

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2017 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NETTLEHAM**

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

118 – 16/17 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

The following items were reported:-

- Although the trailer had now been removed from the corner of Westfield Approach/Drive there appeared to be another vehicle parking in the same place. Another mention would be made in the Greetwell News about parking in this blind spot.
- Vehicles pulling out of The Limes were not observing oncoming traffic on Westfield Drive. **Resolved** unanimously that LCC Highways be asked again to provide either white lines at the junction or a Give Way sign.

119 – 16/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

District Councillors Chris Darcel and Mrs Anne Welburn.

120 – 16/17 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal declared an interest in the Accounts for payment as she had a claim for reimbursement of plants for the tubs.

121 – 16/17 NOTES MEEING HELD ON 9TH JANUARY FOR APPROVAL AND TO BE SINED AS MINUTES

Resolved unanimously that the minutes be signed as correct record of the meeting.

122 – 16/17 POLICE MATTERS

Incident stats based on a radius of 1000m around Westfield Drive for January 2017

VEHICLE	1
THEFT	1
TRANSPORT	
HAZARD	4
RTC	1
TRAFFIC OFFENCE	2
Total	9

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District Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn had stated that she was attending a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner and had asked for any comments from Parish Councils to be put forward to him.

Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal had replied stating that the PCC had included in his quarterly update that he had been guest speaker at a meeting of Greetwell residents in November. She had requested that it be made known that he did not attend, despite the report stating that he will 'engage with all residents and attend community meetings of all sorts'. Residents attending the Get Together had felt let down.

Cllr Mrs Seal also stated that she felt there was a certain amount of pressure placed on him before he replied to emails and promises made by his deputy to put the Parish Council in touch with someone who is able to talk on operational matters have still not been realised.

123 – 16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Mrs Jackie Brockway briefly explained the new street lighting system in that gradually bulbs were being changed for new energy saving led's.

She also explained the opportunities for business assistance in Lincolnshire.

124 – 16/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Councillors Anne Welburn and Maureen Palmer had sent the following written report:-

Great British Spring Clean - The Great British Spring Clean is a campaign with one simple ambition - to bring together people from across the country to clear up the litter that blights our towns, villages, countryside and coastline.

The national campaign is promoting the weekend of 3-5 March 2017 however planned events can be scheduled/logged to take place at any time.

WLDC has signed up to support this campaign and to help local volunteer groups/parish councils or even individuals who would like to arrange events. WLDC can log planned events with The Great British Spring Clean.

Equipment can be supplied for events i.e. litter picking sticks, hi-vis vests, gloves, bags. Litter/rubbish bags can be collected for disposal after the event, a road sweeper may be available to help support some events

Street naming - The process is:

1. When a new development is started, the developer liaises with the relevant parish council to agree an appropriate name for the road or street
2. The agreed name is then passed to WLDC
3. We check for duplicate or similar names in the locality/village.

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4. We then obtain a postcode from the Royal Mail, update our local mapping and confirm the name with all the statutory authorities.

Is this happening in your Parish or are you being by-passed?

Unitary - It would appear LCC has published notification of their intention to apply for one unitary authority in Lincolnshire. This action is questionable and was not done in consultation with the District Councils, we will keep you informed of developments.

Re Street naming mentioned above – it was confirmed that Greetwell Parish Council have been consulted regarding street naming.

125 – 16/17 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

a) Request to LCC Highways for crossing over A158 – Councillor John Taylor reported that he had been in contact with LCC Highways and the following email received:-

‘We have done a couple of brief hourly counts when passing, although unfortunately none at the school times to pick up the pedestrians / student numbers.

The numbers that we have suggest a small number of pedestrians crossing the road hourly. Primarily, they do so to reach the petrol station and those in the early morning hours, seem to cross to fetch a newspaper.

For example - we have 6 pedestrians crossing in the hour 8:30 - 9:30am - these figures are made up of 3 crossing to the petrol station and the same 3 re- crossing back again. Interestingly, all 3 crossed east of the petrol station to/from Westfield Drive (the eastern side road). In doing so they walk along the footpath and cross when and where possible and usually before they reached the petrol station / Westfield Drive.

So, although the traffic flow figures are undoubtedly high, in terms of pedestrian numbers these are low and would not trigger our criteria for a formal crossing facility. Consequently, we could not fund one and so the only way to move forward would be to secure other ways of funding. I have spoken to planning colleagues to see if there are any likely developments that could be used to secure this, but at the present time there are none in the pipeline.

The only other immediate way forward would be for your Council to consider funding.

As discussed, the road width is not sufficient to consider a central refuge and so to install this would require road widening which would be expensive and not necessarily the safest option. The preferred facility would be a pelican / signal controlled crossing, but again these are costly - currently approximately £100K.

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However, bearing in mind the numbers of pedestrians involved, this is something that needs to be considered carefully by your Council. One suggestion may be to review this in a couple of years' time to see if there are any likely developments or changes to the situation that would allow some funding, or part funding to be secured.'

Members discussed the correspondence in detail and having concern for the safety of residents of North Greetwell **Resolved** unanimously to pursue the matter further. Agenda item for next meeting.

- b) Footpaths – Westfield Drive** – Cllrs Mrs Rosemary Seal and Tony Melrose had attended a site meeting with a Highways Officer when it was confirmed that the footway from Greetwell Court round the corner from The Limes to Glendale would be resurfaced in the next financial year.

It was noted that there were a number of potholes in the road on Westfield Drive and members were asked to inform the Clerk of their exact locations so that they could be reported to LCC Highways.

- c) Empty property, Westfield Approach** – Despite correspondence and phone calls from residents and the Parish Council to WLDC it was noted that the rubbish at this property had still not been removed and was attracting vermin and scavengers.

CC Jacki Brockway gave names of Officers at WLDC to contact regarding the problem. The Clerk and Chair would make contact again.

- d) Highway Grass cutting** – LCC Highways had stated that cutting of the Westfield Avenue roundabout, and small verges near Glendale and Greetwell Court would only be cut twice during the forthcoming season.

Members hoped that residents would keep these areas tidy and **Resolved** that no further action be taken at present.

- e) Request from WLDC re details/size of local newsletters due to its review of how it communicates its news and information to residents** – It was understood that WLDC were seeking this information with a view to passing on items for printing in local magazines. An enquiry by the Clerk as to whether a contribution to the printing costs would be made had not been answered. Members felt that it was not acceptable for the parish to be printing items/posters on behalf of the District Council, thereby increasing the printing costs incurred by the parish.

The grammar of the email was also questioned and CC Mrs Jackie Brockway requested sight of the email for forwarding to the Chief Executive, WLDC.

Resolved unanimously that the Clerk request hard copies of posters from WLDC and that items from WLDC be not included in the newsletter at parish expense.

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f) Correspondence received since last Parish Council meeting and circulated to members:-

- 9.1.2017 - WYPF Pension matters
- 11.1.2017 - Confirmation from Glendale Services that staff would be asked to park in the yard, not on the footway along Westfield Drive
- 13.1.2017 - WLDC Minutes of Committees since 14.12.16
- 13.1.2017 - WLDC Council reports and agenda 23.1.2017
- 13.1.2017 – Email from LALC stating that Cllr Tony Melrose was first reserve on the First Aid Course to be held on 28th February 2017
- 16.1.2017 - Campaign for Rural England Annual Report
- 18.1.2017 - Notification of vacancies on LALC training courses
- 26.1.2017 – Play Equipment Inspection sheets for The Chase play area from EKM Ltd
- 26.1.2017 - News and updates from Community Lincs
- 26.1.2017 – Notification re Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champions scheme
- 26.1.2017 – Inspection sheets for The Chase play area from EKM Ltd
- 27.1.2017 – Lincs Alert re DogLost UK
- 27.1.2016 – Police Alert re new penalty for mobile use behind the wheel
- 27.1.2017 – Police alert re fake £50 notes in area
- 28.1.2017 - PCC's Quarterly Update and draft Police and Crime Plan 2017 – forwarded by DC Anne Welburn
- 30.1.2017 – West Lindsey Community Awards details
- 1.2.2017 – Letter from LCC Highways re changes in department and new email address for reporting – noted that Greetwell Parish Council would have a new Highways Officer responsible for works in the parish.
- 1.2.2017 – Email from LCC re works permit scheme consultation
- 2.2.2017 – Newsletter from the Information Commissioner
- 3.2.2017 – Letter from Neighbourhood Planning Officer, WLDC giving information on Neighbourhood Planning

126 – 16/17 SUMMER EVENT(S) 2017

The Chair sought Councillors views as to what, if any, events should be held this year in Greetwell. Comments as follows:-

- Continue with an event/Produce Show – 4
- Abstention – 1
- Have a break from an event this year – 1
- Have a Garden Fete, not necessarily a Produce Show – 1

Resolved - That a Produce Show/Garden Party be held on 20th August 2017 in the garden of Mr and Mrs Bates, Ramper Farm, Wragby Road East.

The Clerk would book the gazebo from Cherry Willingham PC, request loan of the mess tent from the Scout Group on similar terms to the previous year and request that the musicians play.

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127 – 16/17 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN/LITTER PICK

Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates offered to arrange two litter picks in conjunction with the Great British Spring Clean on consecutive Saturdays in April – 1st and 8th.

Resolved unanimously that the above be arranged and that the Risk Assessment be reviewed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

128 – 16/17 NEWSLETTER

The Chair requested that any items for the newsletter be sent to the Clerk in the next few days.

129 – 16/17 GET TOGETHER – WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2017

Members were reminded of this event.

130 – 16/17 FINANCE

- a) **Application for funding from Transparency Code Fund** – The Clerk had completed the application form for a grant of £127.56 which required to be ‘approved by the authority’.

Resolved unanimously that the form be approved and submitted to LALC.

b) **Accounts for payment**

Mrs R Seal, plants for tubs - £28.97

Nettleham Parish Council, room hire - £8.00

Mrs C Myers – Clerk’s expenses January 2017 - £8.65

The Clerk was given authorisation to pay an account for EKM Ltd for play equipment repairs/inspections carried out at The Chase play area prior to the next meeting.

Resolved unanimously that all payments as mentioned above be paid.

- c) **Income - HMRC VAT Refund - £113.63**

- d) **Bank Reconciliation to 31st December 2016** – The Clerk provided all members with a copy of the bank reconciliation.

131 – 16/17 PLANNING

- a) **Central Lincolnshire Local Plan** – proposed main modifications and policies map modifications, period for making representations 23rd January – 6th March 2017 – this had been circulated to members and noted. It was expected that the Plan would be adopted by WLDC in April 2017.
- b) **Application – 135799 - Wragby Road Autopoint, Wragby Road East** – extensions to existing retail unit – No objections by Parish Council.

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132 – 16/17 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:-

- That she had been accepted on the courses requested previously. Councillor Melrose was first reserve on the First Aid Course to be held on 28th February 2017.
- Notification had been received that all current accounts with Norwich and Peterborough Building Society, the Parish Council bankers may be closed by 31st August 2017.

She stated that the Parish Council has a current account (not currently used) with the Co-op Bank, which had been required to be opened when The Chase Bond was taken out with the Co-op, and should the N and P close current accounts this account could be used as an alternative.

133 – 16/17 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

The Chair stated that she had been invited to meet the Police and Crime Commissioner but had declined.

She would be meeting DC Anne Welburn to talk about opening a Facebook account for Greetwell Parish Council.

134 – 16/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th March 2017, 7.30pm - Old School Nettleham

SignedChair
Date