

**DRAFT**  
**GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 @ 7pm held at**  
**Greetham Community Centre**

**Members Present:** Mr Gavin Swain (GS) – Chair, Mrs Jane Denyer (JD)  
 Mr Leroy Sheppard (LS), Miss Lucy Hinch (LH), Ms. Janem Shelton (JS),  
 Mrs J Isaac (Clerk)

10 members of the public attended

Ref	Item	Action
<b>017/26</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	
	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Nick Begy and Ann Jenkins.	
<b>018/26</b>	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b>	
	None	
<b>019/26</b>	<b>Questions/Comments from members of the public</b>	
	A resident at the meeting raised the issue of the overgrown trees (above hedge height) on the south end of the burial ground. It was acknowledged that they need professional pruning with hydraulic equipment. It was agreed for GPC to obtain 3 quotes.	
<b>020/25</b>	<b>Approval of minutes</b>	
	The following Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections: PC Meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 Proposed by LH, seconded by JD - Unanimous	
<b>021/26</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	
	Update on Silos/noise/fumes from generator at Greetham House Farm and unit at roundabout selling eggs/additional items Both issues are in hand and being chased with RCC by NB. RCC Planning Enforcement are aware.  Update on new dog dispensers These have been fitted by GS and LS and are in use. The Chair has the key and will replace bags as necessary.	
<b>022/26</b>	<b>Co-option for Councillor Vacancy</b>	
	A resident who has applied to join GPC has been interviewed by the Chair (GS) and LS. The applicant gave a summary of his background, what he could offer and reasons for wanting to join.  GS proposed the acceptance of Adam Brierley-Lewis and there was a unanimous vote in favour. Adam then officially joined the meeting.  Clerk to notify RCC and forward signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor to update their records.  A further Notice of Vacancy for Councillor has been issued following the resignation of Ken Edward.	Clerk

<b>023/26</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
023.1	<p><b>Monthly budget/finance report, and bank reconciliation</b>  The bank reconciliation and updated budget at 31<sup>st</sup> January was noted.  The Chair has checked and agreed the January finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation is correct.  LS signed and checked the report for January</p>	
023.2	<p><b>Approval of Invoices</b>  <b>Invoices already paid</b>  Lloyds Bank Service Charge for January - £4.25</p> <p><b>Invoices to pay:</b>  Clerk Wages for February – £291.00 net  Greetham Community Centre – additional 4 pages in February issue of Greetham Newsletter - £60.00  Glasdon UK Limited – dog poo bin dispensers and bags - £399.16 incl. VAT  LRALC – Internal Audit Services 2025-26 - £257.25  Proposed by LS, seconded by JS – Unanimous</p>	Clerk
023.3	<p><b>Approval of orders to be placed</b>  Quotes for grass cutting at Village Green and playarea at GCC for 2026  2 Quotes of £1000 and £1500 have been received and there was agreement to continue and accept Mr Mow it All's quote of £1000, who has offered a very good service over the last few years.</p> <p>Request from Citizens Advice Rutland for a donation  This was agreed in principle – amount to be agreed at the March meeting – to be paid out of the 2026/27 budget.</p> <p>Costings for bat and bird boxes proposed by Greetham Goes Wild - £1,051.64  Following discussion, there was unanimous approval for GPC to provide the funding in full out of the 2026/27 budget.  GGW to liaise with the Clerk to put the order through from 1<sup>st</sup> April.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
023.4	<p><b>Income Received</b>  None</p>	
023.5	<p><b>Financial Procedures</b>  Three new signatories have been added to the Lloyds Bank account.  Card readers have been received for GS, LS and LH to set themselves up for online banking.  Once up and running, Chair to remove KE and JD off the banking.</p>	Chair
<b>024/26</b>	<b>Agenda Items</b>	
024.1	<p><b>Website, email and .gov domain registration</b>  <b>Update following further advice from LRALC</b>  New standards have been set by Government for all Parish Councils to move over to a gov.uk domain for both emails and the website.  Although GPC have recently registered a gov.uk website, the current format of the website does not meet the criteria.</p>	

	<p>The Chair has been in touch with Parish Online who have quoted £350 to set up a gov.uk email and transfer the existing website to a newly designed website. There will be a yearly charge of £350 for the gov.uk domain.</p> <p>There was unanimous approval to implement this in the new financial year 2026/27.</p> <p>Chair to take lead with new Clerk.</p>	Chair
024.2	<p><b>Cllr. Christine Wise's (RCC Highways) invite to partake in the March Meeting</b></p> <p>Cllr Wise has agreed to attend the March meeting. Members discussed the format and a 10 minute update on whats happening in Highways was suggested and agreed, with the opportunity for PC members to ask questions.</p> <p><b><i>It is requested for residents to send any questions they would like covered, prior to the meeting to the Clerk.</i></b></p>	Clerk
024.3	<p><b>Adoption of Roads at Begy Gardens</b></p> <p>This is ongoing, residents are pushing for this and Cllr. Nick Begy is still chasing Lovells for the issues to be resolved before RCC formally adopt the roads.</p>	
024.4	<p><b>GPC Public Relations</b></p> <p>Leroy Sheppard spoke about promoting GPC by providing more publicity in the Greetham Newsletter, other than minutes of meetings, which are not always read.</p> <p>It was suggested that a few bullet points go in the Newsletter on a quarterly basis to highlight positive news and give further information on work being carried out by GPC.</p> <p>It was agreed to implement this as a new project from 1<sup>st</sup> April at the same time as reviewing the website.</p> <p>LS to lead the project.</p>	LS
<b>025/26</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
025.1	<p><b>Update from Heidelberg on dust monitoring</b></p> <p>JD reported that the weekly reports from Heidelberg were working well. There had been some disruptive readings recently due to bad weather, but all anomalies are looked at and acted on.</p> <p>It was agreed for the Chair to attend the next Greetham Liaison Group Meeting if possible on 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10am.</p>	GS
025.2	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><b>Planning Application 2026/0045/FUL</b>  3A Great Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE16 7NG  First floor extension  GPC object to this application due to insufficient information on changes (dimensions are requested).  This is reiterated by residents' letters of concern logged on the RCC Portal.  Clerk to enter objection with comments on RCC Planning Portal.</p>	Clerk

	<p><b>Planning Application 2025/1681/CAT</b> Works to 9 no. Conifer Trees (T1)-(T10) and 3 no. Ash Trees (T2)(T3)(T11) as detailed within the Proposed Tree Works document. The Vicarage 40 Church Lane Greetham Rutland LE15 7NF GPC have no objections to this application.</p> <p><b>Planning Application 2025/0149/CAT</b> T1 Horse chestnut – crown raise to 8 metres, reduce crowns to previous points by no more than 4 metres. T2 – Horse chestnut – crown raise to 8 meters, reduce crowns to previous points by no more than 4 meters. T3 Horse chestnut – crown raise to 8 metres. The Old School, 22 Main Street, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NL GPC have no objections to this application.</p> <p><b>Decision Notices</b> None</p>	
<b>026/26</b>	<b>Advisory Teams</b>	
026.1	<p><b>Environmental Planning</b> Village Tree Survey Stuart Kidd has provided a map of trees for the proposed tree survey. GCC have agreed to provide an annual inspection of trees. JD reported that 3 trees are currently down which Greetham Community Centre are aware of and are currently dealing with.</p> <p>Litter Pick – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March LH has equipment sorted with RCC LH to advertise litter pick in Greetham Newsletter. Clerk to send out risk assessment.</p> <p>Storage of PC Multitool (letter in correspondence) It was agreed for Greetham Community Centre to keep the heavy duty multitool pruner in the Garage at GCC.</p>	LH Clerk
026.2	<p><b>Burial Ground</b> Nothing to report</p>	
026.3	<p><b>Streets and Services</b> JD reported the issue of large Pot Holes when coming into Great Lane from Main Street. Concern was raised about the possible damage to cars. It was acknowledged that this work needs to be done before the Gathering starts in May. GS and LS agreed to take photos and enter on Fix my Street. Fix my Street reference numbers to be given to Clerk to write to Cllr. Wise at Highways.</p>	GS/LS Clerk
026.4	<p><b>Significant Planning Application Team</b> Nothing to Report.</p>	
026.5	<p><b>Community Centre</b> GCC would like to put a bench between the 2 spinneys in the community centre field.</p>	

	<p>A letter has been received from a relative of a recently deceased resident who has expressed a wish for a memorial bench to honour their memory.</p> <p>Agreed for GCC to put their proposal in writing for discussion at the March Meeting, together with the letter from Bruce Watt with proposal.</p>	
<b>027/26</b>	<b>Correspondence and Communication</b>	
	<p>Correspondence with LRALC on gov.uk email (Ref: 026/26)</p> <p>Correspondence with RCC Planning and Environmental Health on silos and noise/pollution from a generator located at Greetham House Farm. (Ref: 021/26)</p> <p>Press Release from RCC on improved R1 bus service launched through joint Council investment.</p> <p>Email from RCC Electoral Services Manager on Parish Elections in 2027 with estimate of costs to assist in setting precept for 2027/28.</p> <p>Email from resident on adoption of roads at Begy Gardens (Ref: 026/26)</p> <p>Letter from Police &amp; Crime Commissioner regarding the policing precept</p> <p>Letter from Citizens Advice Rutland with a request for a donation (Ref: 023/26)</p> <p>Letter from Greetham Goes Wild with costings for bat and bird boxes (Ref: 023/26)</p> <p>Email from ex parish councillor regarding the storage of the PC's heavy duty professional multitool. (Ref: 026/26)</p>	
<b>028//26</b>	<b>Reports from outside bodies</b>	
	<p>Police Report</p> <p>PC Holly Beat has replaced PC Jake Spruce as the Rutland North Beat Officer.</p> <p>Minutes from Greetham Liaison Group Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p> <p>Notes from LRALC Parish Liaison Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Clerk to find out when the next meeting is scheduled – GPC Councillor to attend if possible.</p>	Clerk
<b>029/16</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	

Meeting ended at 8.40pm.