

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2020

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It gathered!



Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends

Welcome back
We have missed you !

We have been working hard during the last few months getting ready to open YOUR community centre and keeping us all safe.

Keep up-to-date here or find us on Facebook.

We are hoping, under current government guidelines, to be opening again in October.

We had the wonderful opportunity to welcome back the Greetham Gathering on the 20th August, what a wonderful sunny day.

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We want to
hear from
YOU.

Engagement Group

We want to hear from you!

Do you have any ideas of what you want from your
community centre?

We are asking for ideas of groups, clubs' activities
you would like to attend, or would like to organise.

By emailing the centre

bookgreetham@gmx.com

you can also find us on facebook:

GreethamCommunitycentre.

Or speak to any of the Outreach members:

A CUP OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT



CAKE STALL & HAVE A CUPPA

CAKE DONATIONS PLEASE

FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER
The Paddock, Shepherds Lane
10.30 am to 1.00 pm

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE
PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Sally Cluley - Tel: 01572 813639



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Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (211517), Scotland (SC039807) and the Isle of Man (554). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

REVIEWS

Greetham Community Centre is getting even better!

If you have been to the community centre or playing field recently, you may have noticed some building activity, both on the tennis court and in and around the actual Centre. Your village is getting a refurbished tennis court with new fencing and surface, new nets and fabulous floodlights! But it does not stop there. The court will also be a netball court and basketball court, making it the only free to use, community MUGA (multi use games area) in Rutland! There will even be new five a side football goals on the playing field, so let the sport begin!

In the actual community centre, there will be French windows from the club room onto a brand new terrace area, with threshold free access from the outside into the club room for pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters! Once inside, there will no longer be a half wall blocking off the club room, and there will be new flooring and chairs in there too.

In the main hall, there will be new, smart chairs, on easy roll trolleys. In the kitchen there will be a new extraction and ventilation system so that cooking in there is no longer a hot, steamy affair. The entrance hall will also be decorated, refurbished and generally made more attractive.

We are so grateful to Sport England, The Bernard Sunley Foundation, Rutland County Council and FCC Communities Foundation, all of whom have supported these projects with generous grants. They have ensured that Greetham will have fantastic sporting facilities and a gleaming new community clubroom, when the work is completed, in September/October this year.

Greetham Gathering

An August Treat

It's late summer and by now we should have had three Gatherings under our belt. But we all know what has happened this year that has affected us all – the Covid 19 virus. Life as we knew it has been put on pause, and we have all had to adapt to new ways of living, working and enjoying ourselves.

The lockdowns and the need to isolate have had an impact and as a consequence of these we have not been able to hold our regular Gatherings – until now. With some fairly significant changes to what we offer, we were able to go ahead with our August meet; albeit in a revised format. For the Gathering to be held we need to utilise the Community Centre and the field. The Centre has taken the opportunity to make some structural changes to the venue and so scheduled it where there would be the least impact on its customers. That work is underway but not yet completed and

so we could not have a Gathering with access to the bar or kitchen. So, with access to the toilets only, we were able to go ahead.

How our supporters would react to The Gathering with no refreshments was an unknown to us. It was a gamble and nobody could predict its impact. The day before the meet had dealt us some appalling wind and rain, and the forecast for the following day was not great. Amazingly, as has happened in the past, we were blessed with a beautiful blue-sky day. Someone up there must like us!

Well, the event took place with a very strong reminder to all that they must observe social distancing and keep apart. There were plenty of reminders and monitoring of the situation by the organisers and assistants, but it was impressive how everyone reacted and conformed. Looking back, we didn't really need to be concerned about attendance. The sun brought out a superb number of vehicles to the point that we almost filled the field – but we were spacing cars apart by at least 2 metres and so the field was less densely packed. Similarly we had motorcycles fill both sides of the car park. All in all it was a Gathering that far exceeded our expectations, and we are grateful for all the support we had. We know that we did not have so many villagers visit us but we recognise that they may feel unsafe, or the lack of food and drink may have influenced their decisions.

It goes almost without saying that we had a great number of high quality exhibitors. The regulars, and first-timers, all brought some wonderful vehicles for everyone to enjoy. It was satisfying to see so many stay for most of the evening and enjoy the ambience and ability to relax and examine the vehicles.

As things stand we certainly plan to have a September Gathering and if any aspect of the evening changes or the Government rules affect us, then we shall make that known to all. As always a big thanks to all the assistants on the day – as you know, we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you for your support – see you in September?

Church cake, plant and produce sale

As we have been unable to have the church fete this year we had a cake, plant, preserves and produce sale on Sat 22nd Aug to raise much needed funds for St Mary's Church. The weather was kind as were our supporters who brought and bought cakes, jams and jellies, plums, apples, plants etc. and helped us to raise £440. Together with the plant sale which we held in June we have raised over £850 for the church. Thank you very much!

There are still some preserves - especially plum jam and redcurrant jelly which will be available to buy when the church is open, currently Weds and Sat 10-12 or call Helen on 812852.

GENERAL

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.

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."

PARISH COUNCIL

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GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 12th August 2020 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 R. Kinchen (RK), Mrs J Isaac (Clerk)

Councillor N Begy (Ward Member)

3 Members of the public attended

069/20 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Peter Hitchcox

070/20 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda None received

071/20 Approval of minutes from 8th July

Resolved to accept Minutes and signed as true record – no corrections

Proposed by AJ, Seconded by JD, voted to accept

072/20 Matters arising

72.1 Matters arising on Fix my Street– *See Appendix 2 (covered in Ref: 078/20*

72.2 Lopping of trees by Community Centre overhanging resident's property in Great Lane.

The order has been approved and it is arranged for the tree surgeon to carry out the tree pruning on 26th August.

72.3 Chains and padlocks on Great Lane gates have been replaced by RCC. One key operates both padlocks and 3 sets of keys have been provided. (one with

Chair, one with Clerk and one for Community Centre).

073/20 Finance

Monthly budget report, and bank statement

73.1 The content of the financial report submitted in Appendix A was noted. The budget has been revised to include the quarry expenditure.

73.2 The Chair approved the July and August finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation has been checked and agreed.

Invoices for Payment

73.3 Clerk's salary – August £312.50, September £312.50

J Isaac – 4 reams of white A4 paper - £10.45

J Isaac – Printer ink cartridge from Cartridge Save Ltd - £34.61

Office consumables from Amazon business account (paid by J Isaac, Clerk)

- Box of envelopes for quarry letters - £ 7.65

- Printer ink cartridge for JD - £29.99

Payment of the above expenditure was proposed by AJ, seconded by DH and unanimously agreed.

Time Assured Limited – Invoice for annual service of village clock - £150.00

Proposed by KE, seconded by AJ

WSP Invoice for Greetham Quarry Extension Review - £8175.60

Proposed by JD, seconded by AJ

Emergency expenditure of 2 hose trolleys and 2 x 100m hose pipes for Community Centre to water willow trees on far side of field. Purchased on Amazon business account - £271.21 50% to be invoiced to CC

Proposed by KE, seconded by SB.

Income Received

73.4 Awaiting grant from RCC for £20,411

The approved grant is for the remaining part of the tennis court refurbishment.

Small Business Grant from RCC - £10,000

Grant received to support the parish council through the period of disruption of COVID 19.

Approval of orders to be placed

73.5 Tennis Court refurbishment - £20,411 (incl. VAT)

Painting of tennis court light lampposts - £1494 (incl. VAT)

Proposed by KE, seconded by JD

73.6 Proposed shared use of Greetham printer with Stretton PC at 3p per single sheet, 4p per double sided sheet (invoiced to Stretton Parish Council)

Proposed by KE, seconded by DH

73.7 Proposed shared costs with Stretton PC for the purchase of professional Zoom - £119.90 pa plus VAT or £11.99 per month

Proposed KE, seconded RK

075/20 Quarry Liaison Group

JD gave the following update:

GPC have engaged WSP as Consultants to provide a peer review of Mick George's Reg 25 submissions with regard to Dust and Noise. These reports have been completed and submitted to RCC as part of the Parish Councils response to the Reg 25. On the 14th July, a ZOOM meeting was held with Northampton Planning Department (one of whom resides in Brisbane), RCC Planning, RCC Environmental Health and representatives of the Greetham Liaison Group, and representatives from our

Consultants WSP. It became apparent that

the Planning Authority (RCC and NCC) lack the necessary technical skill set to determine complex applications. They rely heavily on the consultants reports as supplied by the applicant. We have therefore given them an additional difficulty in that our consultants reports have identified issues with those reports.

Planning conditions for the more contentious nuisance issues do not appear to be clear, unambiguous and enforceable, which leads to confusion between Operator and Regulator.

Without controls and real-time measuring equipment for both Dust and Noise, the enforcement officers are unable to protect the community as soon as limits are breached.

The Planning Authority are unfamiliar with modern monitoring methodology and costs and therefore do not push for operators to bear the costs of these measurement and monitoring systems.

On 6th August, our ward member, Cllr. Nick Begy took our issues to RCC and we are pleased to report that RCC have taken on board our concerns and will:

ensure that whoever compares these reports has the necessary qualifications and skills to make the judgement or they will pay for a 3rd party consultant to make the judgement.

Ensure that the conditions for Greetham are measurable and enforceable.

The Liaison Group are currently working on a "Proposed Planning Conditions" document to present to the planners. Our suggested conditions will serve to protect the environment, surrounds and residents of Greetham.

076/20 North Western extension to Greetham Quarry

76.1 Planning Application: 2020/0297/MIN

The closing date for responses to the Reg 25 submission was 31st July. To date RCC have received 105 comments from residents of Greetham. Some have still not appeared on the Planning Portal – these will be chased these up.

RCC Environmental Health (also known as Public Protection), have sent a very full response to the Reg 25 additional information and are requesting further information. They have been very supportive of our endeavours to get real-time measuring in place and ensure that Quarry Operators adhere to unambiguous conditions.

We anticipate that the next steps will be for further Reg 25 submissions requests thereby pushing out the date for Planning Committee to at least September/ October and possibly even beyond that date.

76.2 DH raised the following:

1. The restoration plan for the existing spent quarry by September.
2. To reinstate the option for members of the public to put their comments forward on planning applications during Zoom meetings.

077/20 Planning – to consider the following:

77.1 **Application 2020/0714/CAT** - Proposal to prune 1 No. Cottonester Tree (branch which extends over neighbours property). Fell 1 No. Sycamore Tree – Barnstone House, 2 Shepherds Lane, Greetham

Discussed and approved, no objections

77.2 **Application 2020/0808/FUL** - Proposal for two storey and single storey rear

extension and timber porch – 14 Great Lane, Greetham

The current proposal does not appear to include any significant changes to the proposed scheme in 2016, which GPC objected to on the grounds of loss of privacy due to 2 windows and overshadowing other houses in Chimney Pots Row. DH has carried out some further calculations as to the extent of the loss of sunlight during different times of the year.

77.3 Application 2020/0820/CAT – Proposal: Pine (T1) Remove all primary branches leaving a single clear stem – The Chestnuts, Church Lane, Greetham
PH has visited the property and it is noted that the tree is located in the neighbour's garden. Although permission has been given informally, GPC will need to advise residents at 3 Main Street before any work is started as the tree is on their land.

77.4 Application 2020/0716/FUL – Proposal: Change of use of agricultural grassland to dog walking field to include fences, entrance gate and car parking facilities – Land at Honeysuckle Cottage, Far Wood Lane, Greetham

The land is the other side of A1 near the Shires.

Discussed and approved, no objections.

77.5 Notice of Decision – Application 2020/0642/CAT – T1 Apple – Fell (large basal cavity) – 11 Main Street, Greetham

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

77.6 Notice of Decision – Application 2020/0435/FUL – Erection of canopy over front door of property – 85 Main Street, Greetham

Planning permission granted

77.7 Notice of Decision – Application 2020/0362/FUL – Form new driveway access onto road – 24 Stretton Road, Greetham

Planning permission granted with a condition that no unbound material shall be used in the surface treatment of the vehicular access within 5 metres of the highway boundary, but the construction details used must be porous.

77.8 Notice of Decision – Application 2020/0517/FUL – First floor extension to rear of house – 40 Great Lane, Greetham

Planning permission granted with the following conditions:

1. Eco Cavity bat box and Eco Crevice bat box be installed into the extension in a south facing position at a height not less than 3 metres,
2. The first floor dressing room window shall be fixed and fitted with obscure glazing to a minimum of a Pilkington Level 5.

078/20 Agenda Items and Focus Groups

78.1 Fix my Street and Highways (Appendix 2) - JD

Drainage repairs in Church Lane, Greetham – Works will commence on 21st August for the drainage repairs. The patching is not yet arranged. There will be access for pedestrians through the works if required, and access for vehicles from the top end of Church Lane.

Grass verges on Great Lane pathway – RCC have confirmed that the full width of the verge will be cut late in the season and PH is chasing RCC for a date.

The railing at the bottom of Pond Lane has been added to the RCC programme of works.

Anglian Water carried out the repairs between 67 and 69 Main Street week beginning 13th July.

The chicane outside Oak House is to be re-opened on Fix my Street, due to a member of the public reporting that a car has had 2 tyres written off following being forced over onto the kerb.

RK reported a large trench obstruction which looks dangerous outside the Bakehouse, Main Street, by bus shelter.

78.2 Local Plan - DH

Statement of Community Involvement – No further update.

There has been a letter received from LRALC regarding a White Paper on Planning which is out for consultation from 6th August to 29th October.

78.3 Traffic/Footpaths/Pavements/Lighting - PH

The speed watch has been cancelled due to COVID-19

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

The litter picking day will be arranged once the grass verges have been cut.

78.5 Jacobs Well and Signage – Update on Tourist Boards – DH

The first proofs have been received and a soft copy is available.

78.6 Burial Ground – KE

Survey of headstones and burial ground has been carried out. – 2 graves of residents outside the village have been identified, which are due to have headstones erected. The Clerk has contacted the funeral directors on both to arrange with next of kin.

78.7 Request to sign up to Armed Forces Covenant document – KE

As there is a high presence of Armed Forces personnel, families and veterans in Rutland who are connected directly with the forces, the Chair proposed that GPC make a commitment to support their community by signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant. There was unanimous agreement.

063/20 Community Centre

63.1 The Chair gave an update on funding and work on the tennis courts and hall. The funding is complete for the hall and tennis courts. The work is progressing well.

63.2 There will be a Greetham Village Newsletter for September, the minutes of this meeting will be included.

It was suggested by DH and agreed to for a list of residents' email contacts to be gathered, of those who wish to receive parish council information.

63.3 Update on the community playground – the playground is now officially open with conditions which are displayed on notices and banners.

63.4 There has been a complaint escalated to RCC Community Safety Team from a resident whose property backs onto the playground, regarding noise. A detailed discussion followed on the efforts carried out by the Community Centre to mitigate these problems with suggestions to take forward.

63.5 The Gathering will be taking place next Thursday. RCC were consulted and have agreed this can go ahead, providing social distancing is observed. No drinks or food will be on offer.

064/20 Correspondence and Communication

64/1 Covid-19 briefings and conference calls with RCC are ongoing.

64.2 A Letter has been received from Lord Lieutenant of Rutland regarding COVID volunteers to award certificates to volunteers. The list has been compiled and sent back.

64.3 Request from resident for grit bin at Begy Gardens

Grit box for Begy Gardens – RCC Highways have confirmed they will only consider supplying bins on the public highway and adopted roads. GPC are awaiting further clarification from RCC on how/when Begy Gardens will be adopted to progress this request.

64.4 Email from resident regarding overhanging branches at Old Post Office
This is still posing as an issue for a resident who has a mobility scooter. Fig trees are protruding over the footpath and need trimming back, plus branch trimming is needed of branches next to the village green.

64.5 Email from resident in Pond lane regarding duck signage

After discussion, it was felt that there is already sufficient signage in place. It is hoped that the 20 mph speed signs in the village will help alleviate the problem with the casualties of ducks.

64.6 Rutland North Beat Report for July

The report can be found on the Greetham Village website.

065/20 Answers to comments received from the public

Damage caused to tyres on a car swerving off the road by the chicane is covered under Ref: 78.1 "Fix my Street".

The planting of trees at the Lovell site – PH to give a report at the next meeting.

066/20 Reports from outside bodies None

067/20 Items for future agenda

Village rota for cutting grass on village green – KE

Solar operated speed sign – RK

Trees – PH

Response on the Government Planning White Paper – AJ/RK

068/20 Next Meeting

Extraordinary Meeting – Wednesday 26th August at 6pm by Zoom to discuss Planning Application 2020/0818/FUL (which came in after the agenda was issued) and discussion of a Response to the consultation on Rutland Local Plan.

Next full Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm by Zoom

Important village information from the Parish Council

If you would like to be kept abreast of village news such as road closures (especially if you do not regularly visit the village Facebook page), we are setting up a list of e-mail addresses to which such information can be sent.

These e-mails will be infrequent and only contain information about the village.

If you would like to be on the list, please send an e-mail to hodson001@gmail.com with "please add to village e-mail list" in the subject line.

We may already have your e-mail address because you have been asked to be kept up to date with quarry news. We will send out a message to ask whether or not you wish to be included. Just to assure you that the list will not be used for any other purpose and you will be able to “unsubscribe” at any time.

David Hodson
01572 813 902
hodson001@gmail.com

From Greetham Parish Council and Rutland County Council:



Rutland needs us all to maintain social distancing, so that we all continue to remain safe.

Please ensure you have your flu jab this autumn, to avoid a flu epidemic, in addition to the Covid-19 pandemic. Help the NHS to protect you and your community!

Coronavirus-Related Scams - How To Protect Yourself



Criminals are exploiting the COVID-19 pandemic to try and get their hands on your money and personal information. **To date, Action Fraud has received reports from 2,378 victims of Coronavirus-related scams, with the total losses reaching over £7 million.** **How you can protect yourself from Coronavirus-related scams:**

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1 - Watch out for scam messages

Your bank, or other official organisations, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk

2 - Shopping online

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, for example, by checking to see if others have used the site and what their experience was. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, other payment providers may not provide the same protection.

3 - Unsolicited calls and browser pop-ups offering tech support

Never install any software, or grant remote access to your computer, as a result of a cold call. Remember, legitimate organisations would never contact you out of the blue to ask for financial details such as your PIN or full banking password.

NHS Test and Trace scams:

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All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. We would advise people to **type the web address <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> directly into their browser**, followed by the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

The NHS Test and Trace service will never:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
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- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, please report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040. If you live in Scotland, please report directly to Police Scotland by calling 101.

FUTURE EVENTS



Comedy night is now postponed from Nov 2020 to a firm date of 27th March 2021- this in NO joke!

Due to "social distancing" the maximum current numbers in the main Community Centre hall allowed is 60 and with the current acts sourced it is not commercially viable to run this event. Come March 2021 restrictions may have been relaxed, I therefore propose 2 options

Anyone who wants their paid ticket money back contact me on either stephen.calnan@btinternet.com or 01572 813943 and I will arrange a full refund

Anyone who wants their ticket money to be carried forward to March 2021, the first 60 will be guaranteed entry, the remainder will go on a reserve list in the hope by March more people are legally allowed in the hall

Thanks for your patience in this matter, no doubt everyone is going to remember the year of 2020 for sure, regards, Stephen (organiser)

*Many thanks to Frank and Hazel Hinch who have
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16th July*

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What will the new year bring?



The last academic year was unprecedented in so many ways – but we are so proud of our children and how well they handled learning from home.

However, nothing can replace our school family being together – and we are all looking forward to being back to school five days a week from September. Classrooms may look a little different, start and finish times may be altered, and there will be a lot of hand-washing, but we will tackle our journey back to 'normality' together, and look forward to the adventures to be had during 2020-21.

The picture shows one of our youngest children and her poster, designed to be displayed in her window to show that she was part of Exton & Greetham CE Primary School whilst we were 'together, apart'.

This year the school has grown again – and we will be welcoming 70 children back to school on 1st September.

We look forward to sharing some of the amazing things we get up to over the coming months.

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

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk

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