NOTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2015 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NETTLEHAM

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal (Chair), Mrs Sarah Bates (Vice Chair), Tony Melrose, Chris Thatcher, John Taylor, Keith Johnson, Mike Taylor County Councillor Mrs Jackie Brockway

82 – 15/16 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A letter had been received from a resident on Wragby Road East complaining about loud music during the evening of 19th September 2015. A reply had been sent advising that the problem should have been reported to the Police at the time of the incident.

<u>83 – 15/16 APOLOGIES</u> - District Councillors Alexander Bridgwood, Mrs A Welburn, Chris Darcel

84 -15/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

85 – 15/16 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2015

That the notes be accepted as a true record, proposed by Councillor Chris Thatcher, seconded by Councillor A Melrose and Resolved.

86 – 15/16 POLICE MATTERS

Statistics received for September 2015.

NOISE 1 NEIGHBOUR 1 CONCERN FOR SAFETY 1 SUSPICIOUS 2 RTC 1

87 – 15/16 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Mrs Jackie Brockway stated that she had received several letters about the proposed traveller's site. She had written to the leader of the traveller site at Broxholme for views on the proposal and a reply was awaited.

She also reported that the County Council continued to look for savings, with the County Music service having lost all funding.

88 – 15/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Mrs Anne Welburn

Local Plan. Consultation starts on 15th Oct for six weeks. There are various meeting planned around the county but your nearest is at St Peter and St Paul Church Hall, Cherry Willingham from 2pm to 8pm on 6th Nov. Further details on all Local Plan activity can be found http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/central-lincolnshire/local-plan/

The Councillors Initiative Fund closes 1st Feb 2016 and is open for applications until then. All your West Lindsey Councillors have up to £2000 to spend on Local Project. On average most awards made are between £100 and £500.

Funding can be used for a wide range of projects and activity including but not limited to:

- Community events such as street parties, a big lunch or litter picking days
- Setting up a new community activity such as a gardening club or residents group
- Undertake small improvements to community assets such as painting a community room, buying equipment for a village hall or purchasing planters to improve the street scene

Full details of this and other grants schemes are available on the West Lindsey web site.

http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/your-council/your-councillors/local-councillor-initiative-fund/

For information: The Council is looking at a Car Parking Strategy for the District which will affect car parks in Gainsborough and Market Rasen.

89 – 15/16 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

A) Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates reported that from the 400 copies of the survey distributed twice to homes in Greetwell the response had been as follows:-

There were 8 replies, approximately a 2% response rate.

- 7 thought Greetwell should have a Neighbourhood Plan
- 1 didn't know
- 5 wanted to be involved
- 1 didn't
- 1 didn't know
- 1 didn't indicate
- 1 person offered analysing information, artistic skills and local knowledge
- 1 person offered enthusiasm
- 1 person offered distribution and enthusiasm
- 1 person offered committee skills and IT skills
- 1 person offered distribution, IT skills and enthusiasm
- 1 person offered analysing information, committee skills, organising events, planning legislation and policy, project management and publicity
- 1 person offered artistic skills, committee skills, IT skills, publicity and enthusiasm

Taking into consideration the above response members **Resolved** unanimously that Greetwell not produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

Prize Draw – All returned surveys were put into a prize draw and the survey drawn being that of Mrs Sharon Leach, Westfield Drive. Mrs Leach would be sent a £20 Tesco voucher.

- B) Office Equipment The Clerk reported on the granting of £545.00 from the three District Councillors for the purchase of a laptop, printer/warranty, software, cartridges and memory stick for which she had extended thanks. It was noted that the email address for the Parish Council was now <u>Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com</u>
- **C)** Notice boards Cllr Taylor had carried out some maintenance to the notice board in the bus shelter and recommended that a new lock be purchased from the manufacturer. The Clerk would order this. Cllr Taylor offered to fit it.

- **D)** Request by local business to advertise locally in notice board Following a request from a resident to display a commercial notice in the notice boards, it was felt by member that the service offered may be of benefit to residents therefore the request was granted. Proposed by Councillor John Taylor, seconded by Councillor Tony Melrose.
- E) Redundant telegraph poles on Westfield Drive Councillor Mike Taylor had taken this up with BT. Whilst currently not being able to remove the wires BT had stated that it may be possible at some time in the future. Cllr Taylor stated that he would continue to pursue the matter.
- F) Get Together held on 9th September 2015 Reported that it had been a disappointing attendance with only 31 persons attending, which included 3 District Councillors and 4 Parish Councillors. The cheques for funds made at the Open Gardens Event had been handed over to representatives of the LEBBS and Lincs and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.
- **G)** Litter Pick 11th October 2015 3 Parish Councillors, 2 District Councillors and 2 residents had attended the litter pick resulting in 12 bags being collected.

Agreed that the next litter pick be in April 2016.

H) Dog bins – It was noted that the dog bin had been replaced on Wragby Road East, near to Stone Cottages.

Following a request for a dog bin on Lawley Close, it had not been possible by WLDC to find a suitable site for the bin.

I) Ragwort – The Clerk was asked to report to LCC Highways an area of Ragwort growing on the A158 near to the Nettleham turning.

90 – 15/16 FOOTPATHS REQUIRING MAINTENANCE

Reports had been made from residents about the poor condition of the footway between Wragby Road and the corner of Westfield Drive, both sides. Agreed that the LCC Highways be asked to include this area in their maintenance programme.

91 – 15/16 THE CHASE PLAY AREA – ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

The report had revealed some maintenance required on the play equipment. As the Play Equipment Inspector was currently unable to undertake any maintenance duties the Clerk was instructed to obtain a quotation for the works required from the manufacturers. Proposed by Councillor John Taylor, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher and Resolved.

92 <u>– 15/16 FINANCE</u>

A) Accounts paid since last meeting:-

Mach Restaurant – Get Together - £120.00
Mrs C Myers – Reimbursement for purchase of laptop computer - £399.99
Mrs C Myers – Reimbursement of purchase of 4 toner cartridges – cost to be shared with Sudbrooke Parish Council - £59.96
Mrs C Myers – Reimbursement for purchase of 3 year warranty for Printer - £24.99

B) Accounts for payment:-

D Stockley – setup and configuration of laptop computer, purchase and installation of Office 2013 - £85.00
Glendale Countryside – grass cutting - £34.76
Mrs C Myers – expenses - £38.10
Playsafety – Annual Inspection Report of play equipment - £81.60
Mrs R Seal – plants for tubs - £45.93
Nettleham Parish Council – hire of room for meeting- £7.50
Mrs R Seal – mileage to service notice boards during Clerks sickness - £8.10
Mrs S Bates – purchase of gift card for survey prize draw - £20.00

Proposed by Councillor Chris Thatcher, Seconded by Councillor John Taylor and **Resolved** that the payments as presented are approved and can be paid if not already done so.

- **C) Income:-** Entry monies for Get Together £31.00 Bring and Buy at Get Together - £13.50
- **D)** Budget v spent monies The Clerk had issued the quarterly budget against spend monies to all Councillors which was accepted.
- E) Bank Reconciliation The Clerk stated that as the September Bank Statement was still awaited from the bank the quarterly Bank Reconciliation to 30th September 2015 would be prepared for the next meeting of the Council.

<u>93 – 15/16 PLANNING - DRAFT CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE PLAN</u>

Proposed Travellers site, Wragby Road East – Extreme concern had arisen in the parish due to the proposal in the draft central Lincolnshire Plan of a Travellers site on land opposite the junction of Westfield Drive, just off the A158.

The Chair and Councillors Mrs Sarah Bates, John Taylor and Chris Thatcher had met with Nettleham Parish Council who were opposing the suggestion.

It was felt that all residents be notified through a newsletter, urging them to write/email with objections/comments and highlighting the date of the Consultation at Cherry Willingham on 6th November 2015.

That the Parish Council object to the proposal and that Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal and Chris Thatcher formulate comments on behalf of the Parish Council proposed by Councillor Chris Thatcher, seconded by Councillor Tony Melrose.

94 – 15/16 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

A query was made as to why an area of verge on Wragby Road had been taped off. It was thought that the area may have been treated for Japanese Hogweed. The Clerk was asked to enquire with LCC Highways.

95 – 15/16 NEXT MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 9th November 2015, Small Hall, Old School, Nettleham, 7.30pm.

<u>96 – 15/16 TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS STAFFING</u> MATTERS

Not necessary as no public present, but written as Confidential minute.

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE

<u>96 – 15/16 STAFF MATTERS</u>

Mrs Christine Myers, Clerk – Mrs Myers had had a period of sickness from 7th September to 18th September as an inpatient and produced a medical certificate for that period.

A further medical certificate had been issued on 16/9/15 for 1 week.

Medical Certificates issued on 25/9/15 for 1 week and 2/10/15 for 1 week had stated to 'work from home only'.

Mr Peter Malone – Mr Malone had produced a medical certificate to cover the period 6/9/15 - 31/12/15 to work on amended duties.

Members unanimously agreed that Mr Malone continue in his capacity visually inspecting the play equipment.

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