

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, MILL HILL, NETTLEHAM

PRESENT: Councillors John Taylor (Chairman), Chris Thatcher, Tony Melrose
Mrs Sarah Bates, Mike Taylor, Keith Johnson
County Councillor Ian Fleetwood, District Councillor Chris Darcel,
Maureen Palmer, Anne Welburn
Mrs Penny Carey (resident), Christine Myers (Clerk)

84 – 17/18 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

Cllr Mrs Sarah Bates commented on a recently reported initiative, Speed Watch, designed for members of local councils to use speed indicator guns on busy roads. **Resolved** that the Clerk write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to ask for more information/costs.

85 – 17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

86 – 17/18 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR – Deferred until last item on agenda.

87 – 17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates declared an interest in item 10 on the Agenda – ‘Plaque for flower tub – junction of Greetwell Lane – revised sizing to be agreed.’

88 – 17/18 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2017

Amendment Minute 72 – 17/18 – ‘March 2017’ to read ‘March 2018’.

Subject to the above amendment **Resolved** that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

89 – 17/18 POLICE MATTERS

Alerts received and circulated.

90 – 17/18 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Ian Fleetwood had submitted a brief for October (printed at back of these minutes).

CC Fleetwood reported that he had driven round all streets in his Ward and found 46 street lights not working which had been reported to LCC Highways.

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91 – 17/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

a) Cllrs M Palmer and A Welburn

The annual independent audit by KPMG has assessed the West Lindsey District Council's Statement of Accounts 2016/17 resulting in the best possible outcome of an unqualified audit opinion. In addition, auditors confirmed that West Lindsey District Council represents good value for money in its use of resources for the residents of the District. The report states: "In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the authority as at 31 March 2017 and of the authority's expenditure and income for the year then ended." The report concluded that the council achieved 'unqualified value for money'. This means they are satisfied that the authority has proper arrangements for securing financial resilience and challenging how it secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Empty Homes - More than 500 empty homes have been recorded in West Lindsey this year. The local authority is keen to raise awareness of the services it offers to help reduce the number of empty homes across the district. If you are a landlord with an empty property – help and advice is available to help you restore your property, find tenants and much more.

Services available include:

- A 'tenant finding service' where the council can help landlords with empty properties find ideal tenants
- A property matching scheme for those interested in investing or selling in the area
- A free schedule of works, where landlords can benefit from many free services such as checking that properties are compliant with the Housing Act 2004.

Residents or neighbours who have any concerns about an empty property in their area can report this to us. Simply visit <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/housing-and-home-choices/empty-homes/>.

- b) **Offer of grant funds from DC Anne Welburn** – Councillors were asked to give this offer thoughts as to what the grant could be used for.

92 – 17/18 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a) Correspondence received since last meeting of Parish Council and circulated to members:-
*circulated to residents email list

3.10.2017 – Notice of IGas Community Fund

*4.10.2017 – Police Alert re attempted break-in at Scothern

6.10.2017 – News from the ICO

8.10.2017 – Play Equipment inspection reports from EKM (Aug/Sept)

7.10.2017 – Police alert re Barclays Bank fraud phone call alert

7.10.2017 - Email from resident that she had set up a Facebook account for Greetwell village

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- 10.10.2017 – Play equipment inspection reports from EKM (Oct)
- 11.10. 2017 – News and Updates from Community Lincs
- 12.10.2017 – Survey for Car Parking consultation for Gainsborough
- 13.10.2017 – Information from LALC re General Data Protection Regulations and Precept Setting
- 15.10.2017 – CC Ian Fleetwood October brief
- 16.10.2017 – Offer of quotation from Parish Magazine Printing for printing of Greetwell News
- 20.10.2017 – Neighbourhood Watch e newsletter
- 23.10.2017 – Came & Co Autumn newsletter
- 27.10.2017 – Notification of ‘Join the Dots’ event, 7th November, Lincoln Grandstand
- 1.11.2017 – Explanation from LCC via Welton PC re switching off of streetlights at 11.00pm
- 2.11.2017 – Parish Forum presentation notes 26.10.2017
- 3.11.2017 – ICO Information
- 3.11.2017 – Police alert re shed breaks in neighbouring Wards
- 3.11.2017 - Schools Admissions Policy consultation
- 3.11.2017 – Email from County Cllr Richard Davies re street lights
- 6.11.2017 – WYPF Pension matters roundup October 2017
- 6.11.2017 – WLDC full Council agenda 13.11.2017
- 6.11.2017 – Letter from Community Lincs re Save and Warm scheme

- b) Defibrillator for North Greetwell – update** – Notification received that the defibrillator would be fitted on 8th November. Cllr John Taylor and the Clerk would meet the persons installing the defibrillator at the garage to agree a suitable site. Registration details and terms and conditions had been received. Councillor John Taylor offered to carry out weekly checks.

It was noted that training would be offered through LIVES to any person in the parish but would be required to be arranged through the Parish Council. The Clerk was given authority to organise the training as soon as convenient.

RESOLVED unanimously as above.

- c) Crossing over A158 – report** – Noted that a mention of the need for a crossing had been made on ‘Look North’. Councillor John Taylor would continue with publicity for the scheme.
- d) Autumn Litter Pick** – Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates reported that 7 residents had met and carried out a good litter pick, collecting 13 bags of rubbish.
- e) LCC Highways Parish Liaison meeting – 12th October 2017** – The Clerk had attended this meeting at Caistor and reported that she felt that it had been minimally useful.

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f) **Maintenance of flower tubs** – a local resident had kindly offered to plant and care for the flower tubs on Westfield Drive and had already planted them for the winter season. No offers had been received to plant the tub on Wragby Road. Alternative considerations would be made.

g) **Towns and Parish Forum 26th October 2017 – Report by Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates** – The event had been attended by Cllr Mrs Bates and the Clerk which had been poorly attended overall. Presentations had been made by a representative from the WLDC Finance Department, LIVES and Call Connect.

93 – 17/18 PLAQUE FOR FLOWER TUB - JUNCTION OF GREETWELL LANE – REVISED SIZING TO BE AGREED

Resolved unanimously that the revised sizing for the plaque on the flower tub be 14” x 6”.

94 – 17/18 WEST LINDSEY DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY

Unanimously **RESOLVED** that Greetwell Parish Council do not complete this survey.

95 – 17/18 FINANCE

a) **Half yearly audit – Resolved** – That Mrs Bridget Solly be asked to carry out a half year internal audit of the accounts.

b) **Accounts for payment as follows:-**

Greenfield Grounds Keeping Services – 2 cuts at The Chase = £80.00
Mrs C Myers – purchase of 3 laser cartridges for printer - £31.70
+ £6.34 VAT = £38.04
EKM – 6 Play equipment inspections - £120.00 + £24.00 VAT = £144.00
Lonsdale Direct Solutions – Greetwell News = £46.20
Mrs C Myers – expenses – Postage £5.44, Mileage £10.80 = £16.24
Mrs S Leach – plants/compost for flower tubs, Westfield Drive = £35.44
Nettleham Parish Council – room hire (October) = £8.50

Transfer of funds

From The Chase account - £1307.23 expenditure for 2016/17 to main PC account.

c) **Closure of Parish Council bank account with Norwich and Peterborough Building Society** – The N& P were compulsorily closing all current accounts held with them, all funds of Greetwell Parish Council now being held in accounts at Co-op Bank. Nil balance with N & P. **Resolved** unanimously that the current account with N & P be closed.

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- d) **Review of Financial Regulations to confirm monthly payment of Direct Debit to HMRC for Tax/NI due** – Amendment made to Regulation 6.7 as follows and **Resolved** unanimously.

‘6.7 If thought appropriate by the Council, payment for utility supplies (energy, telephone and water); any National Non-Domestic Rates; Tax/NI due to HMRC; may be made by variable direct debit provided that the instructions are signed by two members and any payments are reported to Council as made. The approval of the use of a variable direct debit shall be renewed by resolution of the Council at least every two years.’

96 – 17/18 PLANNING

- a) **Neighbourhood Planning Survey – Resolved** that the survey be not completed.
- b) **Application 136867 – Land to the rear of Westfield Drive, North Greetwell – Approval of reserved matters to erect 4 dwellings, considering appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline planning permission 135763 granted 29 March 2017** – Comments to be made to WLDC Planning ‘In addition to comments made on the original application the Parish Council stresses that ingress and egress will be a problem with this development with a minimum of twelve vehicles using a single track driveway. It will be difficult turning into this narrow entrance from Westfield Drive, on an already busy road with vehicles parked on both sides.

It is suggested that a Section 106 Agreement be made for maintenance of the driveway and any other issues affecting those properties along it’

Resolved unanimously as above.

- c) **Application 136925 – 29 Stocking Way – Loft conversion** – No objections.
- d) **Application 136930 – 88 Wragby Road East** – erection of granny annexe and associated works – No objections.

97 – 17/18 THE CHASE – TO RATIFY URGENT REPAIR TO FENCE

Part of the fence bordering The Chase open space had come into disrepair. Quotations for repair/replacement had been sought and were in the region of £165 - £1900. It was acknowledged that if the current damaged area was replaced the whole length of fencing would require replacement within a short time.

Members discussed the options and **Resolved** that the fence be replaced in sections by hawthorn hedging, giving authority to the Clerk to arrange immediate planting up to a cost of £150.00 to replace the length of fence which was in most urgent need of attention.

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98 – 17/18 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:

- That the Parish Magazine Printing Company had requested that they quote for printing future editions of Greetwell News. The outer pages could be printed in colour for £6 more than the current cost. An example of a print of the last magazine was awaited.
- Notification had been received from Cllr Richard Davies regarding street lights going out at 11.00pm instead of midnight. This could be printed in a future edition of Greetwell News.
- The budget would be discussed at the next PC meeting – it was noted that LAC subscriptions would be increasing.
- Acknowledgements had been received from Edward Leigh MP, LCC, NKDC and East Lindsey DC following the Parish Council's support for fairer funding for Lincolnshire.
- A letter had been received from Community Lincs re the Save and Warm Scheme, however it was noted that this was similar to the talk given at a recent Get Together.

99 – 17/18 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS – None.

100 – 17/18 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Resident Penny Carey, having attended the meeting, sought co-option to the Council to fill the current vacancy.

Proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that Mrs Carey be co-opted to the Council.

Mrs Carey duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

101 – 17/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 4th December 2017 – 7.30pm, The Old School, Nettleham.

Signed.....Chairman

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Cllr. Ian Fleetwood's - October 2017 brief:

The latest on, what's happening in the public sector in Lincolnshire.

Have your say on fairer funding:

Lincolnshire councils have launched a campaign to [lobby for a fairer funding deal](#) and get more money for local services. If you want to add your support, visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fairerfunding for more information.

Greater Lincolnshire's essential business event:

LEP Business Live is the Local Enterprise Partnership's annual conference and networking event which will take place this year on Friday 20th October at the Epic Centre at Lincolnshire Showground. www.greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk

The theme of this year's 5th LEP Business Live conference is 'Embrace the Future'.

You will hear from **Ursula Lidbetter**, Chairman of the GLLEP, and the LEPs priorities for 2017/18.

Guest Speakers also include polar explorer **Ann Daniels** and **Mike Wilson**; Chairman of British Automation and Robot Association (BARA) Entrance is free, but all delegates must pre-register.

Complimentary refreshments and brunch will be available.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lep-business-live-2017-tickets-35700804066?campaignkw=LEP+Business+Live>

Highways Services connecting locally:

Greetwell Parish Council meeting 6.11.2017

Due to some fundamental changes earlier this year they are inviting members of your Parish Council or a local representative if no Parish Council to a meeting to explain the changes to their service and to introduce you to relevant members of our team.

All events will start at 17:00hrs and are expected to last for around 1 1/2 hours.

Thursday 2nd November, Council Chamber, County Offices, Lincoln, LN1 1YL
Tuesday 7th November 2017, Stanhope Hall, Boston Road, Horncastle LN9 6NF

Thursday 16th November 2017, LTC, The Sessions House, Eastgate, Louth LN11 9AJ

Please confirm which session you will be attending to BSE&EWest@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01522 782070

A petition, warning that GP practices in rural areas are struggling to recruit doctors:

Launched on 19 September, the [petition calls on the government](#) to put general practitioners on the Home Office's "shortage occupation list". At 10,000 signatures, the government will respond to the petition. At 100,000 signatures, the petition will be considered for debate in Parliament. The petition will run until 19 March 2018.

Started by Lincolnshire GP Ben Loryman, the petition says many rural surgeries facing recruitment difficulties, leading to longer waiting times or are being forced to close.

To sign the petition at the link here: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/200523>

Carers Information Programme - dementia support:

If you care for someone with a diagnosis of dementia and would like more support, then why not take part in the Carers Information Programme? This is a series of workshops taking place across the county for people caring for a family member or friend with dementia. For more information about the courses available for the rest of 2017 and early 2018 please contact: Paul Herniman, Adult Care and Community Wellbeing – Tel: 01522 554219 or email:

paul.herniman@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Making adult care easier and safer with Prepaid Cards:

An easier and more secure way for people to pay for the care and support they need is coming to Lincolnshire. Prepaid Cards simplify the payment process.

Lincolnshire County Council is introducing new ways to make care Direct Payments more manageable and secure. [Making adult care easier and safer with Prepaid Cards](#)

Keep active:

The [#Active10](#) app shows where you can fit ten-minute bursts of brisk walking into your day, alongside help to set walking goals, and hints and tips to keep you going. For more details, see the [LCC website](#)

Lincolnshire Artists' Society to exhibit at the Usher Gallery:

The society has a long history with gallery, first exhibiting there in 1927 and many times over the following years, including for their 110th Annual Exhibition in 2016.

The exhibition, which runs to 15 October, will feature works of art from its members who live across the county, giving them the chance to showcase their talents to the public.

Admission to the exhibition is free with The Usher Gallery open from 10am to 4pm daily.

To find out more, visit www.thecollectionmuseum.com

Learn to fight and live like a Roman soldier at Lincoln Castle special event:

Soldiers of the Imperial Army of Rome are to invade Lincoln Castle this month:

The event runs from 11am to 4.30pm on 21 and 22 October.

Young visitors will also get the chance to take part in their own Roman drill and training sessions throughout the day, getting to grips with what it takes to be a Roman soldier with a special surgeon on hand to treat any battlefield injuries. There will also be falconry displays.

[Ruthless and rotten Romans to visit Lincoln Castle](#)

Visit Lincoln Castle and The Collection this Halloween, and face your fears!

During half term, discover all that is gruesome and ghoulish about Victorian England at Lincoln Castle between 23-29 October. From 11am – 4pm, the Victorian Prison will come to life with unsavory characters sharing their terrifying tales on what life was like when history really was horrible. On 31st October the Victorian Night of Fear returns!

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The Lincolnshire Archives' WW1 'Lincolnshire Voices' Exhibition:

At the Old Police Station, Market Rasen on Saturday 11th November. The history of WW1 is detailed over thirty banners with photos, stories and facts including a WW1 Historian and live event on the green area in front of the building: Simon Jarman MBE will be pitching up tents, setting up Soyer Stoves and cooking 100 portions of corned beef hash and bread to a WW1 recipe. There will be weapons, uniforms, hands on stuff for the children along with the Salvation Army Band to play during the day.

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