

**GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes of Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 @ 7pm held at Greetham Church**

**Members Present:** Mr K. Edward (KE) – Chair, Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mr D. Baker (DB), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mrs. R. Chipperfield (RC), Miss L. Hinch (LH), Mrs J. Isaac (Clerk)

8 members of the public attended

Ref	Item	Action
<b>137/23</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies for absence</b>	
	Apologies were received and accepted from James Earl-Fraser and Nick Begy (Ward Member)	
<b>138/23</b>	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b>	
	Lucy Hinch declared an interest on two items on the agenda: Decision Notice 2023/0168/FUL (Ref 143.5 Planning) Email on complaint regarding smoke at the campsite (Ref 156.2 Correspondence)	
<b>139/23</b>	<b>Questions/Comments from members of the public</b>	
	A member of the public who carries out maintenance at the Burial Ground reported that the planted trees need pruning. For discussion under Agenda item – Burial Ground (Ref: 145.4)	
<b>140/23</b>	<b>Approval of minutes</b>	
	The following Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections: PC Meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 Proposed by DB, seconded by JD - Unanimous	
<b>141/23</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	
	<b>Update on 38 Main Street</b> Cllr. N. Begy provided an update prior to the meeting with a response from the empty homes officer. Although an improvement plan is in place, there are no deadlines or timelines, which is not satisfactory as it is affecting the immediate neighbours' plans. It was agreed for GPC to complain directly to the RCC Officer (to also cover the items in the letter dated 9 <sup>th</sup> March regarding windows and window frames.	KE
<b>142/23</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
142.1	<b>Monthly budget/finance report, and bank reconciliation</b> The bank reconciliation and updated budget at 31 <sup>st</sup> September was noted and approved.  The Chair has checked and agreed the August and September finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation is correct.  DB signed and checked the monthly finance reports	
142.2	<b>Approval of Invoices</b> <b>Invoices already paid</b> BED Electrical Distributors – Electrics at CC - £1520.33 plus VAT £304.08 = £1824.41 <i>Approved at meeting on 13th September</i>  <b>Invoices to be approved and paid in October</b> J Isaac – Clerk Wages for October – £372.00 A Peachey – Games for “Schools Out” - £43.42 ( <i>upto £100 approved at July meeting</i> )	



	<p>ecological purposes, and ancillary works including alterations to the access drive, provision of a visitor check-in-kiosk, alterations to car parking, creation of a circular walk, alteration and extension of the noise bund, and consequential landscape works).</p> <p>Woolfox Golf and Country Club, Hardwick Farm Lane, Empingham, Rutland</p> <p>The planning application has already been approved – the amendments are variations to the conditions. No-one had any comments or issues to raise.</p> <p><b>Planning Application 2023/0976/FUL</b> PROPOSAL: Extending existing Solar panel system by 8 panels, situated evenly either side of existing panels. Manor Farm 1 Little Lane Greetham Rutland LE15 7NQ There were no objections – unanimous <i>Clerk to put response “Support” on Planning Portal</i></p>	Clerk
<b>143.5</b>	<b>Decision Notices</b>	
	<p>The following decisions were noted:</p> <p><b>Application: 2023/0168/FUL</b> Proposal: Erection of agricultural grain store Land to the North of Greetham Wood, Stretton Road, Greetham, Rutland. RCC have refused planning permission for the following reasons:</p> <p><i>The proposed agricultural building, by reason of the size, scale, massing and design, would not preserve the character and appearance of the site or surrounding area. The proposal would be contrary to policies CS16 and CS19 of the Core Strategy which seek to ensure development would maintain and enhance the environment, contribute to local distinctiveness and be appropriate and sympathetic to its setting in terms of, amongst other things, scale, height and appearance. The proposal is also contrary to Policies SP7, SP13, SP15 and SP23 of the Site Allocations and Policies DPD which seek to ensure development would not be detrimental to visual amenity and would reinforce local distinctiveness.</i></p>	
<b>144/23</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>144.1</b>	<b>Request for a donation towards the repair of Greetham Village Clock</b>	
	<p>An email has been received from Greetham Church asking if GPC would consider a donation towards the repair of Greetham Village Clock. The chimer mechanism is worn and needs replacing, and needs changing to a more modern movement. The PC has paid for annual servicing which has not happened this year in anticipation of the changes. The Chair suggested that GPC support the village clock and donate £300 net which has been budgeted for against the annual service of the clock (£150 this year and £150 next year). Proposed by KE, seconded by JD – unanimous. <i>Clerk to reply to Helen Macleod-Smith</i></p>	Clerk
<b>144.2</b>	<b>Response to 3 issues raised at the last meeting by a member of the public</b>	
	<p>1. Questioned cost of Consultant for traffic calming: Following a presentation made on traffic calming from a member of the public several months ago, GPC had agreed in principle to look at the</p>	

	<p>possibility of using a Consultant to look at this, but nothing has yet been investigated or agreed.</p> <p>2. Bypass should be funded by Developers GPC has always supported/approved a Bypass and have suggested this with RCC on many occasions. After discussion, it was agreed to contact Lucy Stephenson at RCC for a costing/intention, and also to raise this at the next Parish Forum Meeting.</p> <p>3. Move Chicane Both RCC and GPC have considered the suggestion of moving the chicane, but have decided against it. However, there will be an opportunity to re-visit this dependant upon what happens with the new proposal for Oak House.</p>	JD
<b>145/23</b>	<b>ADVISORY TEAMS</b>	
145.1	<p>Proposal to amend rules of number of Councillors assigned to Advisory Teams from 3 to 4, following the allocation of new Councillors to Advisory Teams. Proposed by KE, Seconded by DB - Unanimous</p> <p><b>Significant Planning Application Team</b> DB reported that there is a meeting scheduled by RCC on 18<sup>th</sup> October for a briefing on the new Local Plan. Regulation 18 (document regarding the Local Plan) carried a 2 month consultation period and details will be sent out in early November.</p>	
145.2	<p><b>Streets and Services Team</b> Update on Traffic/Fix my Street/Traffic Calming Plan: JD has arranged a zoom meeting with JE to get an update on all outstanding issues and pick up on actions. JD to provide an update at November meeting.</p> <p>JD to put in a request to RCC Highways for a reduction of the speed limit from the exit of the A1 to Greetham on B668 from 60 to 40mph.</p> <p>The Autumn litter pick is arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> November. It was agreed for the Clerk to advise RCC of the litter pick and order the necessary equipment to be delivered to David Baker. Details to go in the November edition of the Greetham Newsletter.</p> <p>AJ suggested and volunteered to do a health and safety assessment for the litter pick.</p> <p>Clerk to send a letter to RCC thanking them for the cutting of the grass verges in Great Lane.</p>	JD JD Clerk AJ
145.3	<p><b>Environment Planning Team</b> Biodiversity 10 year plan DB gave the following update: An application has gone in for the first grant to plant hedgerows and trees. It is hopeful that this will be approved. There is engagement with the children at Cottessmore School, who will be involved with the planting and in developing information to go into the QR coding.</p>	Clerk

145.4	<p>Hereward Homes have cleared the dense planting in the Spinney and are talking with the Community Centre next week regarding proposals around the paths and surrounding area.</p> <p>There are a series of winter talks scheduled on the management of Merry Meadows, Hedgehogs and tree planning – starting in November. The talks are free for villagers and will be held at the Community Centre.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Barbara Clarke for her presentation on Biodiversity at Greetham Church service. This had been received favourably and voluntary contributions made which have been paid into the Greetham Goes Wild bank account.</p> <p><b>Burial Ground</b> Update from KE on consecration of extra land There is various paperwork ongoing with the Diocese Registry and RCC regarding the ownership of land.</p> <p>Tree pruning at the Burial Ground (which was earlier raised by a member of the public) – agreed for the member to get a quote and submit to GPC for approval. It was also noted that top soil is required to flatten a number of graves. Suggested to put a notice in the Newsletter asking if anyone has any top soil available to let GPC know.</p> <p><b>Community Centre</b> Update on defib. from Government Scheme. The official form for the grant has been received and applied for. There are 100 free and 900 on match funding at £750. A response should be received by end of October. The electrical work at the Community Centre is now almost complete.</p>	Clerk
<b>146/23</b>	<b>Correspondence and Communication</b>	
146.1	Email from Greetham Church regarding a donation towards the repair of the village clock. <i>Covered in Ref: 144.1</i>	
146.2	<p>Email from a member of public complaining about smoke from the campsite. This has been reported to Nick Begy and reported to Environmental Health. It was noted that any future complaints should be to the Environmental Agency.</p>	
146.3	<p>Invitation to the Annual General Meeting of Citizens Advice Rutland on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm. AJ volunteered to attend on behalf of GPC.</p>	AJ
146.4	<p>Email from RCC Elections to inform of a briefing meeting open to all Local Councils in Rutland regarding the next stage of the Local Plan. To be held on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Agreed for DB and KE to attend, and to also invite Dave Hodson to attend.</p>	
146.5	<p>An NHS Roving/Mobile Vaccination Clinic A mobile vaccine unit will be set up at the Community Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and 30<sup>th</sup> November for all those eligible for a COVID vaccination – must have a letter from NHS or be over 65 – no appointment necessary.</p>	

