

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2015 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NETTLEHAM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal (Chair), Mrs Sarah Bates (Vice Chair),  
Chris Thatcher, Mike Taylor, Keith Johnson, John Taylor  
13 parishioners

**65 – 15/16 PARISHIONERS ITEMS**

Chair asked if parishioners present had come to find out about the proposed travellers' site in North Greetwell. Having ascertained that was correct Chair explained that they were not allowed to interrupt or comment on the items on the agenda, but that when Council came to Item 16 she would suspend Standing Orders and allow free discussion.

Chair also explained unavoidable absence of the Clerk to the Parish Council and further explained that minutes would be taken by Vice Chair.

**66 15/16 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Tony Melrose.

County Councillor Jackie Brockway, District Councillor Mrs. Anne Welburn and District Councillor Chris Darcel.

**67 – 15/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None were declared

**68 – NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> July 2015**

That the notes be signed as a correct record proposed by Councillor John Taylor, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher

**69 – 15/16 POLICE MATTERS**

Statistics relating to incidents in Greetwell in July and August had been received. These were only bare statistics and Councillor John Taylor asked if Council could find out from the PCSO whether any of the incidents were connected to the 'halfway house'.

**70 – 15/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

None received. It was noted that there was a full WLDC Council meeting tonight.

**71 – 15/16 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Report from DC Mrs Anne Welburn** - Devolution has become a major priority for West Lindsey District Council and we are working with the other seven districts and LCC to submit a bid to have devolved powers and financial control to local level.

**The local plan** - The published agenda for the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> September can be found: [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/CLJSPC-7september](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/CLJSPC-7september)

## 72 –15/16 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a) **Review of Open Gardens event** – there have been several suggestions made to make the Event even better, including: the advertising banner could be more prominently sited, only 1 or 2 houses to provide refreshments, directional signs on Wragby Road East and should the Event be held every other year. To be discussed nearer the time for 2016.
- b) **Neighbourhood Plan** – 3 further questionnaires have been returned. At the Get Together on Wednesday there would be further questionnaires put on the tables.
- c) **Office Equipment** - £545.00 received from District Councillors Initiative Fund to pay for a lap top/printer/software and set up. Clerk has purchased the printer and the lap top is on order. Meeting expressed grateful thanks to District Councillors for their generous support.
- d) **Flower tub, Wragby Road East (Eastern end)** – Councillor Mike Taylor has constructed the new planter and will arrange with Councillor John Taylor to site it. The existing round planter will be moved to the corner near the notice board and seating. Chair proposed purchase of more compost for the new bin. Councillor Mike Taylor said he would approach a local farmer to see if he was able to provide any top soil for the new planter.
- e) **Report of meeting with Highways Officers re concerns over road safety/speeding on the corners at each end of Westfield Drive** – Members of the Council had met with Officers from Highways to discuss possible solutions to this problem. A reply had been received from Alan Brown listing possible solutions. Implementing a traffic regulation would depend on enforcement and residents would object to double yellow lines. Traffic calming measures such as ‘speed cushions’ were rejected because of the impact on residents with vehicles stopping and then accelerating. The third suggestion was for SLOW signs to be painted on the road at each end but that would involve putting warning notices on lamp posts etc. Highways officer felt that the £1000 that this would cost was not a good use of a limited budget. The idea of asking the householder with a very high hedge, which restricted vision, to lower the hedge was also rejected as there are no statutory powers to ask this and the hedge has been grown to provide privacy. No satisfactory solution has been found to this problem, but Councillors agreed that having SLOW painted on the surface would be the best way forward.
- f) **Notice boards** – a report has been received by the Clerk that WD40 has been applied to the locks on the notice boards and this has helped on three of them. The remaining one in the bus shelter on Wragby Road has stuck fast. Glasdon will not come out to service them. Councillor John Taylor to take a look to see if he can fix the problem.
- g) **Deceleration Lane to Kennel Lane on A158** – it was reported that the problem of the road markings which had been brought to attention of the Council had now been put right.
- h) **Replacement dog bin A158** – has not been replaced yet. This was promised for April. Clerk to chase this.
- i) **Redundant telegraph poles** – a reply from BT has been received. They will not re-route wiring and say the poles are safety checked when they come out to repairs. Chair passed the paperwork for this item to Mike Taylor who will follow up.
- j) **Dog fouling** – Chair and a resident have put up some notices on telegraph poles. Chair feels that there has been some improvement, especially near the notice board. A resident in Lawley Close has requested a dog bin in that area. Meeting agreed to ask the Clerk to request this of WLDC.

### **73 – 15/16 GET TOGETHER 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

There will be representatives from both charities to receive the cheques and hopefully give a short talk about their organisations. Unfortunately there will be a shortage of helpers on the day. Chair will give a lift to a lady who has asked to attend. There will be bring and buy, bingo and a quiz if necessary. It is anticipated that there may be a larger attendance than normal due to residents wanting to find out about the proposed travellers' site.

### **74 – 15/16 LITTER PICK 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2015**

Vice Chair explained that as the numbers had been getting less and less on the normal Saturday she would try a Sunday this time to see if there were more volunteers.

### **75 – 15/16 SPEEDING TRAFFIC WRAGBY ROAD EAST**

Chair reported that the resident who had raised this had now put his house up for sale. It was suggested that the increasing volume of traffic on the A158 was now providing its own traffic calming.

### **76 – 15/16 EVENTS AND CONSULTATIONS**

Chair and Councillor Mike Taylor attended a budget consultation meeting where WLDC sought views of residents as to how the budget should be spent. It was announced that WLDC was debt free but that next year there was a need to save a further > £980,000 next year and twice that figure the year after. It was pointed out that just the National Insurance changes in the Chancellor's last budget would cost an additional >£100,000 per annum. There will be further consultation meetings at Caistor and Gainsborough.

Chair reminded Councillors about available training and asked them to book in for training via the Clerk.

### **77 – 15/16 SIGNAGE AT THE PLAY AREA**

In hand.

### **78 –15/16 FINANCE**

#### **a) Accounts paid:-**

Glendale Countryside – grass cutting 5/6 and 3/7 - £69.53

Glendale Countryside – grass cutting week ending 31/7 - £34.76

Information Commissioner – registration - £35.00

Mrs C Myers – raffle prizes and refreshments purchased for Get Together 9/9 - £15.59

#### **b) Accounts for payment:-**

Glendale Countryside – grass cutting W/E 14/8 - £34.76

Nettleham Parish Council – hire of hall - £7.50

Mrs C Myers – expenses - £22.67

Lonsdale Direct Solutions - £48.50

Mrs C Myers – Raffle prizes (Get Together) - £2.00

Mrs C Myers - Printer/Scandisk -£98.98

- c) **Income** - Interest on The Chase Account - £319.69.  
£20,595.44 reinvested in a Business Fixed Rate Deposit Account with Co-operative Bank to mature 12/08/2016 (expenditure for 2014/15 transferred to N & P account).
- d) **Conclusion to external audit** – Chair checked that all Councillors had received copies of the Conclusion of Audit documents and was delighted to report that everything was in order. These had been signed off by the External Auditor and Conclusion Notices displayed. No fee was payable for the audit.

## **79 – 15/16 PLANNING**

**a) Proposed development – land off St Augustine’s Road** - Chair has asked about the new plans for the land off St Augustine’s Rd. In precis, no newts had been found, an archaeological survey to take place when fields cut, developing a travel plan. A new plan will be available soon.

Comments made by Councillors and forwarded to WLDC under delegated powers of the Clerk as follows:-

‘Whilst the majority of members have no comments on the application a member has stated that there will be a considerable amount of increased traffic into the existing Carlton and Hawthorn area, culminating in bottle necks at the Bunkers Hill and the Outer Circle junctions. It is suggested a delay in development until a more detailed infrastructure is designed to accommodate increase in traffic.’

**b) Proposed Travellers site for North Greetwell** - At this point Chair suspended Standing Orders so the residents could contribute to discussion around the Draft Central Lincolnshire Local Plan and the possible inclusion of a travellers’ site on the A158. Chair read out emails from various parties – a reply to an email from District Councillor Mrs Welburn from a District Councillor from another Ward who explained the site was opposite the premises of Glendale and that he would be speaking against the site on the grounds of the proximity to residential development with access onto busy A158. Another email from District Councillor Mrs Welburn states that she has spoken to the Chair of the CLJPU and he was under the impression that WLDC had already fulfilled their quota for G & Traveller sites. Further, Mrs Welburn stated that this would put too great a strain on already under pressure surgeries and schools. An email from District Councillor Chris Darcel stated that the site at Greetwell would be close to bus routes which planners would think a plus point. Chair stated that she was trying to find out more information, but it was unfortunate that the County and District councillors were not present here.

The residents were all in agreement that the site was too close to the main road and would therefore be unsafe. Councillor John Taylor explained a little about the history of the site – the owner had put in several planning applications over the years for various uses and on each occasion had been turned down due to the access problem. Chair emphasised that this was a draft plan at the moment and that there would be dates of public consultations announced. Agreed to try to find out who actually owns the land. One resident stressed that there were no facilities and no amenities. Residents were anxious to make sure that all residents were aware of the plans as the people present, including Councillors, had only found out by accident about this plan from seeing something on The Lincolnite website. Chair said that she would prepare a leaflet to go out to all residents and one resident offered his help in delivering them. One resident asked if this was to be a transient site or a permanent site. Nothing further is known at present.

Residents said they had been urged not to start a petition but to each send in individual letters if they had objections as they would carry more weight than a petition.

It was agreed by all Councillors to request the Clerk if she could write to WLDC for more information and to express the Parish Council's disappointment that no information had been given prior to the plan being made available, also expressing residents' concerns.

Chair further said that the next Newsletter would concentrate on making sure that all residents were aware what was happening and would include an address to send any comments to. Further suggestions included informing Nettleham PC as this would impact on them also and to perhaps approach Marton PC who have also been named in the plans for a site on the A156, also a very busy road.

To summarise: the objections to this site centre on it being too close to the main road with the obvious access/traffic safety concerns, too close to residential development and there being no facilities and no amenities.

A leaflet drop to be organised ASAP to all residents.

At this point Chair stated that she would be continuing to request further information but thanked the residents for their attendance and for their comments as well as their patience in sitting through the agenda and said that they didn't have to stay for the rest of the meeting!

**c) Planning applications:-**

133294 – 25 Stocking Way – Single storey extension and alterations to existing garage – No objections from Parish Councillors.

**d) Permissions:-**

132361 – 88 Wragby Road East – extension

132424 – Land to rear of 10 Westfield Avenue – 2 bungalows.

**80 – 15/16 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chair spoke about the impracticalities of trying to deliver newsletters to the Hawthorn Road area of the Parish as there was never any feedback from there and nobody from the area had come forward to help with delivery. It was agreed that the best way to keep that area was informed was by continuing to post items on the notice boards and on the website.

**81 – 15/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Next meeting will be 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 7.30pm, Old School, Nettleham.**