

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NETTLEHAM**

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

**72 – 17/18 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor John Taylor was proposed and seconded as Chairman for the period remaining up to March 2017 2018. **Resolved** unanimously.

Councillor Taylor duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**73 – 17/18 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOLLOWING RESIGNATION FROM  
POSITION OF VICE CHAIR BY COUNCILLOR MRS SARAH BATES**

No nominations made.

**74 – 17/18 PARISHIONERS ITEMS**

A report of weeds fronting Hawthorn Chase had been reported by a resident and subsequently referred to LCC who had replied that the issue had been assessed and that they would not be taking immediate action but that it would be monitored as part of routine inspection schedule.

**75 – 17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None.

**76 – 17/18 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA** –  
None declared.

**77 – 17/18 POLICE MATTERS**

Alerts received and circulated to Councillors and residents on email list.

**78 – 17/18 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

CC Ian Fleetwood had forwarded a report with the latest on what's happening in the public sector in Lincolnshire. This had been circulated and would be included in a future Greetwell News.

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## **79 – 17/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

### **September/October 2017 - Cllrs M Palmer and A Welburn**

**Beware** - WLDC has been made aware that some West Lindsey Council Tax payers have received calls from a private company offering to reduce their Council Tax band for a £79 fee. The Valuation Office Agency determines Council Tax bands and can provide advice to customers regarding their band and whether they can apply for a reduction, free of charge. West Lindsey District Council does not endorse any such companies and recommends that if any customer is in any doubt about such a call they should contact the West Lindsey Council Tax Team by emailing [council.tax@west-lindsey.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:council.tax@west-lindsey.gcsx.gov.uk) or calling 01427 676676. The Valuation Office Agency can be contacted on 03000 501501 or by emailing [cteast@voa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cteast@voa.gsi.gov.uk).

**Public Consultation.** You should have received information on an event. WL are currently working up plans to develop a crematorium on the outskirts of Gainsborough. Concept designs have now been produced and they are working towards the submission of a planning application. They are very keen to speak to as many of our residents as possible and are holding a public consultation event on the 19th September 2017 between 3pm and 7pm at Lea Village Hall, Rectory Lane, Lea DN21 5JA.

**Budget Consultation 2017** West Lindsey District Council is holding three events for residents to have a say on how the Council should spend its budget for 2018 to 2019. With reduced budgets from central government it is critical that resources are directed in a way that benefits residents and meets their needs and priorities. The nearest to us is September 2017, Old School Hall, Nettleham 2pm to 4pm.

**Collection for Green Waste Consultation 2017** ends Nov 18<sup>th</sup>2017. We know many of the Parish Councils have this as an agenda item but it is important to urge residents who have comments to make to submit their views independently.

**Annual Voter Registration.** All households in the West Lindsey area are sent a Household Enquiry Form (HEF) addressed to 'the occupier', this is to confirm who lives at the address and also to make any changes. It is a legal requirement to respond to the HEF, and those who do not respond should have received a reminder during September and if still no reply a personal visit in October.

**Crematorium Consultation.** More than 80 residents dropped into Lea Village Hall to check out the new designs for a crematorium planned for the district. The consultation period is open until October 15. If you wish to submit your feedback on the proposed scheme, please visit: [www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/gainsboroughcrematorium](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/gainsboroughcrematorium).

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West Lindsey District Council has obtained the **a 2nd batch of defibrillators** and are rolling out the latest phase. It is not too late to apply if you would like one placed in your area. They have been shortlisted for a **national award** for installing 30 life-saving defibrillators across the district. The UK Heart Safe Awards is the UK's leading national awards competition to celebrate organisations and employers who invest in creating 'Heart Safe' environments and the acts of individuals who have saved lives while at work or leisure.

### **80 – 17/18 VACANCY OF COUNCILLOR**

Mrs Rosemary Seal had resigned on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 with immediate effect. WLDC had instructed the Parish Council that it could now co-opt to the position. The vacancy would be advertised in the noticeboards and the next edition of Greetwell News with a view to co-opting at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### **81 – 17/18 GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL – THE WAY FORWARD**

Items discussed were tending of the planters – A request be made in the next Greetwell News for a volunteer to tend the planters on Wragby Road and Westfield Drive.

The Chair asked Councillor Mrs Bates to continue with the current arrangement with the planter at the junction of Greetwell Lane/Wragby Road.

Greetwell News deliveries – to be shared between current distributors.

**Resolved** as above.

### **82 – 17/18 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

- a) **Greetwell Garden Party and Party and Produce Show 2017** – Cllr Mrs Sarah Bates reported that there had been more exhibits than last year but less people attending, possibly due to other events being held in the area. Visitors appeared to enjoy the afternoon which included music, home-made refreshments and a visit of exotic animals which attracted much interest.

The balance sheet had been produced by the Clerk and was accepted by the Council.

- b) **Get Togethers** – The most recent Get Together had not been well attended even though the Speaker had been very interesting. However it was noted that the weather that afternoon had been very wet.

**Resolved** that there be no more Get Togethers this year and that the future of Get Togethers be reviewed in the New Year.

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**c) Correspondence received since last meeting of Parish Council and circulated**  
**\*Circulated to residents email list**

- 7.8.2017 – Police alert re Cold Callers
- 15.8.2017 – Notification from WLDC re persons with learning disabilities eligible for free NHS Health checks
- 18.8.2017 - Request from resident for cutting/spraying of verge, Hawthorn Road – reported to LCC Highways
- 20.8.2017 – Request for hiring playing field to host a burlesque event
- \*23.8.2017 – Invitation to Town and Parish Council Forum, 26<sup>th</sup> October, Reepham and CW Village Hall
- \*24.8.2017 – Notification of course on new Data Protection legislation – LALC Offices, Dunholme – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- 25.8.2017 – Notification of WLDC Budget Consultation events – Nettleham 19.9.2017
- 30.8.2017 – Invitation to Community Lincs AGM/90<sup>th</sup> year celebrations
- 1.9.2017 – Notice of consultation meeting for proposed crematorium at Gainsborough
- 1.9.2017 – Notification of road restrictions for Lincoln Half Marathon – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 (circulated to residents email list)
- 1.9.2017 – Consultation on broadband universal service obligation survey
- 4.9.2017 – WLDC Council Tax reduction scheme survey
- 7.9.2017 – ICO News
- 11.9.2017 – News and updates from Community Lincs
- 12.9.2017 – Weather warning from Emergency Planning Officer
- 13.9.2017 - WLDC Consultation on charging for garden waste
- 15.9.2017 – Request for commemoration of Holocaust Day 2018
- 15.9.2018 – Statement from R Wills, LCC re Lee Rowley deceased
- 24.9.2017 – CC Ian Fleetwood’s September news
- 28.9.2017 – New Code of Conduct – Consultation events – WLDC had introduced a new Code of Conduct for its members and it was recommended that the Monitoring Officer undertake consultation with all Parish Councils with a view to them also adopting its content in due course. A number of workshop events had been arranged.

Councillors John Taylor, Mike Taylor, Mrs Sarah Bates, Chris Thatcher, Tony Melrose would attend the workshop to be held at the Old School, Mill Hill, Nettleham on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 commencing at 6.00pm.

**c) Defibrillator for North Greetwell** – Notification received that the defibrillator would be installed within the next few weeks. It was noted that a Councillor was required to attend an initial site meeting to agree the exact location. **Resolved** that Councillor John Taylor attend.

**d) Crossing over A158 – anything further to report** – there had been no further communication regarding the crossing but members agreed that it should be pursued. Councillor John Taylor offered to explore areas for bringing it to media attention which was welcomed and **Resolved** unanimously.

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### **83 – 17/18 AUTUMN LITTER PICK**

Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates had offered to arrange a Litter Pick on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – **Resolved** unanimously.

### **84 – 17/18 COUNCILS SUPPORT FOR LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS FAIRER FUNDING CAMPAIGN**

Greetwell Parish Council had been invited to unite with other local Lincolnshire Councils to object to the continued use of an unfair funding formula that sees Lincolnshire receiving far less funding than most other councils.

Unanimously **Resolved** as follows:-

1. *We write to Lincolnshire County Council expressing support for their Fairer Funding campaign.*
2. *We write to all District Councils asking them to consider moving a similar motion incorporating bullet 1, and 3.*
3. *We write our member of parliament expressing our deep concerns about the continued use of an unfair funding formula In Lincolnshire. This is done with the expectation that, along with all other Lincolnshire MP's, he will ensure that these concerns are strongly voiced in London and that a suitable resolution is found.*

### **85 – 17/18 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS PARISH LIAISON MEETINGS – INVITATION TO ATTEND**

Members were invited to attend a meeting in order for the changes to the LCC Highways service to be explained.

Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates would attend a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October at County Offices, Lincoln and the Clerk would attend a meeting at Caistor on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**Resolved as above.**

### **86 – 17/18 GARDEN WASTE CONSULTATION**

WLDC had launched a consultation on the introduction of a subscription based garden waste collection service. Members were disappointed that information available for residents appeared to be only obtainable on-line or at a local library. District Councillors present at the meeting agreed to take this matter up.

### **87 – 17/18 THE CHASE**

- a) **Request by resident for provision of a roundabout in play area** - The Clerk was instructed to reply to the resident stating that the monies held in the Chase account were for the maintenance of the area and not for the purchase of additional items.

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- b) **Play area annual inspection report** – The report from RoSPA had highlighted the requirement for a gate adjustment which the Play Equipment Inspector had dealt with.

## **88 – 17/18 FINANCE**

- a) **External Audit 2016/17** – The audit of the Parish Council accounts for 2016/17 had been concluded on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the Annual Governance statement, Accounting statements and External auditor certificate and report had been published on the parish website.

Comments from the External Auditor stated that the Parish Council held a high reserve of funds. It was noted that this related to The Chase funds from the Section 106 Agreement held to maintain the area.

b) **Accounts paid –**

Mrs C Myers – expenditure for Produce Show = £12.68  
Mrs S Bates – expenditure for Produce Show = £190.23, VAT £33.25 = £223.48  
Nettleham Parish Council – Room hire meeting 7.8.2017 - £8.50  
Mr Jessop, musician at Produce Show – Travel contribution – £20.00  
Vision Windows – Replacement of Perspex in Westfield Drive noticeboard –  
£191.67, VAT £38.33 = £230.00

c) **Accounts for payment –**

Playsafety Ltd – playground inspection – The Chase = £70.00, VAT £14.00 = £84.00  
Greenfield Groundskeeping Services – Grass cutting and weed spraying = £60.00  
Greenfield Groundskeeping Services – Grass cutting and strimming = £45.00  
C Myers – Items purchased for Get Together = £4.00  
C Myers – Clerks Expenses = £73.14

**Resolved** unanimously that all payments as above be made if not already done so.

d) **Income –**

VAT Refund = £110.76  
Get Together – 9.8.2017 = £21.60  
Produce Show and Garden Party = £303.22  
The Chase Account – Interest on Bond on maturity = £219.02

- e) **Change of signatories to Parish Council bank account** – Proposed and seconded that Councillor Michael Taylor be signatory on the Parish Council bank account, replacing Mrs Rosemary Seal. **Resolved** unanimously.

- f) **Budget considerations for 2017/18** – It was noted that the Council would be setting its budget for 2018/19 and that considerations for expenditure should be notified to the Clerk.

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**89 – 17/18 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that Data Protection Regulations were due to change significantly from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The LALC were running a training session on the new Regulations on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and she was unfortunately unable to attend. Due to the importance of this training session Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates agreed to attend. **Resolved** unanimously.

The Clerk stated she would attend the West Lindsey Parish and Town Council Forum 2017 – Reepham and Cherry Willingham Hall, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Mrs Sarah Bates would also attend. **Resolved** unanimously.

**90 – 17/18 PLANNING** – Nothing to report

**91 – 17/18 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS**

The Chair suggested that a Greetwell News should be published as soon as possible in order to advertise the Litter Pick and update residents on various items relating to the parish. **Resolved** unanimously.

**92 – 17/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – The Old School, Mill Hill, Nettleham, commencing at 7.30pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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