

**GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @ 7pm held at Greetham Community Centre**

**Members Present:** Mr K. Edward (KE) Chair, Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mr. L. Sheppard, Miss L. Hinch (LH), Mrs J Isaac (Clerk)

4 members of the public attended

Ref	Item	Action
<b>116/24</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies for absence</b>	
	Apologies were received and accepted from Mr David Baker, Mrs Rebecca Chipperfield and Ms Janem Shelton.	
<b>117/24</b>	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b>	
	None.	
<b>118/24</b>	<b>Questions/Comments from members of the public</b>	
	None.	
<b>119/24</b>	<b>Approval of minutes</b>	
	The following Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections: PC Meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 Proposed by JD, seconded by LH – Unanimous	
<b>120/24</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	
	None	
<b>121/24</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
121.1	<b>Monthly budget/finance report, and bank reconciliation</b> The bank reconciliation and updated budget at 31 <sup>st</sup> October was noted and approved.  The Chair has checked and agreed the October finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation is correct. LS and LH signed and checked the monthly finance report for September and October.	Clerk
121.2	<b>Approval of Invoices</b> <b>Invoices already paid</b> Greetham Church – Donation towards the restoration of the bell tower - £500.00 ACR Computers – ESET Renewal - £45.00 incl. VAT William Hercock – Bags of top soil for Burial Ground - £157.09 incl. VAT – <i>paid at order stage</i>  <b>Invoices to be approved and paid</b> Clerk Wages for October - £387.50 and December - £387.50 approx.  Proposed by JD, Seconded by LS - Unanimous	
121.3	<b>Approval of orders to be placed</b> The Chair gave an update on the current situation with Greetham bins. Due to a new contract, the rules have changed and Biffa will no longer empty the current dog poo bins.  Quotes received from RCC:	

<p>121.4</p> <p>121.5</p> <p>121.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Damaged bin on Oakham Road – Cost to reset base - £76.00 plus VAT</li> <li>- Remove the red floor mounted bin on Great Lane (but not dispose of) - £75.00</li> <li>- Buy and install a floor mounted litter bin to replace the red bin - £389.00</li> <li>- Replace the green post mounted bin at the bus stop at B668 - £153.00</li> <li>- Refit the green post mounted bin on Great Lane (near the Community Centre) - £58.00</li> </ul> <p>Total cost £751.00 plus VAT</p> <p>KE proposed to replace all the bins (as per the quote above) which will contain mixed waste and will be removed by Biffa. There was unanimous agreement to place this order. Clerk to ask for a letter confirming that all mixed waste will be removed by Biffa.</p> <p>GCC playground zip wire repair/reimbursement - £ 597.00</p> <p>Calculations for street lighting energy costs for the parish from April 2024 to March 2025 - £709.00</p> <p><b>To note Income Received</b> RCC – CIL Payment - £338.59</p> <p>Future Income Due:</p> <p>5 year Peppercorn Rent to GCC - £5.00 – due 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024</p> <p>Greetham Community Centre – old projector – proposal to sell for £40.00. GPC have been approached by a member of the public to buy the old projector which is not currently used. It was agreed to sell this to the member of the public for £40.00</p> <p><b>Lloyds Bank account change to Community Account</b> With effect from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Lloyds Bank are changing the GPC bank account to a Community Account. This will result in an account maintenance fee of £4.25 per month plus some charges for cash and cheque transactions. The account provides 100 free electronic payments per month and as GPC currently use online banking, making payments by BACS only, there will be no day-to-day bank charges, other than the monthly maintenance fee.</p> <p><b>Next Year’s Budget for projects</b> The Chair asked for Councillors to put in a request for any amount towards projects by 15<sup>th</sup> December - for inclusion in the budget discussion and approval at the January meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p>
<p><b>122/24</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p>	
<p>122.1</p>	<p>Update on Conditions of Planning for Greetham Quarry Extension The Quarry Focus Group met with Heidelberg and Mick George to discuss the dust plan and put forward suggestions. This was felt to be an extremely positive meeting and a further meeting is arranged in December.</p>	

	<p>It was noted that a quarry complaint had been posted on facebook, which is not the correct procedure. All quarry complaints must be reported on the official complaint form and emailed to Greetham Parish Council. Quarry complaint form to go on website.</p>	Clerk
122.2	<p><b>Planning Application 2024/1245/CAT</b>  1 no. Alnus cordata: raise crown: remove 6 no. lowest branches plus 2 no. dead branches. Remove 3 no. saplings located between road and stream; 2 no. ash (1 dead) and 1 no. cornus sanguinea. Remove 3 no. Elders. Village Green, Main Street, Greetham</p>	
122.3	<p><b>Planning Application 2024/1238/CAT</b>  Trim back hedging to remove low level branches overhanging the North brook, along the southern boundary to no 10 Pond Lane, maximum diameter 30mm; to enable a full assessment of the condition of the hedge to be considered.  Duckling Cottage, 10 Pond Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NW  GPC have no objections.</p>	Clerk
122.4	<p>The following minor Planning Application has already been commented on:  <b>Planning Application 2024/1197/CAT</b>  Remove 1 no. Cypress Tree from bottom of Manor Farm garden  Manor Farm, 1 Little Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NG  GPC have supported this application.</p>	
<b>122.5</b>	<b>Decision Notices</b>	
	<p><b>Application Number: 2024/1075/CAT</b>  T1 Cedar tree to be removed to growing within the power lines and BT lines.  44 Main Street, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NL</p>	
<b>123/24</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>123.1</b>	<b>Update on the Ram Jam changes to access</b>	
	<p>It was noted that the original planning application was for a 2 way traffic system. However, the garage have stopped the 2 way traffic as Highways England have said it is unsafe and they could be liable.  A retrospective planning application is awaiting and it is hoped that RCC and Highways England will be in communication to agree that safety is not an issue.  Cllr. N. Begy agreed to continue chasing a response.</p>	NB
<b>123.2</b>	<b>Update on Begy Gardens on remedial works and pre-adoption inspection</b>	
	<p>RCC are looking to adopt the Roads in Begy Gardens, but will no do so at the moment as it does not come up to the standard required.</p>	
<b>123.3</b>	<b>Proposal from RCC for removal of hedgerow at junction of Begy Gardens with Greetham Road</b>	
	<p>A meeting was held with residents on 12<sup>th</sup> November to discuss their concerns regarding the removal of the hedging which RCC believes has been planted in error and is potentially creating issues with visibility at the entrance to Begy Gardens. As a result, RCC have asked Lovell Homes to take the hedge out.</p>	

	Both residents and GPC dispute this and are requesting an onsite meeting. Proposed letters to both RCC and Lovell Homes were read out and agreed by all. <i>Clerk to send out letters</i>	Clerk
<b>123.4</b>	<b>CIL payments decision re extending approval projects</b>	
	There have been a series of emails regarding CIL payments and the current list of projects appropriate for CIL expenditure in the current Neighbourhood Plan. Members were asked to make a list of projects to discuss at the January Meeting for GPC to put forward to RCC as possible changes in the Neighbourhood Plan.	All
<b>123.5</b>	<b>Communication from resident regarding the hazard of tree branches at GCC affecting 48 Great Lane</b>	
	The tree is on GCC land, however the tree branches do not touch the property. GPC are of the opinion that this is the phone company's responsibility. Agreed for Clerk to contact Openreach to advise them that the phone wires are being impinged by tree branches for them to take action.	Clerk
<b>124/24</b>	<b>ADVISORY TEAMS</b>	
124.1	<b>Significant Planning Application Team and Neighbourhood Plan</b> Consultation reply on Reg 19 Local Plan by 2 <sup>nd</sup> December GPC comments have been made previously – agreed for Clerk to respond to ask for previously submitted comments to be carried forward.	Clerk
124.2	<b>Streets and Services Team</b> R2 bus service and turning at Stretton roundabout, adding Stretton and Five Counties to the bus route. NB reported on the changes to the R2 bus service to take effect at the end of March. The current R2 bus service will remain in peak times (7 – 9am and 4–6pm), however a dial a bus service (similar to Call Connect) giving 24 hours notice will be introduced for a bus outside the peak hours. This could have the potential to offer more flexibility than the current service of buses every 2 hours. JD to write to Cllr. Wise regarding the lack of consultation.	JD
124.3	<b>Environment Planning Team</b> Village Green improvement plan from Greetham Goes Wild (GGW) The proposal and plans put forward from GGW on the Village Green were approved.	
124.4	<b>Burial Ground</b> A meeting has been held with the Burial Ground Maintenance Team to discuss the revised plan for a wild area at the top of the Burial Ground and maintenance of the existing flowerbeds. GPC have no objections - Members formally approved this as a long-term trial, but need answers to the following questions: 1. Details and confirmation of how GGW intend to cut the meadow in September. 2. How to deal with grass cuttings. 3. How to collect the cuttings and transport to the compost area. Clerk to write to GGW	Clerk

124.5	<p><b>Community Centre</b> GCC have submitted an application for a grant to replace the flat roof. The grant is looking for third party funding which GPC are allowed to give on projects in the budget. If the grant goes ahead GPC will contribute.</p>	
<b>125/24</b>	<b>Correspondence and Communication</b>	
	<p>Letter from resident objecting to the proposal removal of the hedge at the entrance of Begy Gardens.</p> <p>Email from RCC Highways Engineer giving an update on remedial works at Begy Gardens.</p> <p>Email from Roger Ranson, RCC regarding CIL usage.</p> <p>Email from RCC on Local Plan – Notification of Pre-submission consultation – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.</p> <p>Email from Rural Transport Officer, RCC on the R2 revised bus timetable and changes.</p> <p>Minutes from Greetham Liaison Group Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Report from Tree Champions Meeting attended by Peter Hitchcox.</p> <p>Facebook usage – GPC does not respond to issues put on facebook. Any issues should be emailed to the Clerk on the GPC email address. Agreed for KE to write a statement on this to go in the newsletter and on Greetham FB page to make all aware.</p>	KE
<b>126/24</b>	<b>Reports from outside bodies</b>	
	<p>North Beat Police Report for November: One incident reported in Greetham – tools stolen from a building site in Main Street.</p>	
<b>127/24</b>	<b>Items for next Agenda</b>	
	<p>Budget for 2025-26 – precept request Projects for CIL monies to go in Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
<b>128/24</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025</p>	

Meeting ended 8.35pm

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