

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2017 IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, MULSANNE PARK,
NETTLEHAM

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Sarah Bates (Chair), Mike Taylor, Chris Thatcher, John Taylor,
Keith Johnson
County Councillors Mrs Jackie Brockway,
District Councillor Chris Darcel, Mrs Maureen Palmer, Mrs Anne Welburn
One member of the public

1 – 17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal, Tony Melrose.

That the reasons given be accepted - **Resolved** unanimously.

2 -17/18 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None received.

3 – 17/18 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2017 FOR APPROVAL AND TO BE SIGNED AS MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor John Taylor, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher and **Resolved** unanimously.

4 – 17/18 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Mrs Jackie Brockway reported as follows:-

- That Lincolnshire was currently encountering problems recruiting medial staff as Lincolnshire was classed as a 'backwater'.
- LCC were currently offering up to £1500 for small business grants.
- That the street light transformation was now complete and that the engineers were currently carrying out repairs to lights.

The Chair thanked CC Brockway sincerely for her support to the Parish Council and the parish over her period of office which was now concluding due to the electoral boundary changes.

5 – 17/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Received from Cllrs M Palmer and A Welburn

Councillor Initiative Fund - The council operates three grant schemes for various size projects which has resulted in £618,000 of match-funded being brought into communities across the district over the year

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Each West Lindsey councillor has access to the Councillor Initiative Fund to be used to assist with the smaller aspects of community funding. If you require funding for a community project please speak to us or contact an officer at West Lindsey to discuss the detail.

To find out more about the council's grant schemes or to apply visit: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/my-community/grants-and-funding/

Food Enterprise Zone - West Lindsey District Council has begun consulting on the Central Lincolnshire Local Development Order (LDO) and food Enterprise Zone (FEZ). The council, which is the Local Planning Authority is proposing an (LDO) for an area of land at Hemswell Cliff, for the food and farming sector.

The Hemswell Cliff FEZ will become a Greater Lincolnshire Food Enterprise Zone with links to the Grimsby fishing industry and Holbeach fresh produce and food processing cluster. Together the Three FEZ's will create a triangle of opportunities serving and growing the key agri-food clusters in the greater Lincolnshire area along the A15 growth corridor.

The consultation on the plans ends on Friday 14 April 2017.

To view the LDO, all technical supporting information and submit your comments at www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/HemswellCliffFEZ

Public Register of licensed landlords - The Public Register of licensed landlords in Gainsborough has now been published and is available to view. The register will be updated on a weekly basis as license applications are processed and, where appropriate, granted. The application stage has now closed, with a total of 567 properties in the scheme – 127 of which have been licensed. Some 400 property inspections have been carried out by The Home Safe Scheme and the resulting reports will be released in due course.

The council is working hard to process the remaining applications and considering prosecutions where unlicensed landlords have been identified. If the scheme is successful it may be rolled out over the whole district.

Mrs Maureen Palmer stated that she continued to gain support from her fellow Councillors but would represent/assist parishioners if required.

DC Chris Darcel stated that he felt that the Parish Council should pursue the provision of a crossing over the A158 with the local authority.

The Chair at 8.50pm suspended Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak on the feasibility of a Puffin Crossing. It was also stated that the cost of a crossing was in the region of 100k. However grants could possibly be sought from several sources.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders at 8.55pm.

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6 – 17/18 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

- a) **Request to LCC Highways for crossing over A158** – Deferred to June 2017 meeting.
- b) **Empty property, Westfield Approach** – This property had now been cleared.
- c) **Get Together 22nd March 2017** – The Chair reported on an interesting afternoon with Speakers on switching of gas/electricity. £34 had been taken on the door and Bring and Buy. There had been a quiz on 'Lincolnshire Dialect'.
- d) **Litter Picks** – The first Litter Pick had been held on 1st April being a very successful event. 6 residents had turned out, 13 bags of rubbish collected along with a car tyre and part of a lorry tyre.
A further Litter Pick would be held on 8th April.
- e) **Request for road markings/signage at The Limes** – No reply received from LCC Highways, despite a follow up communication from CC Jackie Brockway. CC Brockway would pursue.
- f) **Greetwell Garden Party and Produce Show** – The Chair reported that a planning meeting for the show had been held on 20th March 2017 with present – Sarah Bates, Chris Myers, Paul Ransome, Chris Thatcher, Anne Ransome, Tony Melrose. The notes had been circulated to all Parish Council members for information.

To summarise:-

- Date for event Sunday 20th August 2017
- Gazebo booked from Cherry Willingham PC and paid for (£20) delivery
- Mess tent booked from scouts - donation to be made as per 2016 – delivery tbc
- Live music confirmed – Travel expenses to be paid
- 10 tables booked for the produce show from Lincoln North Horticultural Society. Although they are not going to be able to attend this year with a stall.
- Mr and Mrs P Ransome confirmed that they would run the games.

Jobs to do:

- Sarah Bates to book toilet from Tiger Hire - £85.00 plus VAT
- Judges to be contacted – SB and CM
- Scones to be purchased for refreshments
- Ask Lincs branch of Wildlife Trust if they would like to run a stall - SB
- Various garden centres/shops to be asked to provide raffle prizes – request to be made from Parish Council by Clerk

Finances:

- Funds in Events budget to date totalled £630.70.

Classes:

- 21 classes decided
- To produce schedule in Newsletter and distribute to residents mid-April.

Approval of the above proposed by Councillor Chris Thatcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Taylor and **Resolved** unanimously.

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Offer of funding assistance from District Councillor Initiative Fund - D C Chris Darcel offered funds from the District Councillor Initiative Fund for the cost of the toilet hire, gazebo hire and purchase of a First Aid kit. **Resolved** unanimously that the Parish Council accept the funding offered. Clerk to arrange completion of the application form.

g) Flower Tub Wragby Road/Greetwell Road junction – approval of wording for plaque – That the plaque on the tub read ‘This display sponsored by J Bates, local resident’ proposed by Councillor John Taylor, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher and **Resolved** unanimously.

h) Correspondence received since last meeting and circulated to members:-

- 7.3.2017 – Further reminder from WLDC re Community Award
- *8.3.2017 – WLDC Broadband survey
- 8.3.2017 – Road Restrictions for Lincoln 10K
- 8.3.2017 – Copy of letter from residents re objection to Planning application 135763
- 10.3.2017 – Notice of Annual meeting of Lincolnshire Pension Fund – 23.3.2017
- 13.3.2017 – Email invitation from Chatterton’s Solicitors to participate in charity quiz
- 17.3.2017 – Notice of WLDC meetings 10th and 18th March 2017
- 23.3.2017 – LALC – Purdah guidance
- 24.3.2017 – News and updates from Community Lincs
- 21.3.2017 – LALC News Spring 2017

*Councillor Chris Thatcher agreed to complete the WLDC Broadband Survey.

7 – 17/18 UNITED LINCOLNSHIRE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST ENGAGING WITH THE PUBLIC

A request had been received from United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust for assistance in strengthening the involvement of patients and public in their decision making.

Members considered that it may be useful for the Trust to write an article for the newsletter. **Resolved** unanimously that the Clerk reply accordingly.

8 – 17/18 CAMPAIGN FOR RURAL ENGLAND

Notice had been received of the Forward Planning Workshop at Cranwell Village Hall 3rd May 2017. No members expressed interest to attend. The Chair pointed out that at time of renewal the feasibility of membership must be considered.

9 – 17/18 REVIEW OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

Reviewed, personalising it to Greetwell Parish Council and **Resolved** unanimously that the Code of Conduct be adopted in its new format.

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10 – 17/18 FINANCE

A) Accounts for payment

LALC – subscription = £240.32 (£200.27, VAT £40.04)

Mrs C Myers – Refreshments for Get Together 22.3.2017 = £18.61

Greenfield Groundskeeping Services – grass cutting at The Chase = £40.00

Mrs C Myers – Expenses – March = £64.55

LALC Annual Training Scheme - £85.00

Resolved unanimously that the above payments be made.

Payment for consideration - LALC – hard copy of LALC News - £5.00 per issue x 4 per annum – This was being received in on-line format. **Resolved** unanimously that hard copy not required.

B) Income - Get Together = £34.00

C) Review of Fixed Asset Register – This was reviewed with additions. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates, seconded by Councillor Mike Taylor and **Resolved** unanimously that it be adopted.

D) Risk Assessment – Reviewed without amendment.

E) Parish Council current account with Co-op bank- to agree name change – The imminent closure of current accounts at Norwich and Peterborough Building Society required alternative banking arrangements for the Parish Council.

The current account held at Co-op Bank named 'Greetwell Parish Council - The Chase Account' held no funds (The Chase funds in a One year Bond at Co-op Bank).

Members considered the use of this account for its main account and unanimously **RESOLVED** that a mandate be completed to change the name to 'Greetwell Parish Council' upon which all funds from Norwich and Peterborough Building Society could be transferred.

11 – 17/18 PLANNING

a) Planning training sessions for Parish Council arranged by WLDC - Dates had been circulated and noted by members. They were advised to contact the Clerk if wanting to attend any of the sessions and a place would be reserved.

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b) Application 135763 - Outline application to erect 4 dwellings – access to be considered and not reserved for subsequent applications – land to the rear of Westfield Drive, North Greetwell – All members had previously viewed these plans and through email had unanimously agreed that the Clerk send the following comments to WLDC - Greetwell Parish Council has viewed the plans and supporting documentation in detail and make the following observations:

On first inspection this application and supporting documentation appears to be thorough. However on further reading there appears to be several assumptions made that are unsupported with superfluous information that baffles the reader with statistics and points of law.

Hazardous contamination linked to the existing use – The site has been derelict for a number of years and there have been complaints during that time of fly tipping on this site. It was alleged that items were being tipped, burned and buried using the mechanical digger still present on site. It is understood that on at least one occasion WLDC Enforcement were involved in investigating hazardous material on the site. There is no supporting documentation to indicate that a site survey has been undertaken to support the claim that hazardous materials are not present. **This should and needs to be provided.**

It is mentioned that the proposed development would remove the ‘bad neighbour’ and the disturbance association with the current uses. It is noted that the Parish Council are not aware of any recent disturbance/complaints associated with the current uses. Is this an assumption to justify development?

There is mention in the supporting documentation regarding the provision of footpaths and cycleway in North Greetwell. According to the plans there are none of these in the proposed design, indeed it is stated that there is to be no alteration to the present access to the site which leads to further concern. The access is at present a shared driveway used by the site owners and the residents of 8 Westfield Drive. With the planned provision of up to 16 parking spaces this would mean a substantial increase in traffic along this access. There is insufficient space for vehicles to pass and certainly no inclusion of a footway (not included in the plans). A single lane would lead to conflict between the vehicles and potentially impact onto Westfield Drive. The pedestrian access of No 8 Westfield Drive opens directly onto this drive and would mean that the occupants step directly on to the proposed access road.

Exiting from the site on to Westfield Drive would also be a problem – visibility is poor to the east. There are no parking restrictions on Westfield Drive at present so any parked vehicles could severely restrict access to the site, particularly Emergency and Refuse vehicles. The Parish Council has received numerous complaints in recent years regarding hazards caused by parked vehicles in this area and has requested traffic calming methods and signage. This has been declined by the local authority. The Police are aware of parking problems in that area of Westfield Drive. Detail can be fully supported by reference to Parish Council minutes.

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The proposed development utilises about one third of the present area; there is therefore opportunity for further development. Without adequate planning regarding access at this stage increased problems may occur at a later date.

The construction of Lawley Close and Greetwell Court have involved the demolition of a property in order to provide two way vehicular access and footpaths to all properties. This has led to superb sympathetic developments that cater for the needs of all residents in those areas.

This development would be backland/tandem development and not considered the approach to support for North Greetwell.

Greetwell Parish Council objects to the application. It requests that objections/comments from residents at neighbouring properties are fully taken into consideration when determining this application.

Permission granted – application 135763 – with conditions. It was noted that there had been no objections from LCC Highways to the access of which members and local residents had strong reservations.

That a letter be sent to the Executive Director of Environment and Economy expressing the concerns of the Parish Council **Resolved** unanimously.

12 – 17/18 CLERKS REPORT

Precept 2017/18 – The Clerk stated that she understood that the £881 Council Tax Support Grant had been added on to the Council tax bills whilst also being included in the Precept amount. She had queried this with WLDC and been told that this overpayment should be taken into consideration when setting the budget/ precept for the 2018/19 financial year.

Members instructed the Clerk to contact WLDC for further explanation as to why this had occurred.

The Clerk reported that the Accounting Statements had been received from the External Auditor requiring to be received by them on 14th June 2017. Following submission of the accounts to the Internal Auditor, the forms would be completed at the next Parish Council meeting.

13 – 17/18 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS – Nothing further to report.

14 – 17/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Council meeting – 8th May 2017 – 7.30pm Old School, Nettleham.

Signed.....Chair

Date.....