# NOTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, MULSANNE PARK, NETTLEHAM

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal (Chair), Chris Thatcher, Tony Melrose,
Mrs Sarah Bates, Keith Johnson, David Hennell, John Taylor
County Councillor Mrs Jackie Brockway, Clerk Mrs Christine Myers

81 APOLOGIES: District Councillors Malcolm Leaning and Giles McNeill

82 PARISHIONERS ITEMS - None

83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None received.

#### **84 POLICE MATTERS**

- 07/12/14 A garden shed was broken into overnight and a mower stolen
- 18/12/14- A garden pot was stolen overnight from a front garden on Westfield Approach.
- 04/01/15 There was a collision between a lorry and car on Wragby Road East only minor injuries were sustained.

# **85 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

CC Mrs Jackie Brockway reported on the following:-

- That County Council was encouraging community resilience links with neighbours and members of the community, similar to Greetwells endeavours.
- That she was questioning the excessive LCC school transport budget
- That WLDC were experiencing severe staffing problems within the Planning Department.

CC Mrs Brockway also suggested the effectiveness of having a Neighbourhood Plan in place and encouraged Greetwell Parish Council to proceed with one.

#### **86 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

- **A) Highway Matters** The poor condition of the footpath on the main road just past Veolia was noted. The Clerk would report this to Highways.
- **B)** Community Speed watch Proposed that this be an agenda item for the next meeting by Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates, seconded by Councillor John Taylor.
- C) 'Welcome to Greetwell Pack The Chair produced a suggested letter for delivering to new residents in the parish of Greetwell, along with the latest 'Greetwell News'.

Proposed by Councillor Chris Thatcher, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates and resolved that the letter be used as above.

**D)** Training Events by LALC 2015/consideration of subscription to Training Scheme – A list of all training events had been supplied to each Councillor.

Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal and the Clerk requested attendance on the Finance/Audit/VAT Seminar on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Coningsby.

Councillors Mrs Sarah Bates and Rosemary Seal requested attendance at Market Rasen on the Planning/Neighbourhood Planning course on 11th February 2015.

Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates offered to attend the Election Strategy/Raising the Councils Community Profile course to be held at Ruskington on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Melrose, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher that members and the Clerk attend the above training as stated.

If Council agreed to join the training scheme for the next year the Clerk stated that she would be interested in attending IT training at Dunholme on 16<sup>th</sup> April; Effective Council Management at Dunholme on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and New Councillor training at Welbourn on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

(Noted that the Council were currently members of the scheme until end March 2015).

The cost of training scheme from April 2015 – March 2016 would be £75.00.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs R Seal, seconded by Councillor Tony Melrose and resolved that the Council join the LALC Training Scheme.

#### **87 SUGGESTIONS OF NEW INITIATIVES**

The Chair asked members to give some thought for suggestions for speakers for the Get Togethers, the next one scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**Open Gardens** – Several residents had offered their gardens for viewing on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015, times being 11am – 4.00pm. A suggestion was made that two large vinyl advertising banners could be purchased for displaying on Wragby Road East. The Clerk would obtain prices.

**History of Greetwell** – The Chair stated she was seeking information with a view to compiling a 'History of Greetwell'. Any information would be welcomed.

## 88 PARISH WEBSITE - SUGGESTIONS OF ITEMS FOR INCLUSION

Councillor John Taylor proposed, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal that items for inclusion be Code of Conduct for Councillors, Council's Complaints Procedure and new Standing Orders.

## **89 FINANCE**

**A) Invitation to Subscribe to Age UK** – Proposed by Councillors Mrs Sarah Bates, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher and Resolved that the Council do not subscribe to this organisation.

- **B)** Grant application to Igas The Clerk had submitted a grant application for £300 to Igas for the cost of printing of newsletters for the forthcoming financial year. Decisions on the awards would be made during March 2015.
- **C)** Internal Audit of Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 The Internal Auditor had reported to the Chair that the accounts had been kept to a high standard.
- D) Accounts for payment Mrs B Solly Internal Audit £30.00

Nettleham Parish Council – balance for longer hire of hall 10.11.2014 £3.75

Mrs C Myers – expenses - £61.78

Nettleham Parish Council - room hire 12.1.2015 - £9.00

Proposed by Councillor Chris Thatcher, seconded by Councillor John Taylor and **Resolved** that the accounts as presented be paid if not already done so.

**E)** Letter of thanks – St Barnabas Hospice for donation of £46.40 from Bring and Buy Sales at Get Togethers.

#### 90 PLANNING

**A) Application** 132234 – Land to rear of 12 Westfield Avenue – outline application for two dwellings –access to be considered and not reserved for subsequent applications – Plans had been circulated and comments made as follows:-

Greetwell Parish Council has viewed the application and apart from an observation that increase in traffic on Westfield Avenue must be considered there are no objections.

- B) Refusal 54 Wragby Road East 132123 outline application for one dwelling
- C) Permission Wragby Road Service Station raise existing forecourt 132153

#### 91 REVISED MODEL STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had circulated copies of new Standing Orders adopted by Sudbrooke Parish Council, for consideration of similar adoption by Greetwell Parish Council.

Save for one amendment – maximum length of time of meeting to be changed from 3 hours to 2 hours it was proposed by Councillor David Hennell, seconded by Councillor John Taylor and resolved that the Standing Orders be adopted.

## **92 ELECTIONS 2015**

The Clerk had obtained some information in that the Cabinet Office together with the Electoral Commission have agreed that WLDC should take steps to maximise the number of people included on the electoral registers ahead of the May 2015 polls and letters will be delivered to all households during late January.

Nomination papers for the elections would be available at the end of February.

The Clerk was asked to publicise the forthcoming elections in the notice boards and the next edition of the newsletter.

# 93 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

The Chair raised the suggestion of making a small charge of possibly £1 per person at forthcoming Get Togethers. Councillors were asked to give this some thought and it would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

94 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 9th February 2015 - Old School, Nettleham, 7.30pm.

# 95 TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS STAFFING MATTERS

Agreed unanimously. Separate report attached.