

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020

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*New Year's Eve at the
centre*



Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends

Looking Ahead

25th Jan – Burns Night

21st March – Comedy Night

8th May – Family VE Day Celebrations

30th May – VE day Celebrations



Craft Sessions
Greetham Community Centre
Held fortnightly
Tuesday 11th Feb & 25th Feb 2020
9.30 – 12.30



Come for the full session or just part of it

Everyone welcome – bring your own project,
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Do you have any ideas of what you want from your
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We are asking for ideas of groups, clubs' activities
you would like to attend, or would like to organise.

By emailing the centre

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COMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

- Sun 2nd Greetham Church 8.00am Holy Communion (said service)
9.30am Morning Worship - informal service
- Wed 5th Oak House lunch
- Sun 9th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship with breakfast
served from 9.00am
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
- Mon 10th Mobile library
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- Tues 11th Craft session
- Wed 12th Parish Council
- Sun 16th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Praise
- Tues 18th **Last day for items for March newsletter.**
- Sun 23rd Greetham Church 9.30 Holy Communion
- Mon 24th Mobile library
- Tues 25th Craft session
- Wed 26th Greetham Church 6pm Ash Wednesday service

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 5th February - 1.15pm arrival. Two courses for £7.50. *'few spaces available, please book in advance, fabulous 2-course meal for £7.50 per person'.* *'Must ring to reserve on 01572 812647'*

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday February 9th at 8pm. Teams of four please. £1 per person entry (to include a light snack) with the money going to good causes - also a lucrative cash snowball.

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Monday February 10th and 24th.

Oakham Road Bungalows 1400 - 1420. Times are approximate

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918

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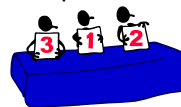
Our next meeting, "Cathy's Chocolates" is on Monday February 10th starting at 7.30 pm.

Craft sessions

Tues 11th and 25th 9.30-12.30 Craft session in the Community Centre. Drop in or stay for the full session.

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday February 12th 2019 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.





Greetham Bowls Club Needs New Members!

If you have ever wanted to try bowls please come along to our "Have a Go" INDOOR sessions at **Greetham Community Centre** 2 - 4pm on:

2nd February 9th February

16th February 23rd February 1st March

Come and have a go!!
We are a friendly bunch with players ranging from beginners to Stamford League players.

**Bring your partner and the kids along,
everyone is welcome.**

It is a good, clean and healthy sport that can be played by people of all ages and abilities.

The sport is played at all standards. It is a sport for the whole family.

It is not divisive by age and males and females can compete on an equal footing.

The Club Web Site can be found at:

www.greethambowlsclub.co.uk

REVIEWS

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

A big thank you to those who braved the elements for the annual *New Years day walk, the 21st anniversary since it began at the Millennium.*

A huge thank you to Carol and Scott at the Wheatsheaf who sent us off with hot chocolate and mulled wine and to Hayley and Peter in the Plough who had hot

bacon butties available when we finished

Thirty five walkers in all took part alongside three or four well behaved dogs.

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Greetham Gathering makes donation to local Air Ambulance



The organisers of the Greetham Gathering met on Monday 20th February to present a cheque to the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance. The donation of the largest amount yet - £2500 - was raised in 2019 - the 6th year of Gatherings, and to date over £11,000 has been donated from the Gatherings to the Air Ambulance. The picture shows, from left to right the Gathering team and Air Ambulance representative, namely Martin Fairbairn, Roly Easson, Gilbert Thomas, Vicky Evans (Air

Ambulance), Janet Thomas and Mike Carr handing over the cheque to the Air Ambulance.

The Greetham Gathering is committed to supporting the local Air Ambulance and is hoping to donate an even greater amount after the 2020 Gatherings. The Gatherings are held on the third Thursday of the months of May to September at the Greetham Community Centre and all are welcome. See more on our website at www.Greethamgathering.co.uk We look forward to seeing you there.

Greetham Women's Institute January 2020

29 members and 1 guest were present.

Carol Fairbairn, our new president, welcomed us to the first meeting of the New Year.

A Birthday Posy was given to Ros and five others will be delivered to members who were absent.

Our speakers were Steve Bertuzzi and Stef Douglas talking about "Tales from The Wall".

They arrived looking very impressive in full Roman centurion dress. This is what they wore in May 2019 when they spent 5 days walking the 84 miles of Hadrian's Wall. Their motto was (in Latin) "Inspirate, Motivate, Educundi" and they raised £5025.84, shared between three charities, Greetham Church, the Lodge Trust and the MS Society.

They explained how they gradually acquired their "uniform", including the impressive shields made from beautifully painted old fridge doors and pudding basins! The full kit weighed 30kg and, on a windy day, the shield "acted like a sail". This all made long days of mixed weather in difficult terrain a very real challenge.

They had great fun meeting people along the way and they described the varying responses they received to a pair of Roman centurions walking along. They really did bring to life a lesson on "Romans in Britain" for a group of quite small schoolchildren.

It was a very entertaining talk with many amusing anecdotes and we were impressed that they had raised so much money for worthy charities.

We have an interesting and varied programme planned for 2020. Our next meeting, "Cathy's Chocolates" is on Monday February 10th starting at 7.30 pm.

GENERAL

Rutland North Neighbourhood Police

Leicestershire Constabulary 101

Through the force website – www.leics.police.uk and following the link – Your Community.

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URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

PARISH COUNCIL

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 8th January 2020 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre

Members: Mr. Ken Edward (KE), Mrs S. Begy (SB), Mrs J. Denyer (JD), **Mr P. Hitchcox (PH), Mr D. Hodson (DH), Mr R. Kinchen (RK)**

Ward Member: Nick Begy

Present: Mr Ken Edward, Mrs J Denyer, Mrs S Begy, Mr P Hitchcox, Mr D Hodson 4

Members of the public attended

Issues raised by members of the public:

Quarry presentation – representative unprepared for the meeting

Three blocked drains in village – Church Lane, Thistleton Lane and 1 other

Quarry gateway opened up – archaeology trial trenching on the extension area

1 Apologies for absence

Mrs A Jenkins, Mr R Kinchen, Mr Nick Begy

2 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda and dispensations granted.

RFO (DH) does not vote on financial matters

3 Approval of minutes from 12th November, 13th November, 4th December

Motion to accept Minutes

12th & 13th November – Proposed JD, Seconded PH, voted to accept 4th December –

Proposed PH, Seconded SB, voted to accept

4 Matters arising.

4.1 Fix My Street and Highways

The Fix My Street App is now being used. Issues:

Blocked drains Church Lane & Main Street junction and Thistleton Road

Path dust by quarry and accident damage to path by quarry

Church Lane Restriction Signs

Moving of 20 mph sign from current location (entrance of Church Lane) to nearer Begy Gardens

Re-set Speed Indicator at both ends of the village such that it's set point is 20 mph rather than 30 mph

Oak House chicane – smoothing of radius.

Reset kerbs and re-tarmac pavements at various dangerous locations around the village (including re-setting man hole covers). Survey of pavements completed by GPC

Improve kerb line and pavement in front of Jacob's Well

Move Chicane priority sign from village green to outside Oak House

Replace black bollards with yellow

Potholes in Wood Lane

A quarry issue log has been set up to report all issues to the Environmental Manager at Rutland County Council. 5 complaints have been logged so far. Members of the public should report any issues in writing to the Parish Clerk. The Clerk will then log the issue and report it. Clerks email address:

greethampc@gmail.com

4.2 Church Lane flooding and road conditions

RCC Highways Department are aware of the drainage issue and it has been investigated by the highways team and contractor. Due to budget restrictions the works are scheduled for the new financial year, expected to take place around May. The only alternative is to shut the road, however, it has been indicated that some monies may be available before May.

NB to provide an update at the next meeting.

4.3 North Brook Tree Planting:

Forestry Commission (Charles Cuthbert) has stated that the trees have been planted satisfactorily. There are rubbish and building rubble left

4.4 Quarry extension

Proposal that a Parish Council Quarry Liaison Group is formed to liaise with the Mick George Company on behalf of GPC and the village.

Proposed: KE, Seconded SB to form the Liaison Group.

JD reported that the first strategy meeting had been held to produce the terms of reference. A meeting has also taken place with Mark Loran the RCC Environmental Services Manager.

Members of the Quarry Liaison Group: 2 GPC members (JD and DH), Ward Member (NB) and 3 residents from the village. The first meeting with Mick George is scheduled for 20th January. The remit for the group is to formulate the best approach to enforce dust and noise measures. Mick George will need to demonstrate that they can meet current planning conditions. A separate Action Group may be set up by members of the public.

4.5 Bridge Lane Tree Pruning – requested by RCC

RCC have adopted the tree and will handle all pruning.

4.6 Safer Villages Scheme:

JD gave an update. In an attempt to reduce acquisitive crime and offer reassurance and support to local communities, the Safer Villages Scheme aims to equip each village with a box of crime prevention information and equipment. 2 notices to publicise on village notice-board and village shop.

A representative from Safer Villages has been invited to do a presentation at the annual village meeting.

4.7 Wheelie Bin Stickers:

The initiative is to approach all households on Main Street to put a 20mph sticker on wheelie bins to raise awareness of speed. The number of stickers and costs have been investigated and this spending will be approved under finance if residents wish to go ahead.

4.8 The 2020 Parish Newsletter:

Articles will need to be forwarded from focus groups by March. Input is required from other groups in the village (Community Centre, Church)

4.9 Date for annual parish village meeting, invite Church, Community Centre and RCC (Safer Villages). Suggested date Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7pm

5 Finance.

5.1 DH reported on the budget and bank statement. The bank balance is higher than expected at present, due to burial income and some projects not having been completed this year. KE confirmed the bank reconciliation has been

checked and agreed.

5.2 The draft risk assessment was discussed and the purpose explained. This is to be done annually, the risk is low and all are comfortable that control mechanisms are now in place.

Proposed: KE, Seconded: JD – approved to be reviewed again in one year.

5.3 2020/2021 Precept

DH explained the budget sheet. Items requested for inclusion this year:

Trees £1000

Burial Ground £1000

Benches £250

Community Centre £5000

Significant expenditure is earmarked for the community centre due to repairs needed on both the flat and pitched roofs. The sum of £5000 is proposed to build a contingency for this expenditure.

A discussion followed on the amount of the precept for 2020. It was felt that there was a case for raising the precept from £8000 to £10000 due to the increased number of houses in the village.

Proposed: KE, Seconded: JD. Voted unanimously to increase to £10000.

5.4 Invoices for Payment

Instant Eden - £210 Village green grass cutting

Clerks Salary - £208.34 + tax rebate January £83.20, total £291.54

Cartridge Save Ltd – £96.49 Brother Laser Printer

Cartridge Save Ltd - £49.58 Printer Ink

D Hodson – Stationery (£2.95 Paper, £1 envelopes, £14.64 stamps)

J Isaac – Stationery (£7.32 stamps, £5.90 2 packs of A4 paper for printer)

AJ Computing - Greetham Website Group - £43.20 hosting renewal

Water Plus - £21.45

Seasonal Items - £28.78

Community Centre Insurance on mower - £226.08

Rivermead Signs £1000

D Hodson – Domain Renewal £19.00

Proposed: JD, Seconded SB, carried unanimously.

5.5 Approval to Place an Order

Proposal - £250 for dog poo bags

Purchase Order for 3 information display boards - £540 per board, plus carriage £80 and artwork £350. Proposed JD, Seconded PH.

Approval to purchase 300 wheelie bin 20mph stickers, approx. cost £270

Approved in principle if village support it.

Approval for sensor for community centre toilet, approx. £200

Proposed: PH, Seconded JD

5.6 Approval for tree planting in 2020 Spring – The planting of trees on burial yard is encouraged, together with trees in the village. £1000 to be spend in Spring on planting in the burial yard. £3000 suggested to be spent on trees in total during the year. Approved in principle *PH to provide costs for approval.*

5.7 Assets Register

To be updated and check existing list and photograph assets (no street lights) SB and RK to give an update at the February Meeting.

5.8 Income received during November and December £2048 burial and £585.29 WI donation. 0.80 from website account closure, £3.45 from Wayleave.

Report on external audit closure – This has now been concluded. A vote of thanks was made to DH for his hard work.

6 Planning

6.1 In response to a “Freedom of Information Request” RCC to see all the documentation relating to the updating of the Settlement Hierarchy document which is on file ,this information has been received.

Pending – DH to report on at February meeting and give update on settlement hierarchy.

6.2 Planning Application 2019/1116/FUL – Allstoe House, 25 Church Lane. Demolition of shed and replacement with granny annexe.

Planning permission granted subject to conditions.

6.3 Planning Application 2019/1384/FUL – Single storey extension and minor alterations to Community Centre (terrace outside, storage room, wall knocked through) – no comment from GPC as it has made the application.

7 Standing Orders and Focus Groups

7.1 Standing Orders and all appendices and Contracts

Proposal: there should be a formal statement in the minutes under finance to the effect: The Chair confirmed that no unauthorised payments have been made and the Bank reconciliation is correct.

Proposed: KE, Seconded JD.

7.2 Any further updates on Local Plan Review

The Local Plan is due to be released over the next few days. Update at February Meeting.

7.3 Traffic/Footpaths/Pavements/Lighting. PH/AJ/RK

A meeting was held on 8th October with Highways Agency regarding the concern on the safety of the A1.

Comments on the proposed letter have been received and included.

7.4 Burial Ground. SB/KE/JD

KE gave an update following a Burial Committee Review Meeting. It was agreed that new charges and rules to be implemented from 8th January 2020. The rationale for increased costs was explained (new fee to include all costs upfront). There is higher cost for non Greetham residents, so the temporary ban is now lifted on giving a right to burial for persons who have no connection with the village.

4 documents produced:

Document 1 – Information

Document 2 – Funeral Costs

Document 3 – Rules and Regulations

Document 4 – Instructions to Funeral Directors

All documents approved, to be revised later. Proposed JD, Seconded SB *discussed.*

Clear up of burial ground scheduled for 14th March at 10am.

7.5 Trees/ Benches/ Clean up SB/PH/AJ

Benches – Proposal for another bench. Permit forms received

SB is pursuing the acquisition of a bench from a resident.

This is now going through.

PH to report back on hedge cutting up Great Lane at next meeting.

7.6 Jacob's Well and Signage DH/JD

Things are moving slowly on this.

7.7 Community Centre Grant Project JD/KE

Awaiting quotes from builders, pushing ahead.

7.8 Community Garden Group DH

Money to be spent on plants – to be discussed February/March meeting.

7.9 Declaration of Interest for Parish Councillors

There was discussion and agreement on where these are to be published.

Addresses cannot be redacted unless a sensitive interest had been declared.

It was agreed for DH to add the declaration of interest for each councillor on the Greetham Parish Website.

8 Community Centre

KE reported on the success of the New Years Eve party, which raised good funds for the Community Centre. It was pleasing that lots of new people attended.

9 Welcome Card Visit

Welcome visit to Pond Lane by SB

10 Correspondence and Communication

10.1 County Community Speed Watch Scheme

GPC want to participate in the County Community Speed Watch Scheme

working with the involvement of the village traffic group TRASP.

TRASP have a willing group of people and have agreed to help.

10.2 Complaint regarding the state of the roadway to Cemetery and up to the

Caravan Footpath entrance. The letter and photos have been escalated to

RCC for action. GPC have been informed that as this is a private road, the

owner of the road is responsible for clearing the mud. This response has been

communicated to the member of the public who raised the issue.

10.3 Proposed 11000v underground cable at Great Lane – A reply from Western

Power has been received explaining the situation.

10.4 Letter to Chair from member of the public regarding the extra ordinary meeting

held on 4th December 2019 to look at a planning application. There was a

misunderstanding which was raised regarding the outcome on some of the

conditions. This has been investigated and the correct comments were made

to RCC. It has been clarified that the minutes reflected an accurate record.

10.5 Rutland's Civic Reception on 31st January 2020

KE has accepted an invitation to represent Greetham Parish Council.

10.6 LRALC fee increase notice noted.

10.7 Request to support the Local Electricity Bill – The Bill, if made law, would

empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to

local customers by establishing a statutory Right to Local Supply. Only 20 Councils are current supporting the Bill across the Country.

All committee members felt that there was not enough information, so it was agreed not to take action at this stage.

10.8 A letter regarding a push for an average speed camera system in Greetham was circulated to members. This was agreed to be sent to Councillor Lucy Stephenson.

11 Reports from outside bodies

11.1 Rutland Climate Change Consultation Event held on 28th November at Voluntary Action Rutland – AJ attended the event.

GPC are actively supporting climate change by the planting of more trees. Other projects and ideas would be welcomed.

11.2 Spatial Strategy Meeting at RCC held on 19th December

KE, JD and DH all attended this meeting which was well chaired and a very impressive meeting.

12 Items for future agendas

Discuss takeover of finance by Clerk with effect from April.

Christmas on the village green

Payment for drawing up plans for the Community Centre.

Proposal for £200 to be spent on garden plants for garden project.

Review data/mail /reports

13 Date of next PC Meeting

Next meeting 12th February 2020

Greetham Quarry Liaison Group

A Quarry Liaison Group has been formed to address the issues of noise, dust and dirt on the road from the quarry, following the village petition and meeting with M George Ltd, where they explained their plans to extend the quarry.

The purpose of the Group will be to reduce as far as practicable, the environmental impacts of the quarrying operation and ensure that M George Ltd complies with planning conditions as laid out in the planning consent.

The Liaison Group will comprise two Parish Councillors, three members of the public from the village, our Ward member and representatives from M George Ltd and Rutland County Council.

It was very clear at the village meeting that many villagers were strongly opposed to the quarry extension; the grounds being that it will come too close to the village and that M George Ltd has been failing to keep noise and dust below acceptable levels from the existing operation.

It is possible that some villagers may feel so strongly about this that they wish to form an action group to oppose the planning application. The Parish Council has taken the view that it should not be directly involved in any such action group, but would listen carefully to any grounds put forward to oppose the extension and take these into account in any response to a planning application.

We must ensure in future that any complaints about noise and dust are directed to the right people. Please send details of any such complaints (in as much detail as possible - date, time, photographs, etc) to the Parish Council Clerk, Jayne Isaac, at greeth-ampc@gmail.com. She will forward them to the Quarry Liaison Group, the Parish Council, Rutland County Council and M George Ltd.

Traffic Calming

The Parish Council is considering inviting householders in Main Street to place 20mph stickers on their wheelie bins in an attempt to raise awareness of all roads users of considerate driving in our narrow Main Street. The Parish Council will fund and provide stickers to residents if they wish to take part in this scheme. If you wish to go ahead with this please email greethampc@gmail.com with your name and the number of stickers required.

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 10th March 2020 @ 7.00pm

Dear Parish Residents,

It is the duty of the Parish to arrange a yearly meeting for all its residents, to hear what is going on within all the organisations in the immediate vicinity of our Parish of Greetham. This is not a Parish Council meeting, but the PC will host it on the village's behalf.

The idea of the evening is for all villagers to be updated on what is available and being planned in the village. The Community Centre and the Church are central to the community spirit of this village, yet many of us do not know just what is on offer or possible. They will both be giving a short presentation on what they hope to achieve in this new decade. There will also be a short review on crime and protection from our local Police Officer.

New ideas will always be well received, and we hope that you may find something that is "up your street" to join, or with which you can get involved.

The bar will be open so why not come and **have a glass of wine on us** and help drive Greetham into the 2020's.

Greetham needs you, do you need Greetham? We really do hope you do!
Looking forward to seeing you.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Greetham Vikings Petanque Club

Keep these dates free

Tues March 3rd AGM New members welcome

Sunday March 15th Annual French lunch

More details to follow or contact Pat scemaindy@hotmail.com or Peter hchitch@aol.com,

Burial Ground Clear up day

The Parish Council are arranging a 'Clear up' session at the Burial Ground on Saturday 14th March, meeting at 10.00. Volunteers are most welcome and it is hoped that this task may only take an hour or so.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN - Saturday March 28th 10-12am. Refreshments and cake for all helpers.

GREETHAM CHURCH FETE - Saturday July 18th 12-4pm

Save the date! Put this in your diary now!

More information next month but all offers of help and ideas welcome.
Please contact Jackie Gauntley 868291

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

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Learning in school

As I write we are at the end of our first week of the spring term. The children are beginning their new topics and are excited to begin their new learning. Below are a few pictures of the children hard at work.

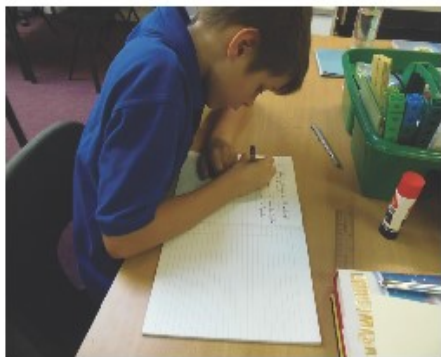


Tasting explorer's porridge as part of the new 'Explorers' topic.

Do look at the school website to find out more about what we get up to during our time at school.

School website:
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Phone: 01572 812380 if you would like to arrange a visit to the school.



Working hard on writing with great description.



Learning using technology.