

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Greetham Quarry North Western Extension

The Rutland County Council Planning Committee
will decide our fate at a meeting on 2nd March 2021
at 7pm

An online meeting.

The Parish Council will be arguing strongly that the
application should be rejected.

If you are opposed to the quarry then you can help
by attending the meeting online.

You will not be able to speak (unless you put in an
application by 25th February 2021)

but your presence at the meeting will be noted and
help to convince the planning committee about the
strength of opposition to the proposed quarry.

The link to the meeting will be available from the
RCC website a week before but is not easy to find.

We will ensure that this is on the Village Facebook
page before the meeting. Or email

hodson001@gmail.com to be sent a link just before
the meeting.



Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends

GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE **New beginnings at the Centre - EVENTS' TEAM**

As we all look forward to safer times, and not wishing to count our chickens (as there are plenty – a good thing), the Community Centre has been refurbished and is raring to host community events, when we are able. We have a packed programme of events up our sleeves, awaiting the go forward from the understandable restrictions.

If you are new to the village, we look forward to welcoming you to your village Centre and involving you with the extraordinary community spirit which exists in our brilliant village. Young, old and everything in between, we have lots to offer you in an all-inclusive and exciting way.

As a committee of trustees of the Centre, we are fortunate to have a diverse committee, with everyone having different qualities to offer, which I find really encouraging and exciting for the future of the village community. We are also fortunate to have a group of Friends of the Centre, who are always willing to help with anything that is going on. All are welcome to join this happy band, or even get more involved as a trustee.

The way we now operate as a committee, is by having separate sub-groups. I do Events, and others are Engagement, Facilities, Finance etc etc, so that better use is made of our time. We make decisions as a group when, and as, appropriate. The only reason I mention this is that I think it is important for Greetham residents to know how decisions are made; after all, it is your Community Centre.

So, back to where we are. It's not about hearsay, it's about your say. If you want us to put something on then we will do it – and we will. It doesn't matter what it is. For example, if you want Wrestling on a Friday, then that's what we will do; just like the old days.

Just to give you an idea of where I see things when we get Covid friend-

ly..... Some of these events are not by the Events Team.

Family Nights at the Centre – Bring the kids, grandkids etc. – Maybe when the bowls are on to make it busy.

Children's Halloween Party

Music Nights – We are blessed with a village full of musicians (apparently). I am one (apparently).

Film/Video Nights – Suggestions include The Way We Were, Oliver, Strictly Pink Ball, The Somme etc....

Coffee Mornings – Return of the Thursday coffee morning

Disco Nights – Get your disco gear on!

Fireworks

New Year's Eve – 19 acts performed for New Year's Eve 2019 – ALL from the village.

Comedy Night (Stephen Calnan)

The Greetham Gathering – Every Thursday May to September – Now the Midlands' best, and biggest, Classic Vehicle Mid-Week Event – Not a Community Centre event, but is run by Myself, Martin Fairbairn & Gilbert Thomas.

Bingo – As popular as ever.

..... Flower Arranging? Maybe a Stripper? Or maybe not! LOL

Tennis – Pétanque – Football – Bowls – Skate Park – Table Tennis –

Badminton – Netball – Children's Play Area

It's your Community Centre, and we've got it all. Please contact me anytime with ideas – I will respond.

Stay safe me ole booty's.

Roly Easson + Events & Engagement Folk (Pauline, Ande, Katy & Robin)

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Community Engagement

The aim of the CE subcommittee is to focus on making the most out of the fantastic facilities at Greetham Community Centre. Alongside the Communication team, we hope to be the link between the Community Centre and its users, and to ensure that we are the very best facility that we can be for our community first and foremost.

We are hoping to engage the village (and beyond) in our plans to re-view the current skate park area, adjacent to the tennis court, and are keen to speak to any families of children/teenagers who may like to get involved in the project. We believe that it is so important to invest in the right facilities for the Centre and are really keen to understand what our local families would like to see from the space, whether this be an improved skatepark area or something else. Please get in touch (and look out for a survey being circulated soon).

We would also welcome any suggestions for regular or one-off events that you would like to see from the Community Centre Committee (COVID allowing of course), so please get in touch if you have an idea that you would like to share.

Thank you Robin -

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Katy - katyanderson80@hotmail.com

Mobile Library

In place of its normal Mobile Library Service, Rutland County Council has introduced a new Home Library delivery and collection service.

For mobile library customers in Rutland villages place your requests (holds) by phone on 01572 722918 or via our online catalogue, and we will arrange delivery to you. We will also pick up your loans. Please telephone us to renew any items.

Thanks

Many thanks for all the cards, greetings and prez-zies from friends around the village on the celebration of my 70th Birthday. I was planning a traditional fancy dress party at the Community Centre but alas that will have to wait for another year.

Many thanks again, hope to see you in the flesh during the summer months.

Stay safe and positive

Don



100 club subscriptions

Thank you to everyone who kindly brought their 100 club money to me or to Sandy or to the shop. It was a huge help. There are only a very few outstanding now so please may I have them asap. All the numbers have gone into the draw for next month.

Thank you Helen Macleod-Smith (812852)

PARISH COUNCIL

The following Parish Council reports are extracted from the full minutes. Copies of the full minutes may be found on the village notice board and the village website www.Greethamrutland.com

Minutes of Meeting on 13th January 2020 @ 7.30pm held remotely on Zoom

Appointment of 2 new Councillors by co-option

The Chair welcomed the new members (Graham McKee and Janem Shelton) onto the parish council and introductions were made. The applicants were chosen by the GPC approved procedures.

Matters arising from minutes

Village rota for cutting grass on village green:

This has previously been carried out by a contractor who is no longer renewing their contract - list of volunteers together for February/March. It was agreed to move this to the February Agenda.

Budget and Precept for 2021/2022

Budget requests/proposals for discussion and approval were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chair presented the budget proposal based on the requests received line by line. The split between the general budget and the burial ground budget was explained.

There was some detailed discussion on all of the requests against projects.

There is a potential shortfall of about £10,000 if all items were to be agreed, so either the precept needs to be raised or the budgeted items need to be reduced.

JD gave an update on the quarry dust monitoring of £12,000. At this stage it is not known whether Mick George or RCC will bear the costs of dust monitoring equipment. GPC would like to retain this option should it fall on GPC to provide the equipment.

It is expected that the planning application will be determined with the

conditions in the next 3 months – at that point, it will be known where GPC stand with the costs of monitoring dust.

A discussion followed regarding an increase in precept. Members were reluctant to increase the precept in the current climate.

The Chair suggested applying for a precept at the same level of £10,000 for 2021/22.

Proposed by KE, Seconded by JS and unanimously agreed.

Quarry Liaison Group

Quarry Liaison Group Report - Since our last report in November the Residents Liaison Group have continued to meet in readiness for the imminent Planning Committee Meetings due in January and February.

S73's - To vary the end date for the restoration of the Existing Quarry to March 2022 - Ref: 2020/0971/DIS & 2020/0972/DIS

Several meetings have been attended with Philip Horsfield - Deputy Director Corporate Governance (Monitoring Officer) and more recently with Justin Johnson Development Manager. The Liaison Group are strongly arguing the case that, if the S73 applications are adopted, then the existing quarry should be restored no later than March 2022 and that there is no justification given for the Quarry Operator to retain use of the haul road. The quarry should have been restored by September 2020 and no valid reason has been given for failure to comply with the original restoration condition. Due to lack of enforcement by the Planning Authority the restoration has been allowed to miss the deadline. In order to ensure the target date for completion is met, a phased restoration plan will be required of Mick George and Planning Officers must provide strong and effective enforcement of the plan.

North Western Extension Planning Application – 2020/0297/MIN

It is anticipated that this will go to Planning Committee on 9th February. We are now actively working on our presentations and speakers.

Greetham Quarry Screening Opinion – 2020/0043/SCR

We have been made aware in November that a screening opinion has been issued by RCC for a proposal put forward by the landowner for a mixed development at Greetham Quarry. This proposal is for a mixture of residential properties, offices and large footprint buildings.

We do not believe that this development would go ahead as it does not fit with the new emerging Local Plan which has not selected Greetham Quarry as an allocated site.

We have made our views clear to the RCC legal and planning team that we are concerned that any delay in restoring the existing quarry will be taken advantage of by the operator and landowner. RCC have confirmed that they wish to see the quarry restored as soon as possible.

Planning – to consider the following:

Planning Application 2020/1150/FUL

Proposal: Proposed amenity accommodation for staff and public to support the previous change of use as a dog walking area (ref: 2018/0037/FUL)
Land to the North of Greetham Wood, Stretton Road, Greetham.

Planning Application 2020/1428/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling including access and parking. Land to the South of 1 Pond Lane, Greetham

A letter has been received from a resident in Pond Lane and the Chair relayed their concerns.

Members went through the comments from the previous planning application for 3 dwellings – Ref: 2020/0935/FUL to highlight those still applicable to the new application.

After further discussion, there was mutual agreement to “object” to the application

Decision Notice – Application 2020/0934/CAT

Proposal: T1 – Ash – Fell

Duckling Cottage, 10 Pond Lane, Greetham

RCC has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

Decision Notice - Application 2020/1395/CAT

Proposal: Ash (1) – Removal of overhang to footpath. Part removal of excessive shading.

2 Wheatsheaf Lane, Greetham

RCC has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

Decision Notice – Application 2020/0716/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of Agricultural grassland to dog walking field to include fences, entrance gates and car parking facilities.

Location: Land at Honeysuckle Cottage, Far Wood Lane, Greetham

RCC have refused planning permission

Woolfox Golf and Country Club (former Rutland County Golf Club)

Proposal of a scheme to develop a number of holiday lodges across the southern half of the site. The intention is that the site will become a private members club. (Planning Application not yet submitted).

After discussion, it was agreed that Woolfox Golf Club be invited to make a short presentation to GPC on their proposal.

Agenda Items

Community Parking Strategy

RCC Highways are in the process of refreshing the parking strategy – to be completed by July 2021.

GPC do not have a parking strategy. It was agreed that PH should combine this with the Focus Group and feedback to Lucy Stephenson.

Further discussion followed regarding the access and egress of emergency vehicles blocking Bullfield Close.

Nick Begy clarified that GPC could apply for a parking restriction.

Focus Groups

Fix my Street and Highways (Appendix 2)

Report circulated in advance of the meeting - JD gave an update.

JD contacted Highways to ascertain the relevance of yellow markings on the pavement on the village green and chicane. They are showing where the traffic priority sign is going to be moved to and where it is being removed from. This resiting was a request from GPC some while ago. PH and AJ had also requested this from Lucy Stephenson and our MP Alicia Kearns more recently. The edges of the curbing around the chicane are also going to be smoothed as previously requested. All items are now on the list of works to go ahead in 3 months.

The need to repaint the wording on disabled parking bays in Great Lane has been reported on Fix my Street.

The issues with flooding in Church Lane has been raised with Highways – a visit made and collapsed drain identified. This is on the works schedule to be looked at.

Trees/Benches/Clean up

Update from PH on trees and village clean.

There have been 5 volunteers to date, all of whom have been supplied with litter picking equipment. It is suggested that this be put on hold at present due to the risks of COVID-19.

Burial Ground

Update from KE on new plan and records for Burial Ground.

The plan and records for the Burial Ground have been updated and electronically recorded on a spreadsheet. All entries have been updated and checked. The electronic copy is on dropbox and the Clerk has a printed copy. This will be regularly updated by the Clerk.

There are proposed Burial Ground improvements with new wooden gates (approx. £677.00) which are included in the budget for next year.

There has been a recent request for a memorial tree in the village to plant at the Green in Church Lane, which has been approved. PH has met with the donor and the Forestry Officer.

Community Centre

The Chair expressed his thanks, on behalf of GPC, to Pauline Kelly and the other members of her team, for organising the nativity on the village green and the visit by Father Xmas through the village. Thanks also to the Community Centre and the Plough for providing the presents.

Reports from outside bodies

Rutland North Beat Report – December 2020

The following have been reported in December 2020:

Burglary – Market Overton

Vehicle Crime – A1 x 2, Market Overton

Public Order – Greetham, Ryhall

Assault – Thistleton, Stretton x 2
Criminal Damage – Whissendine, Greetham
Theft – Eggleton

Next full Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 10th February 2021 by Zoom

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 10th February 2021 @ 7.30pm held remotely on Zoom

Apologies for absence

The Chair reported that a councillor resignation has been received from Sandy Begy. The Chair expressed his thanks to Sandy for all her hard work over the years. The vacancy is being advertised by RCC for a period of 14 days. If no request is received to hold an election to fill the said vacancy by 1st March, GPC can co-opt to fill the vacancy.

Quarry Liaison Group

North Western extension to Greetham Quarry – Planning Application 2020/0297/MIN

Application 2020/0971/MIN and Application 2020/0972/MIN – Restoration extension.

A new date of 2nd March has been set for the Planning Committee to meet to look at the North Western extension to Greetham Quarry and the two S73 applications for the restoration extension.

The Planning Committee meeting is also open for members of the public to view. The zoom link to join the meeting will be on the agenda – yet to be issued.

Planning – to consider the following:

To receive the following:

Planning Application 2020/1480/MAF

Proposal: Erection of 60 leisure lodges for occupation on a non-continuous basis, renovation and conservation of existing barns to form a leisure suite including gym, a swimming pool and ancillary spaces including staff accommodation, renovation and alteration of the existing Clubhouse, erection of a new maintenance facility, alterations to the grounds including changes to the golf course and construction of lakes for leisure and ecological purposes, and ancillary works including alterations to the access drive, provision of a visitor check-in-kiosk, alteration to car parking, creation of a circular walk, alteration and extension of the noise bund, and consequential landscape works.

Location: Woolfox Golf and Country Club, Hardwick Farm Lane, Empingham
'it was agreed to respond "NEUTRAL" with the following comment:

GPC would like to be assured that Highways are happy with access and that the public footpath will not be restricted or closed'.

Planning Application 2021/0013/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from an old primitive chapel to a one-bedroom holiday let. There will be no external changes. Some internal works would be required.

Location: 57 Main Street, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NJ

There were no objections, although the potential issue of parking was noted.

After discussion a "NEUTRAL" response was agreed with the following comments:

1. GPC feel that there will be issues with parking.
2. There should be a caveat to ensure that the property is kept as a holiday let and not let as a one-bedroom house.

Planning Application 2021/0115/FUL Proposal: Two storey and single storey rear extension and timber porch.

Location: 14 Great Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NG

The original planning application with the plans were approved last August. There is a great deal of confusion as to how the original plans have been amended.

Neighbours are very unhappy with the obstruction of light blocked from houses in Chimney Pot Row. Two neighbours have written to Planning with their concerns.

The response of "OBJECT" was agreed with the following comments:

GPC do not feel the plans are adequate and have questions that have not been answered. The Chair is requesting a zoom meeting.

To note the following decision:

Application 2020/0142/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of the existing Ram Jam Inn and redevelopment of the site to provide two drive-thru units (Use Class A3/A5), one drive-to unit (Use Class A1) and one drive-to unit (Use Class A3/A5) with associated parking and landscaping.

Location: Ram Jam Inn Great North Road, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7QX

Planning Permission granted in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to the following conditions:

1. The development shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
- 2 The development permitted shall not be carried out except in complete accordance with the details shown on the submitted plans.

Agenda Items

Grass cutting for village green:

It was agreed to get quotes for 10 cuts per year, to include a quote

for extra cuts. First cut to start in May.

Focus Groups

Fix my Street and Highways (Appendix 2) – JD

Report circulated in advance of the meeting - JD gave an update.

There have been big issues reported with the drain gully next to the barn on Main Street which has been taken to Highways. There is now a large pot hole created opposite the barn which is dangerous until the schedule of work is carried out. There could be a very dangerous accident about to happen, particularly for cyclists.

Concern has been raised by residents in Pond Lane concerning the replacement cement posts and rails, which are not in keeping in a conservation area. Residents have been in contact with RCC and they have confirmed that the posts have been replaced with concrete posts as is a standard safety feature around a watercourse. The posts will be painted white and the railings black so they are in keeping.

Local Plan – DH

DH gave an update on the Local Plan.

Thousands of comments have been submitted, which have gone to an Inspector to decide what are suitable for adoption.

Traffic/Footpaths/Pavements/Lighting and Road Safety in Greetham – PH

PH reported that it had been suggested at a parish forum meeting in January, that the speed watch programme may start from April 2021.

KE reported an incident today where 2 men were working on the sewage works at the back of Wheatsheaf pumping waste into the brook, creating a terrible smell. Concern was raised regarding contamination.

Trees/Benches/Clean up – PH

It has been noted that the rubbish on Wood Lane is extremely bad.

Jacobs Well and Signage – DH

Signage - update on Tourist Boards

The final version of the tourist boards are awaiting approval – boards can then be ordered.

Jacobs Well Project – There have been concerns raised by David Bland and there has been a lack of help from RCC. As a result, a decision was made to put the development on hold until further notice.

Burial Ground – KE

There will be improvements made to the burial ground in the next financial

year, with the income received from the burial ground.

Reports from outside bodies

Rutland North Beat Report for January 2021

Theft – Great Casterton, Langham

Theft of vehicle – Market Overton

Criminal damage – Whissendine x 2, Great Casterton x 4

Assault – Ashwell

Fraud - Langham

Next Meeting

Next full Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 10th March 2021 by Zoom

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Rutland North Neighbourhood Police

Leicestershire Constabulary 101

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

Rutland County Council 01572 722577

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FOR YOUR DIARIES

Greetham Open Gardens 2021.

We are currently planning on holding this year's Open Gardens on the afternoon of Sunday 13th June, subject of course to the Covid rules allowing this at that time. We are focusing on the eastern end of the village this year so are looking for gardens any where east of and including Great Lane. We hope to have between 10 and 12 gardens open and believe that we should be able to do this in a Covid safe way. No garden is too small. We will also be looking for donations of plants for a plant stall, so please do put up any spare plants that you have.

Contact Karen (karen@mccombiesmith.co.uk) or Helen

(hmacleodsmith@gmail.com) for more information.

St Mary's Church is looking ahead

Cake sale - Shepherds Lane on Easter Saturday morning (April 3rd)

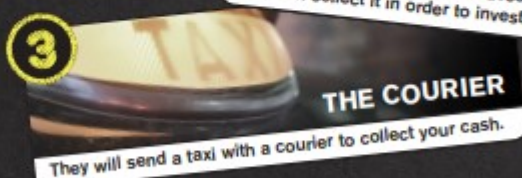
Please bring cakes to 8 Shepherds Lane the day before if possible.

Another QUIZ - this time we're going Underground with a tube station quiz. £2 per entry.

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Comedy Night

Yet again Covid has put paid to the Comedy Night planned for March 2021.

At this moment of writing it is unclear when the Community Centre will re-open and when it will be possible for a crowd to gather for an evening of fun and laughter.



Please get in touch with Gillian if you would like your ticket money refunded either on 07796 800920 or e-mail calnan.sg@btinternet.com. Otherwise your ticket will still remain valid and as soon I have guidance on when it may be possible to run the Comedy Night

Thanks to Chris Cassady for sponsoring this newsletter

Thank you to the kind people who deliver my medication from Empingham Surgery as well as Nicole and her team at the Post Office and shop for their willing help.

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Exton & Greetham: 'Together-Apart'

Whilst we are in our period of lockdown, we asked the children to create posters to represent the school 'together-apart', to remind us that we are still together, even when working in different places. Here are a few examples.



If you would like to find out more about the school, the website is a good place to start – www.extonschool.co.uk. We now have a 'virtual tour' available on the website under 'about us'. We are also happy to chat to prospective parents on the phone on 01572 812380 should you have any specific queries.