

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2016 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, MILL HILL, NETTLEHAM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal (Chair), Mrs Sarah Bates (Vice Chair), Chris Thatcher, Tony Melrose, Mike Taylor, John Taylor, Keith Johnson  
Mrs Chris Myers (Clerk)  
Mr Steve Harris, Emergency Planning Officer, 2 residents

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Mr Steve Harris, Emergency Planning Officer for Lincolnshire, who would later address the Parish Council on compiling an Emergency Plan for the parish.

**1 16/17 PARISHIONERS ITEMS**

- A resident had commented on the speed of traffic on the A158. Members noted that signage had been provided by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police and ask that Simple SID be located on the A158.
- Parking on the footpath near a business on Westfield Drive was also commented upon. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police to monitor this situation.
- Mud on the footpath and road was reported on Westfield Approach, caused by farm vehicles. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to request that they contact the farmer with a view to the road and pathway being cleared of mud.

**2 – 16/17 APOLOGIES** County Councillor Mrs Jackie Brockway, District Councillors Chris Darcel, Alexander Bridgwood, and Mrs Anne Welburn.

**3 – 16/17 TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA** - None declared.

**4 – 16/17 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016 AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

That the above notes be signed as a correct record of the meetings and signed as minutes proposed by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher.

**5 – 16/17 POLICE MATTERS**

**a) Statistics for Greetwell March 2016**

THEFT	<b>3</b>
CONCERN FOR SAFETY	<b>2</b>
SUSPICIOUS	<b>2</b>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
HAZARD	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

**b) Invitation to send Parish Council representative to Community Panel meeting 20 April 2016 – Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal offered to attend this meeting.**

## **6 – 16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – None received.

## **7 – 16/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Mrs Anne Welburn had forwarded the following report:-

The Council's decisions on Council Tax for 2016/17 is to increase Council Tax by £4.95 (2.59%). Increases detailed below, show the increase in the past 6 years:

### WLDC Council Tax Changes

Year	Charge Band D	Increase £
2010/11	£188.55	0.90
2011/12	£188.55	0
2012/13	£188.55	0
2013/14	£191.34	2.79
2014/15	£191.34	0
2015/16	£191.34	0

The average Council Tax at Band D for 2016/17 will be set as follows: -

	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Variance £	%
Lincolnshire County Council	1,085.94	1,128.83	42.89	3.95
Police	197.64	201.51	3.87	1.96
West Lindsey District Council	191.34	196.29	4.95	2.59
Direct Parish Precept Charges	54.96	55.75	0.79	1.44

Although the increases in Town/Parish Precepts average 1.44% the impact on the individual Town/Parish Councils will vary according to the amount by which each has increased its precept.

At the end of 2015/16 the Council's grant funding will have reduced by approximately 50% since 2010 (Formula Grant v Settlement Funding) when funding first began to reduce. Central Government commitments to eliminating the budget deficit and to the removal of Revenue Support Grant, whilst implementing 100% retention of Business Rates by 2020/21. The Government has provided indicative funding up to 2020/21 however, it remains unclear as to what the impact the review of Retention of Business rates will have on our funding level, as it is understood that the system of top-ups and tariffs will remain to control funding levels nationally.

Although there remains a great deal of uncertainty overall it is now estimated that the Council will need to close a funding gap of £1.065 m over the five financial years 2016/17 to 2020/21 with a significant element of front loading in the first two years.

## **8 – 16/17 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

**A) Address by Mr Steve Harris, Emergency Planning Officer** – Mr Harris outlined the benefits of the parish having an Emergency Plan and offered support and advice in its preparation. The Chair suspended Standing Orders to allow a resident to speak for a short time. The resident offered to obtain information whether the Rapid Response Team could assist in the Plan. The resident was thanked for this offer and members Resolved unanimously that if possible the Rapid Response Team be involved in Greetwell's Plan.

**B) Get Together – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016** – Preparations were in place for the event which it was hoped would be well supported by residents.

**C) Litter Pick – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016** – Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates reported a good turn out and a successful event. She thanked two residents on Wragby Road East for providing welcome refreshments to the Litter Pickers.

**D) Greetwell Produce Show – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016** – Councillors Mrs Sarah Bates, Tony Melrose, Mrs Rosemary Seal and Mike Taylor had met to discuss arrangements for the Produce show and the notes had been circulated to all members. Unanimously **resolved** that they be accepted.

The Clerk was instructed to apply for funds to the District Councillors from their Initiative Funds, Tesco's Community Fund and to look at other possibilities for monies.

**E) West Lindsey Community Awards 2016** – Notification had been received that Greetwell Parish council had been nominated for Parish Council of the Year, the awards ceremony to be held at Guildhall, Gainsborough on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Resolved unanimously that Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal and Mrs Sarah Bates attend.

**F) Footpaths – reply from LCC Highways** – Notification received that the footway outside number 50 Wragby Road East would be filled in. It was understood that this had been carried out.

The footway along Westfield Drive would be included in the slurry seal programme for 2016 which would address any surface defects between numbers 68 – 74.

### **9 – 16/17 PUBLICATION SCHEME**

The Clerk had circulated a revised Publication Scheme for consideration of review and adoption.

That it be adopted without amendment proposed by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal, seconded by Councillor Tony Melrose and **Resolved**.

### **10 – 16/17 REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Risk Assessment was reviewed. That it be adopted without amendment proposed by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal, seconded by Councillor Mike Taylor and Resolved.

### **11 – 16/17 FIXED ASSETS REGISTER**

Amendments were made to the Register to include the new laptop, printer and the planter on Wragby Road East. Proposed that it be adopted by Councillor Tony Melrose, Seconded by Councillor Mike Taylor and **Resolved**.

### **12 – 16/17 FINANCE**

#### **A) Income**

WLDC – Precept = £5716.00

#### **B) Payments**

Todds – paper = £18.72

Mrs R Seal plants for tubs = £47.90

Glasdon – noticeboard lock = £49.58

LALC – Annual subscription = £240.01

LALC – training scheme = £100.00  
Royal Voluntary Service – donation for attending Get Together = £20.00  
Nettleham Parish Council – Room hire 29.3.2016 = £7.50  
Nettleham Parish Council – Room hire 11.4.2016 = 8.00  
Mrs C Myers – expenses (March) = £47.65  
Mrs C Myers – expenditure for Get Together = £19.20

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

- C) **Notice of Audit for 2015/16/Appointment of Internal Auditor** – Notice of Audit had been received and the Clerk reported that she was preparing the Annual Return for completion by Council at its next meeting.

The Council required to appoint an Internal Auditor for audit of the accounts/system for the financial year. Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates proposed seconded by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal that Mrs Bridget Solly be appointed as Internal Auditor.

- D) **Bank Reconciliation** – The Clerk presented a Bank Reconciliation for year end to 31.3.2016 which was unanimously approved.

### **13 – 16/17 PLANNING**

**Application 134138, 34 Wragby Road East** – erection of two storey dwelling and detached garage – Comments submitted to WLDC – No objections by Greetwell Parish Council.

**Permission** – 133921 – 129 Hawthorn Chase - extension

**Permission** – 134042 – 52, Wragby Road East – dropped kerb

**Training Session** – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Guildhall, Gainsborough – Planning Enforcement Procedure. Noted by members

### **14 – 16/17 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS**

The Chair reported of difficulties with the lock on the noticeboard on Stocking Way. A new lock had been purchased and Councillor John Taylor agreed to fit it.

The Chair had received reports of repeated bonfires in the parish. Members felt it appropriate to put a reminder in the next newsletter asking parishioners to be considerate with bonfires.

### **15 – 16/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Council Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Small Hall, Old School, 7.30pm.