

**GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 7pm held at**  
**Greetham Community Centre**

**Members Present:** Mr Ken Edward (KE), Mr Gavin Swain (GS), Mrs Jane Denyer Mr Leroy Sheppard (LS), Miss Lucy Hinch (LH, (JD), Mrs Ann Jenkins (AJ), Ms. Janem Shelton (JS), Cllr. Nick Begy (NB), Mrs J Isaac (Clerk)

6 members of the public attended

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>001/26</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	
	KE opened the meeting as Chair. There were no apologies.	
<b>002/26</b>	<b>Chair's and Vice Chair's declaration of change</b>	
	Following the announcement of intention at the previous meeting, KE and JD formally resigned as Chair and Vice Chair.	
<b>003/26</b>	<b>Election of new Chair and vacancy for new Councillors and Clerk</b>	
	The Clerk asked for proposals to appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair. LS proposed Gavin Swain as Chair, this was seconded by LH with unanimous approval. AJ proposed Lucy Hinch as Vice Chair, seconded by JD – unanimous approval. GS signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman and then took over the meeting as the new Chair.	
	2 residents have expressed an interest in co-opting onto the Council. Clerk to invite both to meet the Chair and Vice Chair and to complete an application form.	Clerk
	The draft advert for Clerk vacancy was discussed and agreed – applications by 14 <sup>th</sup> February, decision to be made by 1 <sup>st</sup> March. Clerk to publish advert to LRALC, Greetham Newsletter, Greetham Facebook, Notice Board and Ward Member (NB).	Clerk
<b>004/26</b>	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b>	
	Lucy Hinch declared an interested in agenda item 10 (Planning query from resident regarding the silos at Hinch Farm).	
<b>005/26</b>	<b>Questions/Comments from members of the public</b>	
	There were none	
<b>006/25</b>	<b>Approval of minutes</b>	
	The following Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections: PC Meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> November Proposed by AJ, seconded by LH - Unanimous EO Meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December. Proposed by KE, seconded by JD - Unanimous	
<b>007/26</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	

	None	
<b>008/26</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
008.1	<p><b>Monthly budget/finance report, and bank reconciliation</b>  The bank reconciliation and updated budget at 30<sup>th</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> December was noted  The Chair has checked and agreed the December finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation is correct.  LS signed and checked the report for November  GS signed and checked the report for December</p>	
008.2	<p><b>Approval of Invoices</b>  <b>Invoices already paid</b>  Playscape– Cradle Swing Seat - £358.80 incl. VAT  Seagrave – Playground Inspection - £306.00 incl. VAT (<i>originally approved November, but larger amount</i>)  Tesco – Section 137 Expenditure - £58.50  G.H. Elson – Hedge trimming at Burial Ground - £240.00 incl. VAT  Lloyds Bank Service Charge - £4.25</p>	
008.3	<p><b>Invoices to pay:</b>  Clerk Wages for January to include 3 hrs BG Overtime, less £4.40 overpaid in December = £324.00 net  HMRC – Tax on Clerk Wages - £318.20  Rutland County Council – Street Lighting 2025-26 - £751.91  A.J. Computing – Hosting for Website Jan to Dec 2026 - £57.60 incl. VAT  Water Plus – Water bill for Burial Ground - £24.23  Richard Gregg Handyman – Slabs for GCC Bins - £300.00</p> <p>Proposed by JD seconded by JS – Unanimous</p>	Clerk
008.4	<p><b>Approval of orders to be placed</b>  Dog Poo Dispensers and Bags – 2 x £173.24 incl. VAT for Dispensers plus 1 pack of bags (2000) - £43.89  Agreed for Clerk to put order through</p>	Clerk
008.5	<p>Quote for grass cutting at Village Green  It was agreed for Clerk to obtain 2 quotes from Mr Mow it All and R. Gregg.  Anybody interested in undertaking this, please contact the Clerk for further information.</p>	Clerk
008.6	<p><b>To note Income Received</b>  Wayleave Payment - £3.45</p>	
008.7	<p><b>Financial Procedures</b>  Approval of 3 extra signatories for Lloyds Bank and removal of any departing Councillors  Three new signatories were agreed and the necessary forms from Lloyds Bank are to be completed and signed.  KE and JD to be removed from the banking next month</p>	

<b>009/26</b>	<b>Budget for 2026/2027</b>	
	<p>Members went through the draft budget circulated to all prior to the meeting in order to set the precept.</p> <p>Members went through the expenditure against each heading. Some revisions were made under the headings of Clerk Salary and Nature projects Biodiversity &amp; Trees taking into account the request from Greetham Goes Wild for help with funding. GPC agreed to support GGW for bat boxes with a phased approach.</p> <p>All voted in favour to approve the budget and reduce the precept from £20,500 to £19,000 due to surplus funds being available.</p> <p><i>Clerk to put in the request to RCC for a precept of £19,000</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to reply to GGW and ask them to provide a more detailed breakdown of costs for 2026/2027.</i></p>	Clerk
<b>010/26</b>	<b>Agenda Items</b>	
010.1	<p>Date for Parish Council Annual Meeting The date of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May was agreed. The village meeting to start at 6pm, followed by the PC Annual/Monthly Meeting at 7pm.</p>	
010.2	<p><b>Highways Issues</b> JD gave a detailed report on Highways issues to include speed in the village. See appendix to the Minutes. LS proposed a vote of thanks to JD for all her hard work on this.</p> <p>It was agreed to contact Christine Wise the portfolio holder at Highways due to new parish councillors, with a view to arranging further meetings to discuss the process and way forward. Clerk to invite her to attend a future PC Meeting.</p>	Clerk
010.3	<p><b>Report on hedge planting from Greetham Goes Wild for the Community Centre.</b> GGW have received a grant to replace the hedges at Greetham Community Centre and they will carry out the planting on receipt of the trees. GPC thanked GGW for their help with the planting of the trees.</p>	
010.4	<p><b>Planning Query from resident regarding the silos at Hinch Farm</b> LH left the room Planning permission has been granted for 7 silos, but it has been noted that 9 silos are in use and there is not enough power to run the 9 silos, resulting in extra generator noise. RCC have confirmed that a retrospective planning application is required. NB to follow up with RCC</p>	NB

<b>011/26</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
011.1	<p><b>Update from Heidelberg on dust monitoring</b> GPC are continuing to receive weekly reports – no major problems experienced, slight issues due to fog and ice.</p> <p>A meeting with Bullimores was very amicable, they have agreed for proper testing for PM10 dust to be in place.</p>	
011.2	<p><b>Decision Notices on Planning</b></p> <p><b>Application Number 2025/1405/CAT</b> Fell 1 no Field Maple 40 Great Lane, Greetham LE15 7NG RCC has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.</p> <p><b>Application Number 2025/1326/CAT</b> T1 Holly reduces by 3 metres. T2 twisted willow – Pollard to 3 metres. T3 Self set elder – Fell. T4 Self set ash – Fell T5 Spruce – Reduce in height by 8 metres. G1 Conifers – Reduce in height by 6 metres. T6 Elder – cut clear of path by no more than 1.5 metres. 4 Tithe Barn Row, Greetham, Rugland LE15 7NR RCC has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.</p> <p><b>Application Number 2025/1173/MIN</b> S73 application for Variation of Conditions Greetham Quarry RCC have granted planning permission subject to conditions</p> <p><b>Application Number 2025/1166/MIN</b> S73 application for Variation of Conditions Greetham Quarry RCC have granted planning permission subject to conditions</p>	
<b>012/26</b>	<b>Advisory Teams</b>	
012.1	<p><b>Environmental Planning</b> Village Tree Survey The Clerk has contacted the PC Insurance company to check cover for damage of fallen trees. They have confirmed that as long as we are completing regular inspections of the trees, the policy may payout for any third-party claim regarding damage caused by the trees that GPC are responsible for. It was agreed to ask Community Centre to provide an annual inspection of trees with a report to GPC of outcomes. NB to follow up map of trees on Village Tree Survey with Stuart Kidd.</p>	Clerk NB
012.2	<p>Litter Pick The autumn litter pick was cancelled due to bad weather. Agreed to carry out the Spring litter pick on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. LH to arrange</p>	LH

012.3	<b>Burial Ground</b> Nothing to report	
012.4	<b>Streets and Services</b> Nothing to report	
012.5	<b>Significant Planning Application Team</b> The new Local Plan is nearing the end of its process. The 4 sites of land put forward in Greetham have all been removed.	
012.6	<b>Community Centre</b> 2 replacement Trustees from GPC are to be appointed at the March meeting to replace KE and JD.	
<b>013/26</b>	<b>Correspondence and Communication</b>	
	<p>Letter from Greetham Goes Wild regarding application for 3 packs of hedging trees to replace the lost hedge at the Community Centre. (Ref: 001.3/26)</p> <p>Letter from Greetham Goes Wild regarding the Biodiversity Action Plan for Greetham that was prepared in 2022 – future projects.</p> <p>Letter from Greetham Goes Wild requesting financial support in the budget for 2026-2027 (Ref: 009/26)</p> <p>Letter from member of the public regarding cutting the Great Lane verges</p> <p>Letter from member of the public regarding the report relating to the local plan – Notification of Post Hearing Consultation with 4 documents prepared by RCC on which comments are being invited until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – (Ref: 012.5/26)</p> <p>Community Speed Watch 2026 Press Release from RCC Decision made not to go ahead with the Speed Watch at this moment in time.</p>	
<b>014/26</b>	<b>Reports from outside bodies</b>	
014.1	<p>Agree which Liaison Groups and Forums need representation going forward and approve members of the public to represent GPC at these meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed for KE and JD with the 2 members of public to continue supporting the Mick George and Quarry Liaison Groups to the end of March, with a review in April when the new parish councillors are appointed.</p>	
014.2	<p>Highways Teams Meeting – Update on Transport in Rutland KE gave a summary of the meeting. NB to follow up the meeting notes.</p>	NB

014.3	Report from High Five Meeting The proposed meeting was cancelled. Agreed for KE and JD to attend future meetings – to be reviewed in April	
014.4	Police Report PC Jake Spruce is leaving the Beat and will be handing over to PC Bland in a couple of weeks. There were no reported incidents in Greetham on the Crime and Policing Report for December.	
<b>015/26</b>	<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	
	GPC public relations	
<b>016/16</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	

Meeting ended at 9.20pm.