

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2017 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NETTLEHAM**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal (Chair), Mrs Sarah Bates (Vice Chair),
Chris Thatcher, Tony Melrose, Mike Taylor, John Taylor, Keith Johnson
County Councillors Jackie Brockway
District Councillors Maureen Palmer, Anne Welburn
Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk), 2 residents

102 16/17 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

Two residents attended the meeting to express their concern about the amount of rubbish and debris left around a recently vacated property in Westfield Approach. Photographs were produced to show the extent of the debris.

The residents were advised to contact WLDC Enforcement Officer. Unanimously Resolved that the Parish Council also forward photographs to WLDC giving support to the residents living nearby and requesting removal of the rubbish/debris.

103 – 16/17 APOLOGIES

District Councillor Chris Darcel.

104 – 16/17 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None declared.

105 – 16/17 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER 2016 FOR APPROVAL AND TO BE SIGNED AS MINUTES

Proposed, seconded and **Resolved** unanimously that the above be signed as minutes.

106 – 16/17 POLICE MATTERS

Statistics for December 2016 – Statistics had been received for incidents within 1800m of Greetwell Close, Lincoln so were not considered an accurate account for Greetwell.

Response re parked vehicle on Westfield Approach – It was understood that the vehicle had been removed.

107 – 16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Jackie Brockway reported as follows:-

- That she had followed up on the non-attendance of the Police and Crime Commissioner and he had apologised for having another engagement.

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- She would contact the PCC about there being no reply sent from his office to correspondence sent by the Chair, Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal.
- There had been an extensive scrutiny review at Lincolnshire County Council, reducing main committees to five.
- Where street lights had been switched off, these would not be switched back on.

108 – 16/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – Councillors Mrs Maureen Palmer, Mrs Anne Welburn

Report given as follows:

‘West Lindsey District Council is reviewing its governance arrangements and two options are being considered. These are the Committee Systems which the council already uses and the Leader and Cabinet Model used by LCC.

Committee system. Since the Localism Act this option is now available to all councils. Previously it was available only to district councils with populations under 85,000. Committee system councils make most decisions in committees, which are made up of a mix of councillors from all political parties. They operate with the same format as Parish Councils.

Leader and Cabinet Model. This system was brought in by the Local Government Act 2000 and is the governance system that larger councils operate. In some councils, individual members of the cabinet have decision-making powers; in others, decisions must be made by the whole cabinet. Cabinet is led by a leader, who is elected by full council for a term determined by the council itself or on a four-year term. The Cabinet consists of Portfolio Holders who have responsibility for the running of the work streams, other Councillors sit on the various scrutiny committees.

The advantage of the Cabinet model is that it can take decision quickly and act through delegated powers but many Councillors do not have a formal role and therefore they can feel excluded. With a committee system, all your elected members have a say and can influence outcomes but decision making can be slow.

WL have already held some workshops on the subject and the feeling so far is that although they would like to be able speed up the process they are not in favour of the cabinet model, so some investigations have taken place to look at a hybrid model that might fit the bill.’

109 – 16/17 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a) **Request to LCC Highways for crossing over A158** – nothing to report. Councillor John Taylor would follow up with LCC Highways.

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b) Footpaths, Westfield Drive – From the reply sent by LCC Highways there appeared to be some confusion as to which footpaths were being referred to. Resolved unanimously that a site meeting be requested in order to clarify the footpaths requiring maintenance.

c) Items of correspondence received since last meeting and circulated to all members of the Parish Council:-

- Email from County Councillor Ian Fleetwood re street lighting
- Presentation slides for Social medial training attended by Clerk, Cranwell 6.12.2016
- Ministerial Statement re Neighbourhood Planning- sent by DC Anne Welburn
- Message from Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive of NALC – re Council tax referendum principles have not been extended to parish and town councils in 2017/18.
- Street lighting transformation project update – email from R Hardesty, Senior Project Leader, LCC
- Letter from LCC Highways re Highway grass cutting
- LALC News number 160
- Letter from LCC Highways re temporary road closure of A46 bypass
- Lincs Alert – 20.12.2016 – re dog owners wearing high viz clothing
- Lincs Alert – 13.12.2016 – re Friends Against Scams
- News and updates from Community Lincs – 14.12.2016
- Letter from Greenfield Groundskeeping Services re acceptance of grass cutting contract at The Chase
- Lincoln Eastern Bypass Archaeology Progress newsletter September to December 2016
- Email message from Lincolnshire West Clinical Commissioning Group re 'Non-emergency Transport Service'
- Confirmation from WLDC that the phone kiosk on Wragby Road East is not listed on any documents sent to WLDC for removal at present.
- Notification from Nettleham Parish Council that the room hire prices would be reviewed in April 2017 resulting in a small increase for the hire of the rooms for Parish Council Meetings.

110 – 16/17 PARKING WESTFIELD DRIVE, NEAR TO GLENDALE DEPOT

Reports had been received from some residents that it was difficult to walk on the footpath near to the Glendale Depot, due to vehicles parked on the footpath.

Resolved unanimously that a request be made to the company to ask their staff to park with consideration for pedestrians.

111 – 16/17 CONSIDERATION OF GREETWELL HAVING A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT

Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal expressed interest in creating a Facebook account for Greetwell. In the first instance she would liaise with District Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn who was responsible for Cherry Willingham face book.

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112 – 16/17 TRAINING SESSIONS ORGANISED BY LALC FOR COUNCILLORS AND CLERKS

The training sessions arranged by LALC up to July 2017 were brought to the attention of members.

Councillor Tony Melrose requested to attend course on 'First Aid at Work'.

The Clerk requested to attend the following courses, with the mileage being shared with Sudbrooke Parish Council:-

'IT Skills' Beyond the Basics – Microsoft Word 2010
Community Engagement and identifying funding and effective bid writing
Agendas, note taking and minutes
Clerk's Networking and sharing good practice workshop

Resolved that approval be given for attendance at the above courses, with payment of mileage as appropriate.

113 – 16/17 FINANCE

a) Accounts for payment

Mrs C Myers – expenses December 2017 - £57.02
Nettleham Parish Council – Room hire - £8.00

b) **Notification from Co-operative bank** - notice received stating that the 12 month Fixed Rate Deposit Account will be withdrawn on 16th December 2016, meaning that deposits on the account which mature after 17th January 2017 cannot be reinvested on the same product for a further term. (This relates to The Chase Account.)

c) **Budget update to 31 December 2016** – This had been prepared by the Clerk and copies were given to Councillors.

114 – 16/17 PLANNING – Nothing to report

115 – 16/17 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:-

- That a representative from Community Lincs had offered to attend the Get Together on 1st March to talk about the Big Energy Saving Network.

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- That there may be the possibility of Greetwell Parish Council obtaining a grant payment for work carried out by the Clerk to comply with the Transparency Code.

Resolved unanimously that the Clerk complete an application for funding.

- WLDC are enquiring if any street nameplates in the parish require replacement. Members were requested to notify the Clerk if they considered any were in need of attention.

116 – 16/17 CHAIR’S COMMENTS

The Chair asked members to give thought to what summer event they would like to hold for Greetwell this year. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

117 – 16/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th February 2017, Small Hall, Old School, Mill Hill, Nettleham.

SignedChair

Date

