

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, MILL HILL, NETTLEHAM

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal (Chair), Mrs Sarah Bates (Vice Chair), John Taylor, Keith Johnson, Chris Thatcher, Tony Melrose, Mike Taylor
District Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn, Chris Darcel, Alexander Bridgwood
3 residents

123 – 15/16 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

Enquiries were made for an update on a decision on the Eastern Bypass. It was reported this was still awaited but that LCC had commissioned a railway bridge at Washingborough at a cost of £10m.

A written enquiry had also been received regarding an update on the traveller's site at North Greetwell and the Clerk had referred the correspondent to District councillor Mrs Anne Welburn for further information.

124 -15/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None.

125 – 15/16 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
– None declared.

126 – 15/16 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2015

That the notes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting proposed by Councillor Chris Thatcher, seconded by Councillor Tony Melrose and **Resolved.**

127 - 15/16 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT - None received.

128 – 15/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Report received from District Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn as follows:-

‘Proposed changes to parish precepts - For many years the Council has had a policy of providing a contribution to parish/town council precepts. Currently this is that the Council will meet the first £100 of any parish/town precept and thereafter half of the rest of the precept up to a maximum of £2 per adult on the electoral register at the appropriate time.

The policy on a general contribution originated at a time when parish council precepts counted as District Council expenditure for the purpose of calculating government grant and it was seen as a way of "paying" parishes their "share" of the grant.

Government grant is not now calculated in the way it was, and any expenditure over and above a Council's SSA not met by Government grant and share of the business rate pool falls directly on the council taxpayer. A weakness of the policy is also that it masks the accountability of parish councils and their net expenditure. West Lindsey is looking to stop this payment which will not mean an increase to the residents as the sum involved can be precepted in the normal way but will mean a saving on administration fees.

This will be discussed at Council in the coming months and a decision made in time for Parish Councils to adjust their precept to ensure a smooth transition. I will pass on details of the amount it affects each parish as soon as possible.

Neighbourhood Plans - The first two Neighbourhood Development Plans have been adopted in West Lindsey on Thursday (28 January).

In Nettleham the plan was overwhelmingly supported with 41.25 per cent of the electorate voting and an impressive 91.08 per cent giving their support for the plan. The Caistor Neighbourhood Plan, albeit a lower turn out, also gained strong support with 74 per cent of all votes cast in favour of the plan.

Community Awards - Nominations are now open for West Lindsey's 2016 Community Awards which aim to give special recognition to our local unsung heroes. Entries are open until Friday 25 March. To put forward a nomination please fill in the form available at www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/chairman.

The categories are: • District Champions - Citizen of the Year 2016 • Parish/Town Council of the Year 2016 • Parish/Town Councillor of the Year 2016 • Volunteer of the Year 2016 • Community Group of the Year.

Report from District Councillor Chris Darcel:-

DC Darcel reported that The Central Lincs Planning Committee have proposed a number of potential changes to the draft Local Plan following the previous public consultation, including the removal of the Traveller site at North Greetwell. However this was not confirmed yet and a final version of the draft Plan will be agreed at its meeting on 14 March 2016. Final public consultation is then scheduled for April - May.

129 – 15/16 POLICE MATTERS

Statistics for Greetwell January 2016

ASB	
MALICIOUS COMMS	1
VEHICLE	1
BURGLARY:	
THEFT	1
CONCERN FOR SAFETY	3
SUSPICIOUS	1
TRANSPORT	
HAZARD	1
Total	8

130 – 15/16 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a) **Redundant electricity poles, Westfield Drive** (*not telegraph poles as referred to in agenda*) – Three poles had been removed by BT and works completed. A letter of thanks had been sent to BT acknowledging the efforts of the Engineers.

b) **Repairs to play Equipment – The Chase** – The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with SMP to expedite the maintenance work required to the play area. However both SMP and the Play Equipment Inspector had confirmed the play equipment was safe to use in the interim.

131 – 15/16 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT GET TOGETHER

Locations for future Get Togethers were discussed to enable the events to be more cost effective. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a cost for the hiring of Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall. Those Councillors attending the Get Together offered to give lifts to residents without transport.

Proposed, seconded and Resolved that if the booking fee is considerably less than previously paid at Mach then the Hall be booked for a Get Together in April.

132 -15/16 EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Chair and Vice Chair gave a report on the Seminar on Emergency Planning which they had recently attended and outlined benefits of having a plan. All Councillors were issued with a copy of a draft emergency plan and a Resource Directory. The Emergency Planning Officer had offered to attend a future meeting of the Council to discuss with members.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal, seconded by Councillor Sarah Bates and **Resolved** that the Emergency Planning Officer be invited to attend a future meeting of the Council to discuss the possibility of formulating an Emergency Plan for Greetwell. Clerk to arrange.

133 – 15/16 OPEN GARDENS EVENT 2016

Members felt it was appropriate that this event be held bi-annually.

A vote was taken – For a biennial Open Gardens Event = 6 Abstention = 1 Therefore **Resolved**.

It was however suggested that a Coffee Morning/Produce Show could be held this year. Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates offered the use of her garden. Further details would need to be addressed, i.e. hiring of gazebo, portaloos, insurance.

Councillors Mike Taylor and Tony Melrose offered assistance for organising the event.

This would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Council.

134 – 15/16 GREETWELL NEWS – NEXT ISSUE

The next issue would be prepared for end Feb/beginning of March. All members, District and County Councillors were invited to submit items for the magazine.

135 – 15/16 LITTER PICK

Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates offered to arrange the next Litter Pick. Unanimously **Resolved** that the next Litter Pick be held on Saturday 9th April 2016 commencing at 9.30am.

136 – 15/16 SUGGESTION OF PARISH COUNCIL ‘SURGERIES’

Members felt that this would be a good opportunity for residents to discuss any parish matters they might like to bring to the attention of members. Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal offered to hold a ‘Surgery’ at her home as an initial trial. Councillors Mrs Sarah Bates, Tony Melrose and Mike Taylor agreed to be in attendance.

That the first ‘Surgery’ be held on Saturday 19th March between 10.00 am and 11.00am at 70A Westfield Drive Proposed by Councillor Tony Melrose, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates and **Resolved**.

137 – 15/16 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR THE 2016 SEASON – THE CHASE

Two quotations were received for the cutting in the sums of (a) £412.26 and (b) £455.00.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillors Chris Thatcher, seconded by Councillor John Taylor and **Resolved** that the contract be awarded to Continental Landscapes at a cost of £455.00.

138 – 15/16 FINANCE

a) Accounts for payment

Nettleham Parish Council – Room hire - £7.50
Mrs C Myers – Clerk’s expenses Dec/Jan - £11.61

b) Income

HMRC - VAT Refund - £151.36

c) Budget update to 31 January 2016 – The spend to date was provided under each Budget heading.

d) Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Accounts to 31.1.2016 - A statement of accounts and bank reconciliation to date was presented by the Clerk and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that this be approved.

e) Approval for purchase of updated Good Councillors Guide - Proposed by Councillor Chris Thatcher, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates and Resolved that the approval be given for the purchase of the Good Councillors Guides.

139 – 15/16 PLANNING

a) Training sessions for Councillors to be held at Guildhall, Gainsborough – All members were issued with a programme of training sessions and asked to inform the Clerk if they required to be booked on any.

c) Planning application 133921 – 129 Hawthorne Chase, Lincoln – extensions to create utility room and play area – All Councillors having viewed the plans commented ‘No objections’.

d) Permissions

- i) Land to the rear of 12 Westfield Avenue – 133603 – Erect two dwellings and garages
- ii) The Annexe, 76 Westfield Drive – 133579 - extension

140 – 15/16 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

The Chair drew attention to an extract from the notes of the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee meeting on January 18th 2016.

‘Following significant work to identify potential sites for Gypsy and Traveller provision, the Further Draft version of the Local Plan had been published for consultation with the inclusion of six sites (with a total capacity of between 47 and 53 pitches). The Local Plans Manager advised that it had become quickly apparent during the October-November 2015 consultation that the six sites put forward in the emerging Local Plan were an area of considerable public concern, generating the highest level of representations almost as soon as the consultation started. The site in Greetwell and the two sites in Marton had been particularly objected to. Representations received on the Local Plan during Oct-Nov 2015 had now been considered, as well as further assessment work undertaken for each of the sites currently identified. This work had identified that on some of the sites there were major constraints that could lead to the site being deemed unsuitable for an allocation.

It was now proposed to delete CL1388: land off A158 North Greetwell from the local plan.’

The Chair emphasised that this had yet to be confirmed at the meeting of the Committee on 14th March 2016.

141 – 15/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th March 2016, Small Hall, Old School, Mill Hill, Nettleham commencing at 7.30pm.

142 – 15/16 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – STAFFING MATTERS

This item was discussed under a confidential minute.

