

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on 11th March 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), Mr Adam Brierley-
 Lewis (AB-L), Mr. James Farrell (JF), Cllr. Nick Begy (NB), Mrs J Isaac (Clerk)
 Cllr. C. Wise (RCC Highways)

10 members of the public attended

Ref	Item	Action
030/26	Welcome and Apologies	
	There were no apologies.	
031/26	Update from Cllr. Christine Wise on RCC Highways	
	<p>Cllr. Christine Wise (CS) joined the meeting to answer questions on safety and highways issues.</p> <p>In summary, there were issues raised of various road safety issues due to speeding through the village. It was reiterated that Leicestershire Police do not enforce the 20mph speed limit, although other Police Authorities do enforce it. As a result speed watch does not prove to be viable as it can only be carried out at the 30mph speed limit spots at both ends of the village, not through the village.</p> <p>CS said that she would continue to put pressure on the Chief Police Commissioner of Leicestershire Police to enforce the 20mph speed limit. This will be raised at a meeting next week.</p> <p>Average speed cameras and auto speed watch was raised. ASWAR is funded by parishes and is on trial with 2 parish councils – however, there is no movement yet. Police need to support average speed cameras and provide a follow up.</p> <p>It was reported that a speeding survey in Rutland was carried out last autumn by satellite technology and a report is due to be made public by Highways. CS agreed to raise this at a forthcoming meeting. Greetham speed issues may show up on survey, in which case could become part of the strategic plan for the year.</p> <p>GPC raised their frustrations and concerns with being unable to get any official response from Highways due to the lack of the Highways portal to log issues. CS said that the new portal via the RCC website will go live in April. It was agreed for GPC to review this in April and CS to keep N. Begy updated to report to GPC in the meantime.</p> <p>Strong feelings were expressed by a resident, backed by GPC members regarding the dangerous problem when pulling out of Bridge Lane onto Main Street, which needs addressing immediately before a fatality occurs. There is very poor visibility, due to a blind bend and is exacerbated by overgrown vegetation on the adjacent land which residents have been told cannot be cut back.</p> <p>Another major risk, is the width of the pavement through the main part of the village, making passage with pushchair and toddler safely, impossible.</p>	

	<p>CS agreed to put in a request this evening for a Highways Officer to visit Greetham to carry out a site visit to assess what action is necessary to ensure safety.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr. Christine Wise for attending the meeting.</p> <p>Correspondence received from a resident from Bridge Lane with a different view to change the speed limit to 30mph (due to the 20mph not being enforceable) is being passed to Cllr. Wise and will be an agenda item for discussion at the April Meeting.</p>	
032/26	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	None	
033/26	Questions/Comments from members of the public	
	<p>A member of the public raised concern about the new waste bins for food waste, which require biodegradable bags.</p> <p>NB explained that RCC are following national policy.</p>	
034/25	Approval of minutes	
	<p>The following Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections:</p> <p>PC Meeting held on 11th February 2026</p> <p>Proposed by JD, Seconded by LS- Unanimous</p>	
035/26	Matters arising	
	None	
036/26	Co-option for Councillor Vacancy and Update on Clerk Vacancy	
	<p>There are currently 2 vacancies to be filled.</p> <p>Jane Denyer who had formally stood down wishes to be co-opted back onto the Council. JD has been a member of GPC since 2014 and has considerable experience and knowledge.</p> <p>There was a unanimous vote in favour and JD joined the meeting.</p> <p>A resident who has applied to join GPC has been interviewed by the Chair (GS) and LS. The applicant – James Farrell, gave a summary of his background, what he could offer and reasons for wanting to join.</p> <p>James then left the meeting together with members of the public for GPC members to discuss and vote on privately.</p> <p>GS proposed the acceptance of James Farrell and there was a unanimous vote in favour.</p> <p>Adam then officially joined the meeting.</p> <p>Clerk to notify RCC and forward signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office of Councillor to update their records.</p> <p>A further Notice of Vacancy for Councillor has been issued following the resignation of Ann Jenkins.</p>	Clerk

	The Chair gave an update on the Clerk Vacancy. Interviews have been held and the job has been offered and accepted by Theresa Stokes-Watson who is a resident of Greetham. Theresa was welcomed informally and will start on 1 st April. A handover has been arranged.	
037/26	Finance	
037.1	Monthly budget/finance report, and bank reconciliation The bank reconciliation and updated budget at 28 th February was noted. The Chair has checked and agreed the February finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation is correct. AB-L signed and checked the report for February.	
037.2	Approval of Invoices Invoices already paid Lloyds Bank Service Charge for February - £4.67 Invoices to pay: Clerk Wages for February – £291.00 net Greetham Goes Wild – Petrol for shredder for village green project - £19.80 Proposed by JS, seconded by JD – Unanimous	Clerk
037.3	Approval of orders to be placed Donation to Citizens Advice Rutland This had been agreed in principle – amount to be agreed. There was unanimous approval to donate £150.00 out of this year's budget. Additional Clerk costs for training handover were discussed. The current Clerk has agreed to support the new clerk initially - money has been put aside in next year's budget to support this. GS proposed that the existing Clerk logs the time spent for payment at an hourly rate, JD seconded this.	Clerk
037.4	Costs for Clerk and Councillor training was discussed. It was suggested and agreed that each new Councillor attends 2 councillor courses run by LRALC – to be funded out of next year's budget. £50 per course. It was agreed for the new Clerk to attend the necessary training courses with LRALC. Councillors to give Clerk dates to book courses with LRALC from April.	Clerk
037.5	Income Received Lloyds Bank - £30.00 paid on 5 th February due to a complaint being logged Financial Procedures – Lloyds Bank Signatories KE has been removed from the banking GS, LH and LS have been added as new full signatories Chair to remove JI and add new Clerk with effect from 1 st April	
038/26	Agenda Items	

038.1	Proposal for a memorial bench in memory of a late resident GPC have liaised with Greetham Community Centre and this has been discussed at a GCC Committee Meeting. Clerk to respond to the letter from the relative to notify them that they will be hearing from Pat Evans – Chair of GCC.	Clerk
039/26	Planning	
039.1	Case Reference 20026/0008/ENQ 10 Oakham Road, Greetham Awaiting a retrospective application for the new detached garage at the front of the property – planning permission is required. This has been pointed out to the homeowner and is to be submitted shortly.	Clerk
039.2	Planning Application 2026/0159/LBA Installation of 12 no. black Aiko solar panels on South and West elevations 33 Main Street, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NJ JD left the room due to the disclosure of a pecuniary interest. No concerns were raised and there was unanimous agreement for GPC to support the application. Clerk to enter on RCC Planning Portal.	
039.3	Decision Notices Application Number 2025/1467/FUL Removal of the existing garage, alterations to the front and side wall. Construction of single storey side extension and new garage. 40 Great Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NG RCC have granted planning permission subject to conditions	
040/26	Advisory Teams	
040.1	Environmental Planning Greetham Goes wild has cleared the Village Green, the work has taken longer than anticipated due to delays in getting planning permission and getting Open Reach to removed overhead cables. There are still 3 cables left going through the trees. 2 working parties (25 volunteers) have worked on the project to reveal the Green – the stream is now not overshadowed. 2 pieces of work are outstanding: 3 trees adjacent to the stream on Pond Lane are too tall and will need removing professionally. The second area is the planting of the bed adjacent to the wall – to be carried out later in the month. GGW to put forward a letter requesting financial support with photos and reasons for GPC to consider all angles and costs.	
040.2	Burial Ground Quotes for removal of trees at the Burial Ground are in progress – further updates to follow.	
040.3	Streets and Services Update on pot holes in Great Lane Photos and details of all the pot holes have been put on Fix my Street and a separate letter sent to Highways. Some have been done, but the top end by GCC are not yet fixed. Concern was raised about the Gathering which will start in May.	

	<p>JD to chase up.</p> <p>There have been reports of tracking out of quarry dust. Mick George have brought it GPC attention that this is mud from farm vehicles. MG have sent out a road sweeper to clear up. GPC are currently waiting for a response from RCC on farmer responsibility for mud on road and pavement from farm vehicles.</p> <p>Significant Planning Application Team Nothing to report</p> <p>Community Centre 2 members of GPC are required as Trustees of Greetham Community Centre Committee – to attend quarterly meetings. JD will remain as a Trustee. The Chair requested one further member to join. James Farrell kindly volunteered. JD gave an update on work on the new roof and Community Centre developments.</p>	JD
041/26	Correspondence and Communication	
	<p>Letter from Bruce Watt who has expressed a wish for a memorial bench. (Ref: 038/26)</p> <p>Rutland North Beat Newsletter – February No reported incidents in Greetham It was agreed to invite Holly Bland to give a short talk at the Village Parish Meeting in May.</p> <p>Email from resident regarding cricket nets at Community Centre This has been revamped, a great job has been done and is being used.</p> <p>Email from RCC Communications regarding new food waste collections</p> <p>Email from RCC Communications informing of no increase to general Council Tax as Rutland County Council agrees spending plans for the year ahead</p> <p>Letter from Greetham Goes Wild with update on village green project (Ref: 040.1)</p>	
042//26	Reports from outside bodies	
	None	
043/26	Items for next Agenda	
	<p>Correspondence regarding speeding from a Bridge Lane resident Parish and Annual Meeting Year End accounts 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026</p>	
044/16	Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 8 th April 2026	

Meeting ended at 8.51pm