

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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*Life is carrying on in
Greetham*





Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends

Greetham Christmas

Wow we have some great plans to help bring some Christmas cheer this year to Greetham. Working together as a community for safe celebrations.

Greetham Community Centre
St Mary's Church
The Plough.

If you would like to get involved or have an event to add, please contact Pauline on 07977575056



Christmas Stall – Hope against cancer
29th November Shepherds Lane

Christmas Bazaar
12th December Shepherds Lane

Village Father Christmas Walk
19th December

Christmas Jumper night – The Plough
19th December

Drive through Carols
20th December

More dates to follow.

Greetham Advent

Greetham Living Advent Calendar 2020

After a very successful two years, we have thought very hard and with much anxiety as to what we should do for 2020. Gillian and I want to still bring the village together and after much deliberation we have decided to plan for this year , our 3rd Greetham Living Advent Calendar!

To ensure we stay safe and well. We would like to propose a virtual unveiling. Hosts will not be taking guests on the dates they unveil, but will posts photos (with our help). We can all follow our neighbours efforts in celebrating the countdown to Christmas!

Our recommendation is to have a window, a door way, a garden gate even, that's lit up, dressed up in any way you can and bring in some Christmas cheer. A candle alone is worth sharing.

Each evening at 6.30pm one window (or other) of the Living Advent calendar will be unveiled at houses around the village and can send special Christmas messages to our neighbours.

Villagers wishing to see your beautiful work can see it from a safe distance and appreciate all the things that are good in our community.

New ways have bestowed us, but we can still be a community !

If you are resident in Greetham and would like to join in, Please complete the choices form or please contact us on Facebook or telephone Pauline on 07977575056 or Gillian on 813943

Dates will be allocated to suit but obviously contacting us sooner will mean the most choice for your evening. The window displays can be simple or works of art - it does not matter - participating is fun bit

Last year we donated to both the VE celebrations and Rutland food bank ! And Greetham did an amazing job.

In order to reduce contact we will not be collecting donations ! Just some happy smiles and cheer.

Pauline and Gillian.

Church Christmas Bazaar

There will be a sale of Christmas decorations, cakes and preserves on Saturday 12th Dec 10-12am at the bottom of Shepherds Lane with free hot chocolate!

Please contact Jackie if you can help with making decorations for sale. All offers of cakes and decorations gratefully received. For more information call Jackie 868291 or Helen 812852.



Greetham Advent Window

1st to 23rd December

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone number:

Contact Number:

1st Preferred Date:

2nd Preferred Date:

3rd Preferred Date:

Please return to: Gillian, 54 Main Street – 07796 800920

All dates will be confirmed the by 20th November, Thank you



Mobile Library

In place of its normal Mobile Library Service, Rutland County Council is planning the introduction of a new Home Library delivery and collection service from **10 August**.

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.

FACEBOOK

"The Facebook page for the village "greetham in rutland" has been well used during the last few difficult months, especially as the newsletter has been resting. It has kept people informed, enabled residents ask for help, and kept everyone connected. There are currently 605 members, which is much of the village. We have a strict policy to not allow advertising and to only allow residents and village workers to join the site. For the few who have not joined, why not give it a try."

Church services in November

Greetham and Cottesmore churches are open for services which take place at 9.30am on Sundays alternating between the two villages.

On 8th November there are arrangements for Remembrance Sunday services at both churches.

Sunday November 1st Greetham 9.30 Holy Communion

Sunday November 8th Greetham 9.30 Remembrance Service

Cottesmore 10.45 Remembrance Service at

Rogues Lane cemetery

Sunday November 15th Greetham 9.30

Sunday November 22nd Cottesmore 9.30

Sunday November 29th Greetham 9.30

If you plan to come to any service please

email cottesmorebeneficeoffice@gmail.com to help with numbers / social distancing etc

Please do not come to any service if you are showing any symptoms of Covid 19.

Online services

Dedicated online services (ie not recordings of church services) will resume by November and these can be accessed on YouTube or you can listen to the service on the phone by calling 01572 497000. Please contact a church member if you have difficulty accessing these services.

Additional service

All Souls Day Service 6.00pm Greetham Church to reflect and remember those who have died. All welcome.

Church opening

If anyone would like to go into the church for personal prayer or to see the Book of Remembrance please contact Jackie on 868291 or Helen 812852 to arrange this. The church will not be opened regularly on Wednesday mornings in the winter months.

GREETHAM VILLAGE FRIEND SCHEME

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that the Greetham Village Friend Scheme is still available for all members of our community who may need some help/support with shopping, prescription collection etc during this prolonged period of the Covid crisis.

Hopefully you will still have the postcard that was popped through your door back in March/April with the contact details of your allocated village friend, but if you have lost or misplaced it, please let us know and we will get another one to you.

Help is just a phone call away! Sue Bamber (01572 812882)

HOPE AGAINST CANCER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Unfortunately this event can not be held this year which is such a shame. However we will be back in 2021. Sally & Team

To try our best so we can to raise some money for this very worthwhile organisation especially as it is all to benefit Rutland & Leicestershire I am hoping to organise a 'Christmas Sale' on Sunday morning 29th November in Shepherds Lane.

The idea is to sell any items connected with Christmas. So if people would be kind enough to donate items such as cards, wrapping paper, candles, table/tree decorations etc., also Christmas cakes and others that would be greatly appreciated. There will also be homemade mince pies.

All items would be required by the Saturday latest.

Sally Cluley - Tel: 01572 813639

WI

This is Carol Fairbairn, current President of Greetham WI. I thought I should answer your queries regarding the WI in Greetham. Currently we have been advised that all WI meetings are cancelled until further notice. However, members can keep in touch with the WI nationally by logging onto myWI. In Greetham we have our own Greetham WI Facebook page where members can contribute messages, ideas and enter our competi-



tions. Recently the committee delivered a "meeting in a bag" this was full of goodies and instructions on how to make their own version of the samples. Results can be uploaded and we can have our monthly competitions again. This months winner of a Greetham WI quiz was Hazel Hinch, Hazel was delighted with her beautiful bouquet of flowers. Pictures of Hazel with the flowers can be seen on both the village facebook and the GreethamWI Facebook pages.

Tennis

The normal Greetham crew turned up on Monday night to play under the new fabulous floodlights. However, 4 ladies were already playing but we came back later and played. In the picture is Stephen and son Cormac Calnan, Simon Rigby and Steve Bertuzzi. This is a great asset to the village and I hope it gets used a lot. Well done to the community centre for raising the funds to make it happen. If you are looking to join in please contact Stephen on 01572 813943

or Stephen.calnan@btinternet.com



PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Update.

Greetham Parish Council meetings are all being held on ZOOM and members of the public are most welcome to attend and find out what the council is dealing with on a day to day basis. The main monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. (There may not be a meeting in December) To join the meetings online, just click the link on the agenda. The agenda can be found on the greethamrutland.com website under the tab, "Parish Council". The meeting's ID and passcode is also posted on the village noticeboard.

We look forward to seeing you!

Ken Edward

Chair

Greetham Quarry Extension and Restoration of existing Quarry

The Parish Council and the Quarry Residents' Team continue to battle hard on your behalf to try to minimise the impact that the proposed Quarry extension will have on the village.

The quarry operator has been forced to undertake further work to ensure that planning conditions are adequate and this will delay planning approval.

We are also very concerned that the existing quarry restoration was not completed by the required date (30th September 2020) and have had a high level meeting with Rutland County Council to express our concern.

The quarry operator is seeking permission to complete the restoration over the next two years. We believe that they will not do so unless suitable financial penalties are imposed for non compliance.

Thank you to all villagers who have written to object to the various applications which have been made.

Greetham Parish Council

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GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 14th October 2020 @ 7.30pm held remotely on Zoom

Members Present: Mr. K Edward (KE) (Chair), Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mr D. Hodson (DH), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mrs S Begy (SB), Mr Peter Hitchcox (HC), Mrs J Isaac (Clerk)

2 Members of the public attended

104/20 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Nick Begy

105/20 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None received

106/20 Approval of minutes

12th August (full council meeting)

26th August (EO meeting)

9th September (EO Meeting)

30th September (EO Meeting)

The Minutes for the four meetings were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections.

Proposed by PH, seconded by SB

107/20 Questions/Comments from members of the public

A resident commented on the bushes overhanging the footpath on Main Street outside Greetham House.

The same resident pointed out the number of cars regularly parked on the new footpath in Church Lane, creating problems for disability access. The Chair suggested taking photos and then reporting this to Laurie Appleton at Rutland Police, as GPC have no powers to take action.

108/20 Matters arising

Matters arising on Fix my Street– *See Appendix 2 Report (covered in Ref: 113.1)*

109/20 Finance

109.1 Monthly budget report, and bank statement

The content of the financial report submitted in Appendix A was noted. The Chair outlined the income received, in particular the grant from RCC for the tennis courts. The budget has been revised to include that income and expenditure for the tennis courts.

The Chair approved the September and October finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation has been checked and agreed.

109.2 Invoices for Payment

Clerk's salary – October £312.50

K Edward – Amazon Return £18.30

P Hitchcox – Amazon - Nails for trees in Great Lane - £8.99

P Hitchcox – Amazon – Strapping for trees in Great Lane - £5.58

Payment of the expenditure as detailed above was proposed by JD, seconded by AJ.

HC Courts – Resurface of Tennis Court £20,411.00 (incl. VAT) – *Paid (already approved)*

Rutland Tree Care – Pruning of trees £432.00 (incl. VAT) – *Paid (already approved)*

109.3 Income Received

RCC Funding for Tennis Courts - £20,411.00 (*received in September*) Headstone admin fee from Dormans - £77.00 (*received in September*)

50% from Stretton Parish Council for share of Pro Zoom - £71.94 (*received in September*)

50% from CC for hose pipes and trolleys - £135.60 (*received in August*)

109.4 Approval of orders to be placed

New drinking water supply, Jacobs Well – Severn Trent - £114.90 + VAT DH explained this relates to the restoration project for the supply of fresh drinking water from Jacobs Well.

The payment to Severn Trent is to get a quote for the work involved.

Proposed by DH, seconded by PH and unanimously agreed.

109.5 Approval of amendment on Section 1 AGAR

GPC have been asked by the external auditor to amend boxes 4 and 9 from Yes to No – amendment to be ratified at a full Council Meeting.

The Chair signed the amendments which were approved by all.

110.20 Quarry Liaison Group

Would you like to be a Greetham Parish Councillor?

There are currently **two vacancies** on the Parish Council.

Is your part of the village **represented** on the council at present?

Do you want to **make a difference** to where you live and work?

Can you **spare some time** to attend meetings and follow up the concerns raised, on behalf of your community?

If so, read on to see how you can get involved.....

Some village improvements in which the Parish Council has recently been involved

Obtaining grants for the refurbishment of the village playground.

Obtaining grants for the refurbishment of the Community Centre and our sporting facilities.

Setting up a Quarry Liaison Group to ensure the improved management of the quarry.

Initiating a number of tree planting schemes.

Managing the Burial Ground to a high standard.

Arranging regular litter picking sessions in the village.

Helping the village shop and its customers by restricting waiting time in the parking spaces in front of it.

Improving road safety on Main Street and securing a 20mph speed limit.

Raising concerns with Rutland County Council regarding large housing developments proposed for Greetham in the 5 year local plan. The latest version of the local plan no longer has any such plans.

What does the job involve?

Councillors help to make decisions for the good of the village and promote good community relations.

They can provide local context and information for planning decisions.

There are about ten full parish council meetings a year, which last less than 2 hours. Currently they are the second Wednesday of the month, in the evening, and are held by video conferencing – help can be provided to access this.

Additional short meetings may sometimes be required to meet deadlines on planning applications.

Parish councillors would also be involved in Focus Groups which look at specific issues such as traffic, burial ground and planning.

The position would be until May 2023. There are elections every four years. Councillors are unpaid but have the satisfaction of helping to contribute to village life.

Do you qualify to be a Parish Councillor?

Are you on the 2020 Register of Electors for Greetham?

Or have you occupied, as owner or tenant, any land or premises in the parish during the last 12 months?

Or have you lived, either in the parish or within 3 miles of the parish boundary during the last 12 months?

Or is your principal or only place of work in the parish?

Does this sound like you? Or maybe you know someone else who might be interested?

We have a great community spirit in the village and the Parish Council's work is essential in helping to maintain this.

Please let us know if you would be interested in putting your name forward. The Parish Council are waiting to hear from you.

If you would like to be considered, please e-mail Jayne Isaac, our parish clerk, for more information on:

greethampc@gmail.com

Closing date: 30th November 2020

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

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

JD gave the following update:

The Quarry Residents' Team continues to meet regularly and since the last update on 12th August, there have been several developments.

110.1 North Western Extension

A further Supplementary Regulation 25 request for additional information has been sent to Mick George by Northampton County Council acting as Mineral Planning Officer on behalf of RCC.

This was a very comprehensive response from them (5 pages) to the previous Reg 25 submissions provided by Mick George. RCC Environmental Health have been very active in reviewing the documentation previously submitted and have identified several areas which had not been satisfactorily answered previously, especially those relating to Noise and Dust monitoring.

The liaison group continue to have good communications with RCC Environmental Health who have been extremely helpful and supportive.

The deadline for the supplementary submissions was 5th October. The responses are not currently on the planning portal. The liaison group are however aware that Mick George are looking to complete a further 3 month's dust analysis at various receptor sites.

The determination of the North Western Quarry Extension planning application has been extended to Friday 18th December, 2020.

110.2 S73 Variation of Conditions to Existing Quarry – 2 applications received on 15th September, relating to conditions imposed on the existing quarry to restore the quarry by 30th September, 2020.

At an extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 30th September, GPC objections and response to these proposals were carried unanimously and have been posted onto the RCC planning portal. There are currently 15 residents' objections on the portal. For furthermore detailed information please refer to Parish Council minutes on our website.

Subsequently, a zoom meeting with Penny Sharp and Gordon Brown Cabinet (Deputy Chair) Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Finance, was held to discuss concerns over the lack of focus by RCC to the restoration deadline of 30th September and asking what action RCC would take if restoration was not completed.

The meeting did not provide many answers. However, Gordon Brown suggested that we should request a meeting with Mr. Mick George on site to discuss our issues as this had been beneficial at Wakerley Quarry where they were experiencing similar issues as us.

A letter was sent on Friday 9th October to both Mr Mick George and the landowner Mr Ivor Crowson, and is awaiting a response. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

A formal request to RCC has also been submitted to review why the Greetham Quarry has not been restored by the required date.

111/20 Planning – to consider the following:

111.1 Notice of Decision – Application 2020/0714/CAT

Proposal: Prune 1 No. Cottonaster Tree (branch which extends over neighbours property). Fell 1 No. Sycamore Tree – Barnstone House, 2 Shepherds Lane, Greetham.

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

111.2 Notice of Decision – Application 2020/0998/CAT

Proposal: T2 – *Prunus cerasifera* ‘*purpurea*’ – Prune back encroaching branches to boundary. T3 – Conifers – prune back encroaching branches to boundary.- 14 Pond Lane, Greetham.

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

111.3 Notice of Decision – Application 2020/0820/CAT Proposal: Pine (T1) - Remove all primary branches leaving a single clear stem. - The Chestnuts Church Lane Greetham Rutland LE15 7NF

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

112.20 Agenda Items

112.1 Electronic Records

DH outlined the suggested policy for approval.

Dropbox is currently owned by DH and it is suggested that the records be moved to a GPC account Dropbox account.

It is recommended that the Clerk periodically carries out a back-up of files on Dropbox into the GPC Google Drive account or on an external hard drive.

Proposed by KE, seconded by JD, and unanimously agreed.

112.2 New Co-option Process

The Chair outlined the current process for co-option and suggested a different approach. A discussion followed and it was agreed that the process for co-option be reviewed, with a new proposal to be put forward at the next meeting.

The Chair has produced a four-page leaflet advertising the 2 vacancies, so that residents are informed.

112.3 Heritage refurbishment project

Proposed new drinking water supply at Jacobs Well village pump - *already approved under ref: 109.4*

112.4 Rutland Health Care and Social Services – (Comments document circulated in advance of the meeting)

Consultation period 28th September – 31st December.

AJ presented her comments to the meeting. Concerns were outlined regarding the key proposals which will disadvantage Rutland.

- Losing access to beds – huge closures are planned

- Losing sight of Rutland's needs

- Loss of national policy applicable to Rutland

- Loss of involvement in planning

- Loss of quality, capacity, accessibility and our local hospital.

112.5 White Paper on Planning out for consultation from 6th August to 29th October.

(Comments document circulated in advance of the meeting)

The proposed response was discussed and approved.

Proposed by KE, seconded by JD, all agreed.

113/20 Focus Groups

113.1 Fix my Street and Highways (Appendix 2) – JD

There are a number of issues on hold as the street walk is not happening due to Coronavirus.

Cllr. Nick Begy is taking up the issue with RCC relating to the chicane priority sign and the bollard knocked down outside village shop. RCC need to arrange a site visit.

Great Lane grass verges have now been cut.

At the same time that the grass verges were cut, a bench on the Great Lane path has been damaged. It was suggested and agreed that GPC contact the person who built the bench to see if he can catty out the repair

113.2 Local Plan – DH

The consultation period has been extended for a few minor amendments.

113.3 Traffic/Footpaths/Pavements/Lighting and Road Safety in Greetham PH updated the meeting on the conference call held on 8th October with Alicia Kearns regarding traffic problems in Greetham. Briefing documents and photographs were sent in advance of the meeting. Alicia Kearns' PA had advised that they would be contacting Leicestershire Police and RCC, and would send GPC a written response as soon as possible.

Traffic speed indicators – KE

The quotes and details for traffic speed indicators are currently held in obedience, until further notice. The Chair asked if any counsellor wanted to take the new project on, then to please let him know. Otherwise this will be looked at next year.

113.4 Trees/Benches/Clean up – SB/PH/AJ

PH gave a presentation on trees. There is a sponsor to buy 84 trees to go between Greetham and Cottesmore, but due to the Covid problems the planting has been shelved. It was agreed that it would be best to leave until next autumn.

113.5 PH gave an update on village clean. RCC are unwilling to loan litter pick equipment due to Covid. It was suggested to get a team of volunteers together and purchase the necessary pickers, yellow jackets, hoops for bags. Litter picking could be held regularly by individual volunteers at a time to suit them.

113.6 Jacobs Well and Signage – DH

The project on signage is slowly moving forward, it will take 4 weeks to install the tourist boards.

Changes are required outside Jacobs Well to change the curb round Jacobs Well.

113.7 Burial Ground – KE

The holly bushes for the burial ground have been delivered.

There has been a request for smaller plots for interment of ashes. The proposal for a new plan of the burial ground to include half plots was discussed. This was agreed in principle, a full plan to be submitted at a future date.

114/20 Community Centre

KE reported that the work at the Community Centre is progressing well. The hallway is finished and the wall is down in the club room. The new chairs have arrived. The tennis court is almost complete, just awaiting some markings. The floodlights are in, and positive comments have been received

JD reported on a further playground complaint received from the same resident. This has been escalated to the Community Safety Officer at RCC. A meeting is being ar-

ranged to discuss the way forward. Report back at next meeting.

115/20 Correspondence and Communication

115.1 A complaint received from a resident via facebook, regarding the underlying litter revealed by the newly cut verges. The resident has offered to help pick up litter in Wood Lane. Litter pick discussed – see ref 113.5.

115.2 Letter from resident regarding Church Lane signage - No access to caravan park and industrial estate.

This issue has been added to Fix My Street (See Highways and footpaths report - Appendix B).

GPC are currently chasing this with RCC and the resident will be updated once a reply is received.

115.3 Rutland North Beat Report (September) for information.

1 theft reported in Greeetham.

115.4 Covid updates and conference calls continue with RCC fortnightly. These meetings will be converted into a parish forum to be held monthly on Zoom with a fixed agenda – starting in November.

116/20 Reports from outside bodies

None

117/20 Items for future agenda

Village rota for cutting grass on village green – KE

Proposal on process for co-option - KE

118/20 Next Meeting

Next full Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm 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

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

Please be aware that there was a significant crime wave last night in the village of Essendine. At least 5 cars were broken into (although no damage to the actual vehicles) and items were stolen from the cars such as Sat Navs and designer sunglasses.

It is unlikely the thieves will return to Essendine straightaway, but it is not at all impossible that they will turn their attention to other villages in the area.

It would be wise for us all to take appropriate precautions. i.e. wherever possible do not leave expensive items in parked cars

Adrian Gombault

Rutland NHW Association

FUTURE EVENTS

Photography Club

Do you have any interest in photography?

I belong to the Market Deepings Camera Club who are now holding all their meeting via Zoom. There is a combination of talks by very competent photographers and competitions, (although I would comment that the competition standard is high and I have not felt up to that yet!). The Zoom format does have some advantages. Firstly, you do not have to drive to Market Deepings and secondly, you can quietly leave the meeting if it does not suit you.

Their programme and more details can be found at:

<https://www.deepingscamera.club/programme>

No doubt there are many other clubs that are holding meetings by Zoom. It would be interesting to hear about these.

David Hodson

01572 813 902

hodson001@gmail.com

Prayer Group

Jon and I are running the Prayer Course on Zoom starting on October 18th and running for the next 8 weeks. Since the start of Lockdown, more and more people globally have shown interest in prayer; this informal, very accessible course looks at different types of prayer and how prayer might actually work. Each session lasts an hour and includes a short talk followed by discussion.

To find out more visit <https://prayercourse.org/> or contact cathydyson@outlook.com

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTER?

The newsletter is collated, printed and distributed to every house in Greetham. Obviously costs are involved and we invite businesses and individuals to sponsor the newsletter with a donation of £25. Sponsorship is duly recognised in the newsletter. If you are interested please contact the editor at greethamnews@aol.com

Carol and Martin Fairbairn would like to sponsor the Newsletter in memory of their Daughter Melanie "Mell" Knight who passed away suddenly and sadly on the 7th September 2020.

Carol, Martin and family cannot thank the village enough for the many cards, messages, flowers and food parcels! Even in the midst of so much sorrow the family feel truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful village. Should anyone wish to view Mell's memorial page the link is www.melanieknight.muchloved.com

Jessie Evison would like to thank her friends and neighbour for the help and support she has received during her stay in hospital. Also to Oak House who looked after and fed her so well.

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Busy, Busy, Busy!

Here are a few photographs to demonstrate some of what we are up to in school.



PE outside



Using technology



Working hard on our writing



Co-operative drawing

Parents of children in their last year of nursery will soon be thinking about primary school places for next September. If you would like to find out more about the school, the website is a good place to start – www.extonschool.co.uk. We are hoping to have a 'virtual tour' available on the website soon. We are also happy to chat to prospective parents on the phone on 01572 812380 should you have any specific queries.