

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting on 9th February @ 7pm held at the Community Centre

Members Present: Mr K Edward (KE) Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mr. P Hitchcox (PH), Mr D. Baker (DB), Mr J. Earl-Fraser (JE), Ms.J. Shelton (JS), Mr Graham McKee (GM), Cllr. Nick Begy (NB), Mrs J Isaac (Clerk)

4 Members of the public attended

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| 020/22 | Welcome and Apologies for absence | |
| | Apologies were received and accepted from Jane Denyer | |
| 021/22 | Declarations of interest in items on the agenda | |
| | None received. | |
| 022/22 | Questions/Comments from members of the public | |
| | A neighbouring resident to 38 Main Street enquired whether there was any further news on the property. JD is dealing with this and will continue to chase Craig Howart at RCC for a response. | JD |
| 023/22 | Approval of minutes | |
| | The Minutes for 12 th January 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections. Proposed by JS, seconded by AJ. | |
| 024/22 | Matters arising | |
| 024.1 | Update on Pond Lane parking issue A request for an ambulance bay is with RCC Parking – no response to date from their meeting held on 13 th January. <i>JD to follow up with the Parking Services Manager.</i> | JD |
| 024.2 | Trees at Begy Gardens The hedge planting which is at the boundary between the development and the field has been inspected by the Tree Warden with a Begy Gardens resident. A working party was suggested to clear the debris to enable any extra planting to be done at a later date. PH reported that the large field to the west of the development belongs to Exton Estates. It was agreed for PH to write to Exton Estates to find out who owns the land where the boundary is situated. <i>PH to draft a letter to Exton Estates for Clerk to send.</i> | PH/Clerk |
| 025/22 | Finance | |
| 025.1 | Monthly budget/finance report, and bank reconciliation The content of the financial report for January was noted. The Chair approved the January and February finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation has been checked and agreed. | |

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| 025.2 | <p>Approval of Invoices for Payment</p> <p>Invoices in January – <i>already paid</i> ACR Computers – New laptop and software - £765 incl. VAT K Edward – TV and bracket for CC - £965.83 + £168.17 VAT = £1133.99 Proposed by PH, seconded by GM – unanimous approval.</p> <p>Invoices to be approved and paid in February Clerk Salary – February - £336.73 Rasells Nurseries – Holly Plants - £144.00 incl. VAT LRALC – Internal Audit 2021-22 - £220.00 RCC – Street Lighting 2021-22 - £375.68 ACR Computers – install software and set up new laptop - £75.00 incl. VAT D Hutchins – Timber bin store to car park of CC - £1350.00 (<i>out of S106 money</i>) Barker Signs – New signage for Wall of CC - £564.00 incl. VAT (<i>£349.09 from S106 money and £214.91 from GPC standard budget for CC</i>) HC Courts – Floodlighting to CC car park area - £3480.00 + £696 VAT = £4176.00 (<i>out of S106 money</i>). Awaiting final completion of the job before making payment.</p> <p>The above invoices for payment were proposed by GM, seconded by PH - unanimous approval.</p> | Clerk |
| 025.3 | <p>Income The income received was noted from Western Power – Wayleave payment £3.45 (<i>received in January</i>)</p> | |
| 025.4 | <p>Approval of orders to be placed</p> <p>Spiral Tree Guards with Canes - £29.99 3 packs of Fencing Stakes - £136.35 Roll of Tree Staking - £41.14 Quote for replacing Burial Ground Gates – approximately £1,000 Moss killer solution for burial ground – approximately £50 Proposed by JE, seconded by GM</p> | Clerk |
| 025.5 | <p>Budget for 2022-23 The breakdown of the revised budget for 2022/23 was presented by the Chair. There is a sum allocated of £500 in the budget for commemorative platinum momento for the Queens Jubilee. After discussion, there was unanimous approval in principle to buy 144 memorial mugs to distribute to all Greetham children at the Queens Jubilee event. The revised breakdown in the budget for 2022/23 was approved.</p> | |
| 025.6 | <p>Laptop Agreement The new laptop for the Clerk has now been purchased by GPC. An agreement has been drawn up with Stretton Parish Council for shared use (<i>document circulated in advance of the meeting</i>) - Approved</p> | |

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| 026/22 | PLANNING | |
| 026.1 | Call for Sites re the new Local Plan | |
| | As part of the process to develop Rutland's new Local Plan, the RCC Planning Policy Team has sent out a letter to advise of the call for sites. The Chair explained that this is the first stage in the process and involves asking interested parties to suggest sites which they think may be suitable to help meet future development needs. | |
| 026.2 | Planning Application 2021/0297/MIN – NW Extension to Greetham Quarry and Dust Monitoring Extension to Restoration Timeline on Existing Quarry | |
| | JD is handling this at present and will provide a full report at the next meeting. The Chair reported that RCC have chosen the same people to handle the Minerals for Rutland Contract, which in GPC's opinion is not healthy or fit for purpose. As a result, a Scrutiny Meeting has been arranged for tomorrow evening. GPC will be presenting some questions at that meeting regarding the Minerals contract. | |
| 026.3 | Planning Application 2021/0170/MAO Housing & 2021/0171/MAO Warehousing | |
| | There is no further update at present. | |
| 026.4 | Consideration of Planning Applications | |
| | Planning Application 2021/1454/FUL Proposal: Proposed single storey dwelling and works to agricultural building. Far Wood Farm, Far Wood Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7QT The Planning Focus Group have met to discuss this application. GPC have no objections and recommend a "neutral" response. <i>Clerk to enter response on RCC Planning Portal.</i> | Clerk |
| 026.4 | Decision Notices | |
| | There were none. | |
| | AGENDA ITEMS | |
| 027/22 | Update on the Biodiversity Action Plan | |
| | DB outlined the core principles and objectives of the Biodiversity Action Plan to members of the meeting. Stage 1 in the process will focus on the desktop study and scope of the plan with proposed completion: Mid-March 2022. Stage 2: Specialist Surveys – Completion June 2022 Stage 3: Report writing and recommendations – Completion August 2022 | |
| 028/22 | The Queens Jubilee Celebration | |
| | The Community Centre are currently arranging events for the Queens Jubilee. The main celebration in the village will be held on Saturday 4 th June, with a possible beacon lighting on the evening of 2 nd June. | |
| 029/22 | Focus Groups | |
| 029.1 | Fix my Street and Highways – Coordinator: PH, Members: PH, AJ, GM Update on Fix my Street and Highways issues The report has been updated and circulated in advance of the meeting. | |

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| | <p>2 new items have been added following the last meeting.</p> <p>PH gave an update on the visit held with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 13th January, at which the following concerns were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HGV's causing damage to properties on Main Street - our request to reduce the speed from 60-50 mph from Cottesmore to Greetham - a 20mph zone throughout the village - changes to signage on the A1 sending HGV's to A606 - pedestrian crossings opposite Begy Gardens and bus stop by Bridge Lane. <p>A substantive reply to these issues is awaited from Highways.</p> | PH |
| 029.2 | <p>Trees, Nature and Environment – Coordinator: PH, Members: PH, AJ, JE</p> <p>If requested, the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland would be more than happy to attend a planting of the tree ceremony at Greetham Community Centre.</p> <p>It has been noted that one tree recently planted, is missing on the main road to Cottesmore. <i>PH to investigate</i></p> <p>The bluebells received at the end of January have now been planted in the Spinney at GCC.</p> | PH |
| 029.2 | <p>Monthly Planning Review and Local Plan – Coordinator: DB, Members: JS, DB, JE</p> <p>Local Plan: DB explained the Local Plan timeline. The issues and options preparatory work is currently being looked at, and GPC have put forward concerns on minerals. The timeline for completion of the Local Plan runs forward to 2025.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan: There is a Neighbourhood Plan Review meeting on 11th February – nothing has started yet.</p> <p>Request for support from Somerby PC: Somerby PC have raised concern with the approach from Central Government resulting in Neighbourhood Plans being under threat. It was agreed that GPC should support Somerby PC with their concerns. <i>Clerk to submit suggested letter to Alicia Kearns MP.</i></p> <p>Update on Village Survey This has been completed and submitted to RCC.</p> | Clerk |
| 029.3 | <p>Burial Ground – Coordinator: KE, Members: KE, Clerk, SB (as member of public)</p> <p>The burial ground gates are being replaced out of this year's budget. The quote has been approved and the order is imminent. The member of the public was thanked in advance for volunteering to order and install the new gates.</p> | |
| 029.4 | <p>Drainage, Sewage and Water – Coordinator: JS, Members: JS, KE</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> | |
| 029.5 | <p>Tourism – Coordinator: JD, Members: JD, GM</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> | |

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| 029.6 | New Quarry and Old Quarry – Coordinator: JD, Members: JD, DB <i>Covered under Ref: 026.2</i> | |
| 029.7 | Community Centre – Coordinator: KE, Members: KE, JD The Trustees Handbook on Greetham Community Centre has been sent out to all Councillors, which outlines the process for payments. The Chair outlined the project schedule of payments and invoices to 31 st January 2022. The CC Lease and Deed is available to be viewed on dropbox. KE reported that GPC have received an invite to apply for a grant with BIFFA (Queens' Jubilee award). If successful, it was proposed to purchase a skateboard park at GCC. All voted in favour. <i>GPC to put in the application for the grant.</i> | KE |
| 030/22 | Correspondence and Communication | |
| | The following correspondence received was noted: Reports of acid smell burning plastic in the village. There have been 2/3 reports during the last month. Call for Sites from RCC Strategic Communications (re: Local Plan) <i>Covered under Ref: 026.1</i> | |
| 031/22 | Reports from outside bodies | |
| | Rutland North Beat Report for December: Burglary Dwelling – Langham x 2 Assault – Market Overton, Essendine, Whissendine x 2, Stretton x 2, Cottesmore Theft from Vehicle – A1, Toll Bar x 2, Greetham Criminal Damage – Whissendine, Stretton, Whitwell, Market Overton Theft – Whitwell, Tickencote, Cottesmore, Public Order – Greetham, Great Casterton, Ryhall, Whissendine, Langham. The next Parish Forum is scheduled for 2 nd March on Zoom. DB volunteered to attend. | |
| 032/22 | Next Meeting | |
| | Wednesday 9 th March at 7.00pm | |

Meeting ended at 8.15pm