

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2016 IN THE SMALL HALL, OLD SCHOOL,
MILL HILL, NETTLEHAM**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal (Chair), Mrs Sarah Bates (Vice Chair),
Chris Thatcher, Tony Melrose, John Taylor, Keith Johnson
District Councillor Chris Darcel, Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk)

70 – 16/17 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

The Chair reported that a resident had fallen on the footpath along Westfield Drive, allegedly due to the poor surface of the footpath. The Chair had photographed the area and it appeared in particularly poor condition. Resolved unanimously that the matter be referred to LCC Highways, with the photographs requesting that the path be repaired.

71 – 16/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mike Taylor, County Councillor Mrs Jackie Brockway, District Councillors Maureen Palmer and Anne Welburn

Resolved unanimously that the reasons given for non-attendance be accepted.

72 – 16/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - None declared

73 – 16/17 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2016 FOR APPROVAL AND TO BE SIGNED AS MINUTES

Amendment – Present – delete Councillor Chris Thatcher.

Subject to the above amendment proposed by Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal and Resolved that they be signed as minutes.

74 – 16/17 POLICE MATTERS

Statistics for October for Greetwell parish

TRANSPORT	
HAZARD	1
RTC	1
TRAFFIC OFFENCE	0
Total	2

Lincs Alert – Email received from PCSO Ross Payne inviting members to sign up to Lincs Alert on <https://www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk>

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75 – 16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – None received.

76 – 16/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The following had been sent by District Councillors M Palmer and A Welburn:-

‘Devolution

The results are in: Eight of the ten Councils in Greater Lincolnshire supported the proposals and the deadline date for the offer to be accepted is 21st Nov 2016. Negotiation are still ongoing. 59.3% of respondents supported the pursuit of extra powers and funding, 73.1% said that the ten Councils should be looking to work together to prioritise and deliver economic growth, infrastructure and housing across the area and 77.2% stated that we should be pursuing further funding as a priority for Greater Lincolnshire. Most people are against the idea of a mayor but those in WL were marginally accepting if it meant devolution taking place.

WL has launched a **Community Defibrillator Scheme** in conjunction with lives, I know some PCs have already installed one in their communities but that does not stop you applying for a 2nd especially if you are a large village or have local hot spots.

Further details and copies of the Guidance Notes and Application Form.

www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/defib Each appliance will be part funded by WL but the rest - £300 will need to be raised locally from local fundraising, donations or grant funding. The first tranche may be oversubscribed but the scheme will be repeated.

Report from Highways.

Eastern Bypass. At the preferred bidder stage; road will start June/July next year and open by December 2019. The cost is estimated to be more than £100M. Issues regarding bridge construction etc. have finally been agreed with Network Rail. *A15 Duelling.* Estimated cost £400M. It was felt that some benefit could be achieved without spending this amount, i.e. greater separate junctions (flow-overs and under-passes) at pinch points. *Bottle necks on the bye-pass.* To see where a small amount of investment can make a difference, such as flow at roundabouts.

Police - I have two presentations, 1. Shared service across the East Midlands and 2 Blue Light Collaboration, I have permission to share if you are interested please ask.’

District Councillor Chris Darcel – reported that he was endeavouring to ensure that more information was available from the Police statistics issued to Parish Councils.

77 – 16/17 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a) **Request to LCC Highways for crossing over A158** – A letter from Edward Leigh MP confirmed that the Council had his full support for a crossing.

Councillor John Taylor had met with Graeme Butler of LCC Highways on 3rd November 2016 and reported as follows:-

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Discussed - Pedestrian Survey, this will determine if crossing is viable, funding 100% or shared cost

Options

Refuge, road width limits this option

Crossing, looked at 2 possible sites

1, **west end** on footpath spur, cannot be further on because of verge width and ditch

2, **east end**, limited by gas valve but good gap between opposite drives

Conclusion

Graeme Butler will organise a pedestrian survey and get the traffic team to qualify suitable sites for a crossing

Funding issues can be discussed once we receive his report

No timings as to when we will hear, wait until January and then pursue.

- b) Corner of Westfield Drive/Westfield Approach – reply from LCC Highways –** Received 18th October 2016 – Following the Parish Council’s request for signage and road markings on this corner LCC Highways had stated that having sought advice from the signing and lining team they advised against their implementation, stating that to implement would set a precedence for other such requests at a time when they were actively trying to reduce unnecessary signing.

With regard to the height of the hedge on the corner it was stated that LCC Highways Authority had no jurisdiction to require that a hedge is reduced in height and suggested that an approach from the Parish Council to the property owner may be the best approach.

Resolved unanimously that a polite letter be sent to the property owner asking if they would consider reducing the height of the hedge so that vehicles would be able to see around the corner.

- c) BT Consultation on removal of payphones –** Letter received indicating that several phone kiosks would be removed due to little or no usage. It was noted however that the kiosk on Wragby Road East did not appear to be listed for removal. **Resolved** that the Parish Council make no comment.

d) Get Togethers:-

Wednesday 30th November 2016 – Speaker Mr Marc Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner. Hall booked.

The Clericus Fabricae of Lincoln Cathedral had agreed to talk about her work at the Get Together arranged for 9th August 2017.

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e) Correspondence received and circulated to Councillors for information:-

- Came and Co Autumn newsletter
- Notice of CPRE AGM 18/10 received 12/10
- Letter from West Yorkshire Pension Fund with contact details of local Officers
- Email from Joeshedgrounds requesting to tender for grounds maintenance
- Update from Cllr Richard Davies re the Lincoln bypass – included in Newsletter
- Community Lincs news bulletin
- NHS Immunisation and Screening Survey
- Road Closures/restrictions – Lincoln Christmas Market weekend
- Sharing Parish Council communications with County Councillors
- Lincolnshire Pension Fund Triennial Valuation – Employer surgery, 24th and 25th November 2016
- Offer of free trees for communities from West Lindsey Conservation Volunteers
- Letter of thanks from Mr A Jessop (Musician at Produce Show)
- Suggested letter to send to MP's re possible Council tax referendums
- Notice of IGas Community Fund – closing date for applications 31.1.17
- Lincs Minerals and Waste Local Plan Pre Submission (draft) consultation
- Papers re WLDC meeting 14.11.2016

78 – 16/17 THE CHASE PLAY AREA

- a) **Repeated dog fouling in the area** – A resident had again reported repeated dog fouling in the area despite the provision by the Parish Council of signage.

Members felt there was little more that they could do about the problem, but that residents would need to be vigilant in order to identify the culprit and take necessary action for prosecution.

- b) **Play equipment inspections** – The Clerk had made enquiries with a company for carrying out the play area inspections. EKM Ltd had quoted £20 per fortnightly inspection.

Proposed by Councillor John Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal and **Resolved** unanimously that the Parish Council instruct the company to carry out the inspections on a fortnightly basis, producing check list sheets monthly with invoice.

- c) **Grass cutting/strimming – consideration of quotations for 2017/18** – Three quotations for the next seasons grass cutting/strimming/weed spraying had been received as follows:-

Company A = £456.00, Company B = £425, Company C = £907.20

Resolved unanimously that Company B, Greenfield Groundskeeping Services be offered the contract for the 2017 cutting season.

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79 – 16/17 DEFIBRILLATORS FOR PARISHES

Notification had been received that WLDC were part funding defibrillators to be located in parishes within the West Lindsey District. A contribution from the Parish Council would be required of £300. It was noted that the defibrillators were quickly being allocated and a decision was required to be made as to whether to proceed with an application.

A suitable site would be required for siting the defibrillator with electricity supply close by in order to power a small heater if the temperature dropped below 5 degrees centigrade.

Sites were discussed and it was felt that the Petrol Station on Wragby Road East may be the most suitable location for the device to be fitted.

Resolved unanimously that approach to the owners be made to seek permission for its siting and the Clerk apply to WLDC for a defibrillator.

80 – 16/17 FINANCE

a) Bank reconciliation to 30th September 2016 – This was produced by the Clerk for Councillor information.

b) Accounts for payment:-

Mrs B Solly – Internal Audit = £30.00

Mrs R Seal – plants for tubs = £30.00

Mrs C Myers – reimbursement for purchase of 'No dog fouling' signs for The Chase = £17.70

*Nettleham Parish Council – 20 folding chairs = £25.00

Nettleham Parish Council – hire of hall 10.10.2016 = £9.50

Nettleham Parish council – hire of hall – 7.11.2016 = £8.00

Mrs C Myers – expenses = £14.74

Continental Landscapes – grass cut at the Chase - £60.00

Mrs C Myers – raffle prizes for Get Together 30.11.2016 - £8.68

Nettleham Parish Council – room hire 7.11.2016 = £8.00

***Folding Chairs** – Nettleham Parish Council had offered Greetwell Parish Council 20 folding chairs at the nominal price of £25. Members unanimously agreed that this offer could not be missed and the chairs had been collected for storage at the home of Councillor Mrs Bates. The £20 to be taken from the Events budget.

c) Internal Audit Report to end September 2016 – An internal audit had been carried out on the accounts to end September and they were confirmed to be in order.

d) Precept 2017/18 – WLDC required the PC to submit an estimated amount for the next precept. The Clerk suggested estimating a precept of £7,500. This would incorporate the Council tax support grant of which the exact amount was not yet known. The budget would be discussed and actual precept set at the December meeting of the Parish Council. Resolved unanimously.

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81 – 16/17 PLANNING – No items this month.

82 – 16/17 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk requested to attend the Social Media Course at Cranwell, organised by LALC on 6th December. There would be no cost for the course but the shared cost of the mileage would be approximately £9.00.

Resolved that the Clerk attend and mileage costs paid.

The Clerk reported that a resident had approached her to say that the noticeboard at the corner of Westfield Drive was barely readable due to the discolouration of the Perspex. The Clerk had contacted Glasdon, maker of the noticeboard, who had stated that the reglazing kit was no longer available due to the noticeboard now being discontinued.

Councillor John Taylor offered to have a look at the board to see if it was possible for him to replace the Perspex.

83 – 16/17 MEETING DATES/VENUES

- a) To agree to change of date of June 2017 meeting to 12th June – Nettleham Parish Council had notified the Clerk that the room was unavailable for hire on the 5th June.
Resolved unanimously that the date of the meeting be changed to 12th June 2017.
- b) Change of venue for meeting on 3rd April 2017 – Nettleham Parish Council had notified the Clerk that the venue for the April 2017 meeting would now be required to be held in the Sports Pavilion, Mulsanne Park. This was noted by members.

84 – 16/17 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

The Chair reported that she and the Clerk would attend the Funding Fair at Welton on 9th November 2016.

85 – 16/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 12th December 2016, Small Hall, Old School, Mill Hill, Nettleham.

Signed.....Chair

Date