Minutes of the GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
held on 9 September 2026 at 7pm in the Greetham Community Centre

Members Present: Mr Gavin Swain (GS) – Chair, Mr Adam Brierley-Lewis (AB-L), Mr J Farrell (JF), Miss L Hinch (LS) and Mr LeRoy Sheppard (LS)

Clerk: Mrs Theresa Stokes-Watson (TSW)

4 members of the public in attendance.

PUBLIC FORUM: the Chairman opened the Public Forum and reminded members of the public that matters should relate to the agenda, with requests for future agenda items also welcomed. The Forum was limited to 15 minutes.

1) **Bug Hotel** - a member of the public presented a proposal for a bug hotel project, supported by grant funding as part of a biodiversity initiative. She sought the Council's support for locating a bug hotel on the Parish Council's Burial Ground which she intended to publicise in the forthcoming Community Newsletter. However, the Chairman requested that any publicity make clear that the proposed location within the Burial Ground was subject to Parish Council approval and that this would be considered by the Parish Council at the October meeting.

No further matters were raised and the Chairman closed the Public Forum.

MINUTE NO:	ITEM	ACTION
2026/09/01	**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN (brought forward from May, June and July 2026 meetings):** The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman. The Chairman explained that the Vice-Chairman's role would principally be to chair meetings in the Chairman's absence or should the Chairman be unable to continue in the role. No member expressed a wish to take up the position at this time. **RESOLVED:** that the item be deferred to the October meeting.	Clerk
2026/09/02	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from the Ward Councillor, Mr N Begy, due to illness amongst the family.	
2026/09/03	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:** Cllrs Swain and Sheppard declared personal interests in the Correspondence item relating to a proposal requesting a mobile post office service for the village as their spouse and partner had submitted the email. It was noted that as the interest was not financial, the members could participate in discussion on this item.	
2026/09/04	**MINUTES:** PROPOSED by Cllr Sheppard, SECONDED by Cllr Brierley-Lewis and **RESOLVED:** (i) that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2026 (as amended re: Minute No: 2026/06/10 vii) Burial Ground) be approved and signed by the Chairman. (ii) that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2026 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.	Clerk to upload to website
2026/09/05	**RESIGNATIONS/CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS:** the Council noted the resignations of Mrs Clarke and Mrs Denyer, received on 9 July and 24 July respectively. The resignations had resulted in three vacancies on the Parish Council. The Council noted that the Returning Officer had invited the Parish Council to co-opt individuals to fill the three vacancies following the usual publicity and recruitment process. One application had been received, although there had subsequently been some confusion concerning email correspondence. This matter had been discussed outside the meeting.	

	Discussions with further potential candidates regarding co-option were ongoing. It was anticipated that additional individuals may attend a future meeting to discuss joining the Council. **RESOLVED:** that the Council continues with the co-option process to fill the three vacancies and considers suitable candidates at a future meeting.	
2026/09/06	**COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS** Following the recent resignations, the Council considered appointments of Councillors to outside organisations and liaison groups. i) **Greetham Community Centre Committee -** under the arrangements relating to the Community Centre, the Parish Council was required to appoint two representatives. One representative, Cllr Farrell, was already appointed, and a further appointment was therefore required. The Chairman advised that he did not wish to undertake the role because of his position as Chairman of the Parish Council and the potential for a conflict of interest where matters concerning the Community Centre came before the Parish Council. The role was explained as being principally one of liaison between the Parish Council and the Community Centre. The appointed representative would attend in their capacity as a Parish Councillor and would not be expected to undertake voluntary work for the Community Centre unless they wished to do so. PROPOSED by Cllr Swain, SECONDED by Cllr Sheppard and **RESOLVED unanimous:** that Cllr Brierley-Lewis be appointed as the Parish Council's representative on the Greetham Community Centre Committee alongside Cllr Farrell. ii) **Mick George Quarry Liaison Group -** the Chairman explained that this was an informal liaison group and that there was no requirement for a particular number of Parish Councillors to attend. Technical and resident advisers, Mr Baker and Mr Creasey, remained available to provide technical advice when required, although they no longer attended meetings. It was noted that the Chairman currently attended the meetings and confirmed a willingness to continue doing so. The meetings involved representatives from Mick George, Rutland County Council and other relevant organisations. **RESOLVED:** that the Chairman continues as the Parish Council's representative on the Mick George Quarry Liaison Group. The Council agreed that a second representative was not currently necessary, although this could be reviewed if circumstances or Council membership changed. iii) **Rutland High 5 Liaison Group -** it was noted that the Rutland High 5 Liaison Group was primarily a community matter and that the Community Centre was expected to attend meetings on behalf of the community.	ABL/Clerk Chair

	The Parish Council would continue to circulate meeting information and attend where practicable. Feedback from meetings will be provided to the Parish Council. The Council **AGREED** that the arrangements should remain informal at present, with the position to be reviewed if a more formal Parish Council role becomes necessary.	
2026/09/07	**COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY TEAMS FOLLOWING THE RECENT RESIGNATIONS** **i) Lead Representative for Planning Applications** The Council reviewed the need for a designated lead representative for planning applications, quarry matters, major developments, planning breaches and quarry liaison. It was agreed that the current arrangement should continue, with all Councillors reviewing planning applications and contributing to responses. Where a significant matter arises, one or two Councillors may undertake further investigation and coordinate the Council's response. **RESOLVED:** that appointment of a formal lead representative be deferred until further Councillors have been co-opted. The position will then be reviewed. Members also noted that basic planning training had been, or was due to be, undertaken, with further training dates expected to become available. **ii) Environmental Planning and Biodiversity Matters** The Council agreed to continue considering environmental planning and biodiversity matters including woodlands, trees, watercourses and ponds, wildflower meadows, drainage and sewage issues collectively rather than appointing a lead representative at this stage. The Greetham Biodiversity Plan was noted as remaining in draft form and was available on the Parish Council website. It would require review in due course, along with Rutland-wide biodiversity plans which were also subject to review. For significant matters, one or two Councillors may be nominated to undertake further investigation and report back. **RESOLVED:** that no formal lead representative be appointed at this stage. The position will be reviewed following further co-options.	
2026/09/08	**AGENDA ITEMS:** **1) Viking Way – Footpath Maintenance** Cllr Sheppard provided an update regarding the condition and maintenance of the Viking Way. Following concerns raised by a resident, contact had been made with the Rights of Way Officer at Rutland County Council (RCC) to establish whether a similar approach to that undertaken in Lincolnshire was being considered. The Rights of Way Officer had confirmed that they were aware of the matter and intended to walk the Rutland section of the Viking Way with representatives of the Rutland Branch of the	

	Ramblers Association. The inspection would consider signage, vegetation and the general condition of the route, with recommendations to follow. The planned inspection had been due to take place on the preceding Sunday, but the RCC officer had been unable to attend at the last minute. Cllr Shepherd would contact the Officer for an update following the Ramblers' inspection. The resident who originally raised the matter had been informed of the action being taken and was satisfied with the response. **RESOLVED unanimous:** to await the further response from RCC and receive a further update at the next meeting.	LS
	2) North Brook Water Quality The Council considered ongoing concerns regarding water quality in the North Brook. It was noted that substantial correspondence had taken place with relevant organisations, including the Environment Agency, Anglian Water and Rutland County Council. The matter had also been raised through the relevant County Council processes. The Council considered correspondence received from an Environment Agency Officer who advised that, based on the data currently available, the relevant sewage works was broadly complying with its environmental permit. However, this did not mean that concerns regarding the health of the watercourse would be disregarded. The Officer encouraged the Parish Council and local residents to raise the matter with the local MP and to report any specific pollution incidents observed along the watercourse. The Council noted that the North Brook ultimately flows into the River Gwash and subsequently towards the Wash, including areas with significant environmental designations. The cumulative impact of water quality within the catchment was acknowledged. Members discussed the available water-quality data and agreed that information already gathered could be forwarded to the local MP. It was also agreed that contact should be made with Cottesmore Parish Council to establish whether similar concerns had been raised in that area. The Chairman and Clerk agreed to prepare a communication to the local MP, incorporating the information already gathered and to ensure the Ward Councillor is kept informed. **RESOLVED:** 1) Clerk to liaise with Cottesmore Parish Council to establish if similar concerns regarding water quality in Cottesmore had been raised. 2) Chairman and Clerk to prepare and send a formal communication to the local MP. 3) The Council continues to monitor the matter and report any specific pollution incidents through the appropriate channels. The Council stressed that future action should be based on available evidence and data rather than perception alone.	Clerk Chair/Clerk

3)Stream/Riparian Responsibilities
No substantive update had been received from the relevant authorities following previous enquiries regarding ownership and responsibility.

RESOLVED: that the matter remains on the agenda for the next meeting while further information regarding ownership and responsibility for stream maintenance is sought. NB/Clerk

4)Highways and Speeding
Cllrs Swain and Sheppard, together with the Ward Councillor, and others had met with representatives of RCC Highways and the Portfolio Holder to walk through the village and consider measures to reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety. A resident from Bridge Lane joined part of the meeting and provided local residents' views and concerns regarding traffic, visibility and road safety.

The meeting considered:

- Measures to reduce speeding;
- Road safety throughout the village;
- The potential impact of future quarry developments;
- Visibility issues, including overgrown hedges;
- Potential improvements at various locations throughout the village.

It was emphasised that, although particular concerns had been raised regarding Bridge Lane, the review covered the whole village, rather than one particular location. The various entrances and roads through the village were considered as part of the wider traffic and road-safety situation.

The meeting was considered positive and consultative. RCC Highways is expected to provide further information and suggestions. Some potential measures may be relatively straightforward improvements, although no firm proposals or timescales had yet been confirmed.

The Council thanked those involved in arranging and attending the meeting, particularly Cllr Begy and the resident who contributed local knowledge.

The Council also noted that Greetham had applied to participate in the Community Speedwatch initiative. Unfortunately, there was only one available place left which had been allocated elsewhere, but Greetham had been placed on the list for the next opportunity. Participation will involve members of the public as well as the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: (i) to await further proposals regarding improvements to road safety and speeding throughout the village from RCC Highways and (ii) that Cllr Sheppard to provide a further update when a response is received from RCC Highways. LS

5)Parish Council Objectives Template
The Council considered a proposal for a Parish Council objectives template, originally raised by a former Councillor who has since resigned. Members discussed whether the Council should adopt a formal mission statement or list of objectives.
It was noted that the statutory role and responsibilities of a parish council are already clearly defined and that the Council's activities and priorities are visible through its agendas and minutes.

Members expressed concern that setting a fixed list of objectives could create unnecessary expectations, particularly if some objectives could not be achieved because of financial, practical or resource constraints.

The Council agreed that it should continue to be both proactive and responsive to residents' needs while operating within its statutory responsibilities and available resources. It was also noted that matters discussed and progressed by the Council already effectively constitute its working objectives and are publicly recorded in the minutes.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed not to adopt a formal objectives template or mission statement at this time. The matter may be revisited if the Council undertakes a significant project in the future where a more formal project plan or set of objectives would be beneficial.

6)Rutland Local Plan – Main Modifications Consultation

The Council considered the Rutland Local Plan Main Modifications consultation document which was substantial at 84 pages with a consultation deadline as 07.09.2026.

The Chairman advised that the document had been reviewed at a high level and that no specific matters relating to Greetham had been identified which required a Parish Council response at this stage.

Members discussed housing provision within Rutland and the potential implications of existing and proposed developments affecting Greetham.
It was agreed that the document would remain available for individual Councillors to review. If any significant issue relating specifically to Greetham was identified, it could be brought back to the Council for consideration.

RESOLVED unanimous: that the Parish Council would not submit a formal response at this stage. The item may be removed from future Agendas unless further correspondence or matters requiring Council consideration arise.

7)Village Litter Pick

The Council considered a request to change the date of the forthcoming village litter pick which usually takes place annually in October, so that it could take place after the Music and Ale Festival taking place at the Community Centre on 12 September 2026.

The Council considered whether a village litter pick could be arranged shortly after the event. However, it was felt that there would be insufficient time to publicise and organise such a change effectively.

Members also noted that responsibility for managing litter associated with the community event would ordinarily rest with the event organisers.

It was suggested that, for future years, the timing of the litter pick could be considered in conjunction with community events, allowing sufficient time for planning and publicity.

A proposal to allow the request from the Community Centre was defeated.

	It was therefore **RESOLVED:** (i) that the forthcoming litter pick will proceed as previously planned and will remain a village-wide litter pick and (ii) that the Council will liaise with the Community Centre/event organisers regarding future opportunities for coordinated community litter-picking activities.	LH Clerk
2026/09/09	**REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS/ADVISORY TEAMS** **1) Streets and Services – Lead Representative Report** The Council noted the **Fix My Street** report prepared by Cllr Sheppard as attached to the Agenda. Outstanding FixMyStreet reports are regularly reviewed and monitored. Reports are prioritised by the relevant authority according to importance rather than submission date. Cllr Begy has followed up long-standing issues, with several matters now resolved. The Council agreed that FixMyStreet remains a useful tool for reporting and monitoring local highway and maintenance issues. Referring to the recent **dry weather restrictions**, the Council noted the previous advice from Rutland County Council regarding restrictions associated with dry weather conditions and the potential fire risk arising from the use of machinery for grass cutting, vegetation clearance and tree works. Given the subsequent change in weather conditions, the Council considered that the immediate risk had reduced. **Road/Highways Reporting Portal** The Council discussed the proposed Rutland County Council highways reporting portal, previously raised with Councillor Wise. It was recalled that the proposed portal was intended to provide a mechanism for larger highway projects and requests which could not appropriately be submitted through FixMyStreet. Examples could include larger-scale village traffic measures or other highway improvement schemes. The Council noted that development of the new system had taken considerably longer than anticipated and that the portal had not yet become available as expected. **RESOLVED:** that the Road/Highways Reporting Portal be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and that Cllr Begy be asked to pursue an update regarding the availability of the portal. The Council noted that, in relation to current speeding and road-safety concerns, a direct route of communication with RCC Highways has now been established following the recent meeting and therefore the absence of the portal is not currently preventing progress on those matters. **2) Environmental Planning – Lead Representative Report (vacant)** There were no outstanding requests requiring action at this time. The Council noted that a further environmental planning matter is expected to be considered at the October meeting. **3) Burial Ground – Lead Representative and Burial Ground Manager's Report** One application relating to installation of a headstone had been received and had been actioned.	NB/Clerk

	Cllr Hinch and the Burial Ground Manager (TSW) advised that they are due to attend a relevant training course in October, which will provide additional knowledge regarding burial ground management and associated responsibilities. Referring to green waste collections, although the Council had previously agreed to purchase a green waste collection permit, due to bank administration delays, this had not been undertaken to date. As the current green waste collection service would cease for the winter shortly, it was **RESOLVED unanimous:** that a green waste collection permit for 2026/27 should not be purchased and (ii) that the Lead Representative/Chairman arrange for the removal of green waste for the remainder of 2026/27 given the limited remaining collection period. The position will be reviewed when the green waste collection service recommences, with a new permit to be considered at that time. The Council noted that the hedge work at the Burial Ground had not yet been undertaken which, it was understood, was likely due to weather conditions and seasonal considerations, including bird nesting restrictions. The work remains expected to be undertaken and invoiced when appropriate. **4) Local Council Award Scheme** The Chairman reported on a local council awards and accreditation scheme offering Bronze, Silver and Gold standards, assessing legal compliance, procedures, documentation, community engagement and governance. The Council noted that much of the required work is already in place, although some additional documentation and formal processes would be needed. For the Bronze award, the indicative registration fee was £50 + VAT with an accreditation fee of £50 valid for four years. The Council agreed to continue developing its policies and documentation, with a view to potentially applying for the Bronze standard in 2027.	LH/Chair
2026/09/10	**PLANNING:** Due to there being no Parish Council meeting held in August 2026, the Council **RESOLVED** to confirm its comments already submitted on RCC's Planning Portal in order to meet RCC Planning's consultation deadlines for the following planning applications:- **1) Application No: 2024/1459/MIN** PROPOSAL: Change of use from agricultural land to the extraction of building stone and limestone to include, Welfare Office, Weighbridge, Weighbridge Cabin, Wheel Wash Facilities, Fuel Bund, Haul Road and associated plant, machinery and infrastructure. 9 no. Additional documents dated 16th July 2025 **Land Off New Road Stretton Rutland** **Comment deadline: 31 July 2026 - Extension of Time requested (22.07.2026)** **Comment submitted: 11 August 2026 - Greetham Parish Council fully supports Stretton Parish Council with their concerns and objections.** **2) Application No: 2026/0859/RES** PROPOSAL: Reserved Matters application for the formation of a new access off Greetham Inn Lane, creation of showmans site including 2no. residential mobile homes, storage and maintenance area including hardstanding in	

relation to Outline Permission under 2025/1412/OUT for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale.
Land Adjacent To 5 Counties Park Greetham Inn Lane Greetham Rutland
Comment deadline: 6 August 2026 - Extension of Time to 17 August 2026
Comment submitted: 11 August 2026 - Greetham Parish Council has no objections, save those outlined from Highways already commented.

3) **Application No: 2026/0876/CAT**
PROPOSAL: Fell T1, T3, T4 (Lawsons/Leylandii Cypress) and T2 (Ash Leaf Maple) to prevent further damage to wall and garage and allow repairs to be carried out.
5 Pond Lane Greetham Rutland LE15 7NW
Comment deadline: 10 August 2026 - Extension of Time to 26 August 2026
Comment submitted: 11 August 2026 – Greetham Parish Council has no objections provided the felling happens outside of nesting season.

4) **Application No: 2026/0927/CAT**
PROPOSAL: (T1) 1 no. Beech tree overhanging neighbouring property on opposite side of the stream. There is one lateral which is standing a long way proud of all surrounding foliage. Preference is to completely remove this limb back to a branch collar pruning cut on the main stem as shown by the purple line but if the council strongly opposes the complete removal then a heavy reduction back to the red lines shown will give the best crown rebalance whilst retaining that limb.
3B Great Lane Greetham Rutland LE15 7NG
Comment deadline: 17 August 2026
Comment submitted: 11 August 2026 - Greetham Parish Council has no objections providing work is done outside of nesting season.

5) **Application No: 2026/0924/CAT**
PROPOSAL: (T2) 1 no. Holly - Remove
Greys Cottage 38 Main Street Greetham Rutland LE15 7NL
Comment deadline: 17 August 2026
Comment submitted: 11 August 2026 - Greetham Parish Council has no objections. Work to be done outside of nesting season and new native tree planted elsewhere on property.

6) **Application No: 2026/1068/CAT**
PROPOSAL: Reduction of an ash tree of approximately 4 metres dependant of adequate pruning points. Removal of a over-extended limb which has signs of damage (cracks).
36 Main Street Greetham Rutland LE15 7NL
Comment deadline: 22 September 2026
RESOLVED: The Council raised no objection to the proposed works.

Clerk to submit comments

DECISION NOTICES:
The following **Decision Notices** issued by Rutland County Council were **NOTED:-**

i) **Application Number: 2024 2024/1384/FUL**
PROPOSAL: Revisions (part retrospective) to the internal road layout to remove two-way access between the Ram Jam Petrol Filling Station and Ram Jam Services, including installation of existing retractable bollards and one-way flow plates, crash barriers directional and information signs.

LOCATION: Ram Jam Service Station Great North Road Greetham Rutland LE15 7QX
GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION subject to 5 Conditions

ii) Application No: 2026/0678/CAT
PROPOSAL: Fell 1 No. Laurel tree.
LOCATION: 49 Main Street Greetham Rutland LE15 7NJ
Rutland County Council District Council has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

iii) Application No: 2026/0876/CAT
PROPOSAL: Fell T1, T3, T4 (Lawsons/Leylandii Cypress) and T2 (Ash Leaf Maple) to prevent further damage to wall and garage and allow repairs to be carried out.
LOCATION: 5 Pond Lane Greetham Rutland LE15 7NW
Rutland County Council District Council has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

iv) Application No: 2026/0924/CAT
PROPOSAL: (T2) 1 no. Holly - Remove.
LOCATION: Greys Cottage 38 Main Street Greetham Rutland LE15 7NL
Rutland County Council District Council has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

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FINANCE: PROPOSED by Cllr Brierley-Lewis, SECONDED by Cllr Swain and **RESOLVED unanimous:**

i) That the **Bank Reconciliation as at 31.08.2026** be approved and signed.

ii) That the **General Ledger/Updated Budget 01.04.2026 to 31.08.2026** be approved and signed.

iii) **NOTED: Invoices Already Paid**

Date	Supplier	Amount	Subject
21.07.2026	HMRC	£115.01	Income Tax Clerk's Salary – April to June 2026
20.07.2026	Lloyds Bank	£4.25	Bank Charges
18.08.2026	Lloyds Bank	£4.25	Bank Charges
26.08.2026	Mr G Swain	£65.95	Defibrillator Pads – approval to purchase granted 08.07.2026, Minute No: 2026/07/7vii

iv) RESOLVED: unanimous that the following Invoices be approved for payment:-

Date	Supplier	Amount	Subject
05.07.2026	Richard Gregg Handyman	£450.00	Burial Ground – mowing
31.08.2026	Clerk	£337.00	Salary – August
30.09.2026	Clerk	£337.00	Salary – September
31.08.2026	Clerk	£237.12	Burial Ground Admin – 01.04.2026 to 31.08.2026. 19 hours @ £15.60 per hour. Gross £296.40, Tax £59.28
01.09.2026	Mr Mow It All	£200.00	Inv No: 020420282 – Grass cutting, Community Centre Play Park

v) NOTED: Credit Note 6215256 from Ricardo Energy and Environment – dated 27.08.2026 – email received from Ricardo Energy & Environment indicating the Parish Council is due a refund of £3,872.50 + VAT due to technical issues

Clerk to submit payments

	resulting in incorrect dataset. The Credit is awaited at the time of this meeting. **vi) Reallocation of Funds/Budget Lines** The Council considered whether budget allocations should be moved between expenditure lines, particularly in relation to the purchase of a new Parish Council laptop and other planned expenditure. It was noted that approximately £500 might be required for the laptop, while funds had also been allocated for remembrance-related items and the proposed Greetham Good Neighbour Award. However, as the expected credit of £3,872.50 + VAT had not yet been received from Ricardo Energy & Environment, members agreed to defer the reallocation and review the position once the funds had been credited. **RESOLVED:** that no immediate budget reallocation be made and that the matter be reviewed following receipt of the expected credit.	
2026/09/12	**GOVERNANCE:** The Council considered various Governance documents. **RESOLVED unanimous**:- 1. That the **Volunteer Policy and Risk Assessment** be approved and adopted. Review date: 2028. 2. That the **Co-Option Policy** be approved and adopted. Review date: 2028 3. That the **Code of Conduct** be approved and adopted. Review date: 2027 4. That the **Complaints Procedure** be approved and adopted. Review date: 2028 During consideration of the **Volunteer Policy**, Members noted that risk assessments would need to be completed for activities involving Parish Council volunteers and that existing risk assessments would be reviewed periodically. Those organising activities, such as the village litter pick, would be responsible for completing the relevant assessment, with assistance available if required.	Clerk to upload to website
2026/09/13	**CORRESPONDENCE: NOTED** that the following correspondence was received since the last meeting in addition to items listed at 2026/09/08 above:- i) 13.07.2026 – email, price list and brochure from HK Illuminations re: **Christmas Lights**. No action to be taken at this stage. Christmas decorations will be considered nearer the festive period, subject to available budget. ii) 13.07.2026 – email from Jon Gibbison, Hereward Homes outlining **accident data** from Department for Transport's data set re: accident relating to cyclist in Greetham in 2024. Members noted that the information had been provided from the relevant sources and that there was no specific action required by the Parish Council at this stage. iii) 16.07.2026 – email from resident "Celebrating the Unique Community Spirit" requesting outcome of **Highways meeting**. Members noted that the meeting took place on 04.09.2026 and its outcomes had already been reported and were available at Minute No: 2026/09/08/4) above. iv) 16.07.2026 – statement from Leader of RCC in response to the Government's announcement on **Local Government Reorganisation**. Members noted that the position had subsequently developed and that further correspondence was expected. v) 17.07.2026 – press release from Communications, RCC – "Residents urged to report **ragwort** growing near grazing livestock". The Council agreed to follow Rutland County Council's published reporting procedures and official guidelines.	

	vi) 20.07.2026 – email from Communications, RCC re: **Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) programme**, ie: site assessment followed by resident engagement for 70+ on-street electric vehicle chargers and 5 rapid charging locations across Rutland. No specific action was required at this stage. vii) 23.07.2026 – email from Communications, RCC re: **plans for new Museum and Cultural Centre**. Members agreed that the Council would await further information and developments. viii) 12.08.2026 – email from resident re: **unpleasant smell from Anglian Water pumping station**. The resident had been provided with the Anglian Water helpline details and advised to report the matter directly. No further concerns had been received by the Parish Council. ix) 14.08.2026 - Beacon Comms re: proposal to install a **telecommunications base station on a grass verge near Woolfox** on the A1, deadline to enter into pre-application discussions - 28.08.2026. Members noted that a formal planning application may be submitted in due course. The Council will consider the proposal if and when a planning application is received and if it falls within the Parish Council's remit. x) 14.08.2026 – email from Communications, RCC re: **household waste capacity issues** at Rutland's Recycling Centres and nationally. Concern was expressed that prolonged restrictions on the disposal of household items could contribute to fly-tipping and place additional pressure on local authorities. Although it was agreed to send a letter to Rutland County Council expressing the Parish Council's concerns regarding the current restrictions and their potential consequences, since the date of this meeting, the recycling centres were open and able to accept household waste again and therefore the matter is resolved. xi) 14.08.2026 – press release from Communications, RCC re: **successful planetarium event** held on 12.08.2026 at Rutland County Museum. No-one attended from the Parish Council. xii) 19.08.2026 – **Community Speedwatch Scheme** – invitation to participate. The Council noted that the Parish had applied for the Community Speed Watch scheme and is currently on the waiting list. xiii) 19.08.2026 – **Risk Ready Communities Programme** – re: developing a Community Response Plan. Members considered that there was no immediate requirement to develop such a plan and agreed that the matter could be revisited in the future if circumstances required. xiv) 24.08.2026 – email from Ward Councillor re: applications open for **The Electrical Safety Fund**. The information is available through the relevant webpages for individuals to access if required. xv) 25.08.2026 – email from LRALC re: **Pay agreement for Parish/Town Council Clerks 2026/27**. It was noted that the Parish Council's pay arrangements are outside the specific remit referred to in the correspondence, but that the Council seeks to maintain remuneration at an appropriate level and will review the position as part of the financial planning/budget setting process. xvi) 26.08.2026 – email from **Mick George** responding to queries relating to weekly monitoring for week commencing 01.08.2026. The Council considered a response from Mick George to queries raised regarding monitoring data, following concerns identified by one of the Council's technical advisers. Members noted that responses had been provided and that the matter would be discussed further at an upcoming meeting involving relevant representatives. The Council also noted that the number of monitoring points was being reduced as part of the agreement with Rutland County Council. A request had been made by a technical adviser to	Clerk – agenda item for November

	consider relocating one of the remaining monitoring points to the vicinity of the White House, where it was considered that monitoring could provide useful additional information. The Chairman would pass the request regarding the possible relocation of the monitoring point to the relevant parties for consideration and will report back to the Council if there are any developments. **xvii)** 27.08.2026 – email from residents re: request for regular **mobile post office service for Greetham**. The Council considered a request from two parish residents for the Parish Council to seek a mobile postal service for Greetham. Members noted that the village had lost its permanent post office and that a mobile service would provide an important facility, particularly for residents who are elderly, have limited mobility or are otherwise unable to travel easily. A mobile postal service already operated in some surrounding villages and the Council should therefore investigate whether Greetham could be included within an existing route. Members discussed possible locations, including the Community Centre and potentially suitable bus stop locations, subject to accessibility, operational requirements and the arrangements offered by the postal service. It was **AGREED unanimously** to pursue the request for a mobile postal service for Greetham. The Chairman and Cllr Brierley-Lewis would investigate the appropriate process and liaise with the postal service. A preferred location will be considered once the availability and requirements of the service are known. An update will be provided at the next meeting.	Chair Chair/ABL
2026/09/14	**COMMUNITY CENTRE – LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS** The Council discussed communication, responsibilities and historic informal arrangements with the Community Centre and Members expressed differing views on whether a general meeting with Community Centre representatives would be helpful. It was decided not to hold a meeting to review historic arrangements at this stage. Specific requests for Parish Council financial support should be submitted through the usual process. Two Parish Councillors are appointed to the Community Centre Committee and available to report back.	
2026/09/15	**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** i) Election of Vice-Chairman ii) Viking Way Footpath Maintenance – Update from Lead Representative, Cllr Sheppard iii) North Brook Water Quality – Report back following liaison with Cottesmore Parish Council and the MP – Chair/Clerk iv) Stream/Riparian Responsibilities – Update from Ward Councillor v) Highways and Speeding – report/update from Lead Representative, Cllr Sheppard vi) Road/Highways Reporting Portal – Update from Ward Councillor vii) Mobile Post Office Service for Greetham – Update from Chair/Cllr Brierley-Lewis viii) Greetham Good Neighbour Award – Cllr Sheppard ix) The future of The Plough Public House - discussion x) Village Litter Pick – date/update – Cllr Hinch	
2026/09/16	**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 14 October 2026 at 7pm, Community Centre.	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.51pm.

Signed: …….. Date: 14 October 2026

Cllr Gavin Swain, Chairman