC Planning Meeting held on 26th September.</p>	

	<p>All 3 applications were put before the Planning Committee - 20 residents attended in person and many more joined on Zoom. Thanks were noted to GPC Chair, residents of Greetham and Cllr. Nick Begy for their excellent presentations and arguments put forward.</p> <p>NW Extension to Greetham Quarry – Deferred Ken Edward representing GPC spoke against the application and Richard Creasey spoke on behalf of residents. Both presentations focussed on the concerns of the health impacts of quarrying activity so close to the village and the Community Centre. RCC Planning instructed approval but the committee, after a relatively long debate around the health implications, were split and the decision was taken to defer and to request Mick George to consider the removal of Phase 4 (reducing the size of the quarrying activity), to install real time monitoring equipment as part of their dust and noise mitigation, and to review all planning conditions.</p> <p><i>DB to put together a paragraph to go to LRALC to gain further information on the rights of the Parish Council on a deferred application.</i></p> <p>Housing in Existing Quarry – Outline Plan approved RCC Planning recommended approval of the outline planning application. Ken Edward on behalf of GPC spoke against and Dan O’Boy spoke on behalf of David Hodson (who was unable to attend due to COVID). Both presentations focused on the fact that the quarry was conditioned to be restored, and biodiversity losses. The Committee requested that the deadline for the applicant to submit full planning application should be shortened. GPC will review again and request involvement in the size and design of properties in order that the Neighbourhood Plan is not ignored.</p> <p><i>GPC Planning Focus Group to write to developer to ask for involvement regarding the size and design of properties, should they be granted full planning permission.</i></p> <p>Warehousing in Existing Quarry – Rejected RCC Planning recommended rejection on this application which was upheld by the Planning Committee. The reasons for rejection were that the warehouse was inappropriate in this setting, did not fit with the Local Plan and the additional volume of traffic would exceed the B668 road capacity. The developer has advised that they will go to appeal – they have 6 months to appeal.</p>	DB
144.2	Planning Application 2021/0418/LBA & 2021/0417/FUL	
	<p>45-47 Main Street, Greetham – 2 existing dwellings to become 1 plus 1 new dwelling. Consultation responses from the Conservation Area Officer, Highways and Lead Local Flood Authority have been received. In conclusion, Highways can see no problems with the proposed junction with Main Street – they can see no reason to disapprove the proposal. No concerns have been raised from the Conservation Officer, they are looking favourably to approve the application.</p>	
144.3	Decision Notices	
	The following decision notices were noted:	

	<p>Ref: 2021/1385/FUL – Variation of condition 3 in relation to Application Ref 2020/0142/FUL (The development shall not be occupied until such time as the off-site highway improvement works at the junction of the B668 have been completed). To allow development to commence prior to the offsite highway works being completed. Ram Jam Inn, Great North Road, Greetham, Rutland RCC have granted planning permission in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to 24 conditions.</p> <p>Ref: 2022/0244/DIS - Approval of details required by Condition Planning Permission Ram Jam Inn, Great North Road, Greetham, Rutland Discharge of condition 11 (Construction Management Plan), 12 (Tree/hedge protection) and 23 (Verge method statement) of Planning Application 2022/0142/FUL</p>	
145/22	AGENDA ITEMS	
145.1	Branching out Fund Grant for Hedgerows	
	<p>PH has approached 2 funding organisations for a grant for planting hedgerows through the Branching out Fund.</p> <p>An application for the hedges that need replacing along the B668 outside Begy Gardens towards Cottesmore has been submitted. A reply is expected in 2 weeks and the outcome will be reported at the next PC meeting.</p>	PH
146.2	Traffic Issues raised at June PC Meeting	
	<p>A list of issues to take forward has been compiled by the Traffic Focus Group. PH has made contact with Highways to request a meeting – no reply received to date.</p> <p><i>PH to send a copy of the email to NB to chase up with Highways. NB to invite Highways to attend a PC Meeting to provide an update on the issues raised.</i></p>	PH NB
147/22	Focus Groups	
147.1	<p>Fix my Street and Highways – Coordinator: PH, Members: PH, AJ, GM</p> <p>There have been no further issues added or responses since the last PC meeting. <i>JD to add the lights that need replacing at Church Lane/Shepherds Lane reported on 18th September by a member of the public.</i></p>	JD
147.2	<p>Trees, Nature and Environment – Coordinator: PH, Members: PH, AJ, JE</p> <p>Update on Trees – PH There have been a few offers received by residents to purchase trees. An article has been published in the Greetham Newsletter. GPC will continue with the planting of the cherry trees along the Community Centre field. A quote has been received for the planting of trees at a cost of £85 per tree to include stakes, ties and mower guard. It was noted that the trees should be planted to allow 40 metres from the cricket wicket.</p>	

	<p><i>JD to ask Robin Tidd to email Nick Begy on possible cricket matches to be held at the Community Centre.</i></p> <p>Update on Environmental Projects – covered under Ref: 145.1</p> <p>Update on grass verge policy – AJ AJ has circulated to all Councillors the document “Highways Rural Verge Grass Cutting Policy”. A schematic drawing is needed and it was agreed for AJ to find a suitable map to put in the parish boundary.</p> <p><i>Policy to be brought to the next meeting for formal approval. In the meantime, Councillors to send comments on the draft document to AJ.</i></p> <p><i>PH to raise the grass verge cutting on Great Lane with Highways</i></p>	<p>JD</p>
147.3	<p>Monthly Panning Review and Local Plan – Coordinator: DB, Members: JS, DB, JE</p> <p>Rutland Interim Housing Position Statement Consultation There is a deadline to complete by 25th October – 8 questions. It was agreed that the Focus Group will forward a response on behalf of GPC.</p> <p>DB reported that the Biodiversity Plan is to be submitted next Monday. Once received, this will be emailed to all Councillors for comments.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>PH</p> <p>DB</p> <p>DB</p>
147.4	<p>Burial Ground – Coordinator: KE, Members: KE, Clerk, SB (as member of public) Nothing to report</p>	
147.5	<p>Drainage, Sewage and Water – Coordinator: JS, Members: JS, KE Nothing to Report</p>	
147.6	<p>Tourism – Coordinator: JD, Members: JD, GM Nothing to report</p>	
147.7	<p>New Quarry and Old Quarry – Coordinator: JD, Members: JD, DB <i>Covered under Ref: 144.1</i></p>	
147.8	<p>Community Centre – Coordinator: KE, Members: KE, JD JD reported that the Community Centre are looking at improving the number of events. A Cinema Club is currently being looked at to bring people together and promote the community.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed for the electricity supply at the CC to be put as agenda item for discussion at the next Community Centre Meeting.</p>	<p>JD</p>
148/22	Correspondence and Communication	
	<p>Email from Laurie Appleton regarding his departure from Rutland Police. Ben Orton has taken over the Rutland Beat. <i>It was agreed for the Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Laurie Appleton for all his support over the last few years.</i></p> <p>Email from Roger Ranson, RCC regarding Rutland’s Interim Housing Position Statement Consultation. – Covered Under Ref: 147.3</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Letter from Greetham Bowls Club re: improvements The Bowls Club are asking for permission to replace the Club's terrace. K Edward has spoken in length over the telephone with the Bowls Club Chair. This is to be raised with the Community Centre via the Bowls Club, who can provide information on grants available.</p>	
149/22	Reports from outside bodies	
	<p>Parish Council Forum Minutes – 7th September 2022</p> <p>Healthwatch News The Annual Meeting has been deferred to 3rd November <i>AJ to attend and report back at the next meeting.</i></p>	AJ
150/22	Agenda Items for next meeting	
	<p>Budget for Coronation (festivities and Coronation mugs for children) Healthwatch Update</p>	
151/22	Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 9 th November at 7pm	

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

Issued on: 5th October 2022