

GREETWELL NEWS

Summer 2021

<https://greetwell.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>



**Pictures on front and back cover of the garage
on Wragby Road East, taken late 70's early 80's**

Inside:- Annual Parish Meeting notes; Parish Council Report;
Election results; A piece of Greetwell History;
Reasons not to become a Parish Councillor; Information about local bus services
and much more!



Litter Pick

The next litter pick is due to take place on **Saturday 5th June**. Please come and join us to make our village a tidier and cleaner place to live. All equipment is supplied, although you may prefer to bring your own gloves. Hand sanitisers will be available.

The meeting place is near to the corner of Westfield Drive and the A158, depending on where I can find to park!! The litter pick will start at **10.00 am** and hopefully be completed before midday. If you can only spare an hour then that would be great.

Thank you to those people who have been picking up litter on their walks and also thank you to the team from Cherry Willingham who came and helped me clear up a particularly bad stretch on the North side of the A158 recently.

Details from Sarah Bates 07798670652



Community Speedwatch

Following the relaxation of some of the lockdown restrictions we have been given permission to begin Community Speedwatch sessions once more. Our first session was held on a weekday afternoon between 2 and 3 pm. The total number of cars passing us in that hour (heading West on the A158) was 412.

Of these, 15 vehicles were reported for speeding including two doing over 50mph (in a 40 limit).

The A158 through our village is still extremely busy at peak times, particularly leading up to the roundabout. If you have a concern about a certain time of day or a particular day then we could try and target that. If you would like to join our small band of volunteers in trying to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through our village, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

You would be trained by the Police and all equipment is supplied.

Further details from the Coordinator sarahbates1@btconnect.com

NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GREETWELL HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY 12 APRIL 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillor John Taylor (Chairman), Christine Myers (Clerk),
4 residents

APOLOGIES: District Councillor Anne Welburn

1 APPROVAL OF THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2019 TO BE SIGNED AS MINUTES (NO MEETING HELD IN 2020 DUE TO COVID 19)

That the notes be signed as minutes unanimously Resolved.

2 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported that he was hopeful that matters were progressing towards North Greetwell Having a pedestrian crossing installed across the A158.

The Chairman extended thanks to the Clerk for her work during the last year.

3 CLERK/TREASURERS REPORT

Through this last challenging year the daily work of the Parish Council has continued, all members and myself working together as a team to ensure that legislation relating to Covid 19 has been adhered to.

The Council held two face to face meetings in a Councillors garden, since then meetings have been held remotely. These are working well.

Despite restrictions the grass in the parish continued to be cut and kept tidy; the play equipment, although closed for three months during the first Lockdown, was inspected and maintained; the planters on Westfield Drive were replaced and continue to be cared for by a local resident.

The Parish Council has commented on 8 planning applications during the year.

A new website for the Parish has been set up by a resident of Sudbrooke of which thanks must be extended for his help and continuing support with this project. The website is a huge improvement to the old site.

Grants have been received from District Council Mrs Anne Welburn's Community Fund for the Community Speedwatch equipment, new planters and for a new seat (site yet to be agreed).

The Council has spent within its budget during the year having a balance at 31.3.2021 of £10,625.33 which consists of the following:-

Events Fund = £973.96
Parish Enhancement from Precept - £1,000.00
Parish Enhancement from CIL payment - £644.20
Funds for seat from DC A Welburn = £341.09
Sale of land, Hawthorn Road = £1000.00

The Chase account stands at £12,248.15

4 REPORTS BY COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

DC Mrs Anne Welburn

I am one of the three District Councillors representing the ward and I am a member on the two decision making committees of West Lindsey District Council. Firstly, the Corporate Policy and Resource Committee, of which I am Chairman, dealing with Finance and secondly the Prosperous Communities Committee which deals with the people decisions.

I am sure no one will disagree that 2020/21 has been a challenging year but there are still some highlights to report, and West Lindsey is in a strong position going forward.

Trinity Arts run by WL Council was forced to close its doors in March 2020 due to Covid-19. But the venue has been awarded £196,690 from the Culture Recovery Fund, aimed at mitigating the devastating impact the virus has had on arts and culture nationally. The venue will also feature in a brand-new paranormal documentary series commissioned by the Discovery Channel. The £20 million series will be broadcast on the Discovery Channel and Freeview channel 'Really' this coming winter. The Arts Centre team were interviewed, and historians descended to bring to life a unique and compelling story, with all activity culminating in an all-night paranormal investigation.

Auditors have said they have a 'high level of confidence' in West Lindsey District Council in the following areas.

- ❖ housing benefit procedures.
- ❖ Key Controls Testing Debtors and Creditors in the following areas: Adequate authorisation processes in place for raising a purchase order. Setting up of new creditors and debtors within the system. High-value payments
- ❖ Monthly control account reconciliations are completed.
- ❖ Food safety, environmental protection, and enforcement practices

❖ Treasury management.

And finally, West Lindsey District Council's financial accounts for 2019/20 have been given a clean bill of health by an independent watchdog.

COVID-19 Community Fund the Council has allocated more than £53,000 to groups across the district supporting local residents. The Council set up the fund in April in response to the issues created by the national lockdown and the impact this was having on local communities.

Heritage Grants work has begun this year to restore the 'historic heart of Gainsborough' with thanks to a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund of £1.25 million this will be invested as part of a major project to restore historic buildings and heritage assets in the town centre.

Green Waste an extra collection was added to the West Lindsey Garden Waste service in December and the price of yearly collections has not been increased for the coming year.

Waste Transfer Station A brand-new purpose-built central operational services depot, located near Caenby Corner, will secure the future of waste collection and street cleansing services in the West Lindsey District Council area and has been designed with everyday operations and visitors in mind. It is due to be completed later this year.

Lea Fields Crematorium The crematorium has now completed more than 350 services, supporting countless local businesses and bereaved families since its opening in January 2020 and has made a positive impact on the local community despite a challenging first year due to Covid-19.

The £6 million state-of-the-art facility, which was funded by West Lindsey District Council, has provided local mourners and funeral directors with an ultra-modern centre to host services for loved ones closer to home. It was also crowned the 'Best Service Team of the Year: Cemetery and Crematorium Service' at the Association for Public Service Excellence annual service awards in December 2020. The Crematorium has also been awarded with a Civic Trust Award, for demonstrating 'excellence in architecture or design, whilst being sustainable, accessible and providing a positive civic contribution

West Lindsey District Council remains committed to keeping and strengthening West Lindsey as a place where communities can thrive and reach their potential, following the approval of a strong and well-planned financial budget of £13,279,100 for the 2021/22 financial year, and acknowledged the good financial position the council is in despite the uncertainty in the current climate surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic and future Government funding.

Councillors also approved a Council Tax rise of £5 – or 10p a week – for the 2021/22 financial year, to maximise every opportunity to help with the current uncertainty and now expected longer term recovery of the Council's income streams. This is a rise of 2.3%.

Climate Change A commitment to moving the Central Lincolnshire area towards carbon neutrality has been strengthened through a decision to review local planning policy in order to better address climate change.

The Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee, which sets the overall planning framework under which planning applications are determined across North Kesteven, West Lindsey and the City of Lincoln, has begun a process to ‘demonstrably assist’ Central Lincolnshire in becoming a carbon net-zero sub-region as soon as is practicably possible.

Building on the climate action position of each of the partner councils, the committee has proposed a series of policies. These will be subject to at least four rounds of public consultation and input within an eight-stage process before potentially forming the core of an updated Local Plan, to act as a blueprint for Central Lincolnshire through to 2040.

The suggested principles – which also build on a large level of previous consultation feedback that the Local Plan needed to do more to reduce emissions – give a very clear steer of how the committee wants the Local Plan to tackle climate change. They broadly cover:

- Regulate new building standards to improving the energy efficiency of homes and other buildings to reduce energy demand.
- Facilitate appropriate levels of renewable energy generation consistent with achieving net zero compatibility.
- Support wider infrastructure improvements, such as energy storage.
- Facilitate wider transition to a net-zero carbon position.
- Establishing and protecting areas that are, or could become, carbon sinks.
- Encouraging and facilitating wider improvements such as in how we travel, use materials, and distribute growth.

These six strands form a complete package of measures to meet the net-zero target.

Waste More than half a million tonnes of household recycling was rejected at point of sourcing because of non-recyclable material being placed in household bins, each tonne of waste collected from a household bin that cannot be recycled costs approx. £93 to dispose of which is £48 million per year of avoidable costs not to mention the impact on climate change of waste itself.

5. PARISHIONERS ITEMS – None

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm.

News from YOUR Parish Council

Firstly, a vacancy exists on Greetwell Parish Council and there seems to be little interest from residents to fill it – Would you like to help shape your community? You won't change the world but the position is interesting, not too onerous, part of a friendly team just trying to do their bit for the parish. Please give it some thought.....

REASONS NOT TO BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR!

Pro	Con
I'm too young.	Anyone aged 18 or over is eligible providing they are on the Electoral Register.
I'm too old.	There is no upper age limit.
I'm too lazy and I'm not interested in my community	A valid reason, so don't bother!
I don't have the time	On average 1-3 hours per week is needed. Meetings are once a month on the first Monday of each month except August. With a valid reason for absence, missing some meetings is acceptable.
Everyone on the Council is old	Come and see – we all have a “young” outlook and certainly don't fall into the “old” bracket. Otherwise come and join us and lower the average age!
I prefer to let others do the work and then complain at what they are doing (or not!)	Another valid reason for not offering yourself for election but bear in mind that expressing your views on Facebook or in the street rather than Council meetings will not change a thing in Greetwell. If you can't be bothered, does that mean it's fair to criticise those people who are bothered!
I haven't lived here long	As long as you have been in the village for a year, either as a resident, owning a business or owning land or other asset then you are eligible providing you are on the Electoral Register. The views of “incomers” are valued as very often they see things that people who have been in the village for many years don't.

If you are interested then please contact the Parish Clerk on Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

Meetings – Remote meetings for Parish Councils are no longer allowed under Government legislation therefore face to face meetings will resume with effect from the July meeting. There will be a new venue for Parish Council meetings due to the previous one not now being available. Greetwell Parish Council Meetings will be held commencing at 7.30pm in the Lounge of Sudbrooke Village Hall, Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke on the following dates:-

**Monday 5th July 2021; 6th September 2021; 4th October 2021,
1st November 2021; 6th December 2021**

All residents of Greetwell are very welcome to attend. Agendas are displayed on the noticeboards in North Greetwell and on the parish website

<https://greetwell.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Chairman and Vice Chair – Councillor John Taylor was elected Chairman and Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates Vice Chair for the year 2021/22.

Pedestrian crossing update - County Councillor Ian Fleetwood stated that he had re-iterated the request for a meeting regarding the pedestrian crossing in the last few weeks and also put in a request that the speed limit along the A158 is reviewed and a reduction is made to 30mph.

White lines either side of the ladder markings on Wragby Road East – a request has been made to Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership re the making of solid white lines down the centre of Wragby Road East.

Audit of Accounts for year 20/21 – The internal audit has been received, concluding that the accounts had been maintained to the highest of standards and that bank statements, reconciliations, income and expenditure, invoices, payments, cheque books, fixed asset register, risk assessments, VAT returns, salaries and PAYE returns as well as minutes of the meetings, alongside the Council's website had all been looked at.

The accounts can be viewed by any resident – details on the notice opposite.

GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (EXEMPT AUTHORITY)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 25, 26 and 27
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

NOTICE

1. Date of announcement: 1 June 2021

2. Each year the smaller authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR has been published with this notice. It will not be reviewed by the appointed auditor, since the smaller authority has certified itself as exempt from the appointed auditor's review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the AGAR, the accounting records for the financial year to which it relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2021, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

Mrs C Myers, Clerk/RFO to Greetwell Parish Council
Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com 01522 750531

commencing on **Monday 14 June 2021** and ending on **Friday 23 July 2021**

3. Local government electors and their representatives also have:

- The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and
- The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority.

The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.

4. The smaller authority's AGAR is only subject to review by the appointed auditor if questions or objections raised under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 lead to the involvement of the auditor. The appointed auditor is:

PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team)
15 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD
(sba@pkf-l.com)

5. This announcement is made by Christine Myers, Clerk to the Council

A snippet of North Greetwell history written by a local resident

Land at North Greetwell

In 1777 Nettleham voted to change the farming system and enclosed the land into separate fields. This produced the landscape that we see to-day. An Act of Parliament was required and commissioners appointed to carry out the work. The Wragby Road was at the time a toll road – users had to pay. The Nettleham boundary was about 12 yards south of the road leaving a long strip of land still owned by the Nettleham parish. It was termed “screed” and was very poor-quality land. The Commissioners were given permission to sell it off to raise funds for the work required in allocating land to the various rate payers of the parish.

This narrow strip was still there at the end of WW1 when Farmer Ward approached Nettleham Parish Council to purchase 1 acre of it. Which bit is not recorded but there is evidence of its existence still there. The Stone Cottages on the hill top are built on it as are the bungalows between them and Westfield Approach. To the east of Westfield Approach 1 acre strips were also sold off in 1919 but there is no mention of the screed in the transactions - so had Mr Ward bought it before selling off land, with the army huts in situ, to give each new acre access to the main road?

The 1777 Nettleham Enclosure Act listed the location of 5 pits or quarries needed to supply stone for the repair of the new roads and the toll road. One pit was just on the north side of the Wragby Road where the Council Houses now stand. Years later when it was not needed for stone Reepham Parish Council rented it from Nettleham to use as a rubbish dump.

LOCAL BUS SERVICES



Lincolnshire Transport Helpline
Call for information and advice on
transport options in Lincolnshire
0345 456 4474

Lincs Bus 

**Apply for or renew your
Concessionary Bus Pass**

For more information about the concessionary bus
pass service visit lincsbus.info or call 0345 456 4474

As you are aware, many national lockdown restrictions have eased as of Monday 17th May. As a result, over the next few weeks bus companies will be monitoring passenger numbers and timetables carefully throughout Lincolnshire in order to update/change their timetables with the demand of services.

Our team won't be updating physical roadside information at stops on the boards until September when services may have settled and we have a better understanding of passenger numbers and how services are affected (the majority of bus stops have a QR code which links to the real-time bus information for that stop).

Currently bus operators can change bus service times with just 72 hours' notice and many are trying to understand service level needs.

Our advice is to keep checking <https://lincsbus.info/> for all updates on services, but also local operators websites as many will keep their service information up to date.

Please see link below for a list of recent service updates in May throughout Lincolnshire, some may not apply to you.

<https://lincsbus.info/bus-services/lincs-bus-updates/>

We hope you are enjoying getting out and about again and spending quality time with Family and friends. We will keep you updated as much as possible through these sites of bus service changes.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Election of a County Councillor for

Bardney & Cherry Willingham Division

on Thursday 6 May 2021

I, Ian Knowles, being the Deputy Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
DARCEL, Christopher John	Lincolnshire Independents	628
FLEETWOOD, Ian Gordon	The Conservative Party Candidate	1731 Elected
JACKSON, Benjamin Robert	Reform UK	54
JENNINGS, Sheila Frances	Labour Party	391

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	8
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	4
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	9
E rejected in part	0
Total	21

Vacant Seats: 1 Electorate: 8397 Ballot Papers Issued: 2825 Turnout: 33.64%

And I do hereby declare that

Ian Gordon Fleetwood

is duly elected Councillor for the said Electoral Division.

Dated: Friday 7 May 2021

Ian Knowles
Deputy Returning Officer

Cllr. Ian Fleetwood's – May's brief - Bardney & Cherry Willingham division.

Tel: 07921 161113 or Email: cllri.fleetwood@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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

I would like to thank you all for re-electing me. It is an honour and also a privilege to serve on Lincolnshire County Council. I don't get everything right but I will continue to ask appropriate questions to make the area better! The local response to the Covid issues has been a credit to all those involved and I could not think of a better place to live throughout these times, well to be honest, it is the best place to live even in normal times.

Levelling up for Lincolnshire:

Organisations from the voluntary and community sectors, Higher and Further Education, local councils and business support organisations are being invited to bid for revenue funding for projects supporting growth in Lincolnshire. Lincolnshire is hoping to bid for up to £9m of revenue funding as part of the government's Levelling Up agenda. Projects of at least £500,000 are encouraged, with delivery in full required by March 2022. The Invitation to Bid document and all of the information organisations will need to apply is available [here](#) Mandy Ramm for Funding and Investment: CommunityRenewalFund@lincolnshire.gov.uk
[Lincolnshire 'levelling up' funding opportunities 2021](#)

Business Accommodation & Expansion Opportunities:

If you are a new or nearly-new business, out-growing a home office or just looking for a new location to grow your business in Lincolnshire, one of the challenges you may face is finding affordable premises or offices with the facilities you need. [Get ahead for businesses](#)
<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/627/get-ahead-for-businesses>

Highways & Innovation:

The way we are looking after the county's roads is changing thanks to new high-tech practices. The county council's highways teams are embracing a range of new ways of working to be more effective and save money. To help us deal with potholes and other road defects even more quickly, we are trialling software that can assess the size and depth of a pothole, just by snapping a picture with a mobile phone. When the team receive them it gives an accurate reading, so they can schedule the repair and calculate the material needed. The council has also trialled the new JCB Pothole Pro. The all-in-one machine can cut out the defect, remove waste material and sweep the area – all tasks that would ordinarily have to be completed manually. The company claims it can reduce repair times to as little as eight minutes. Only two such machines are currently on trial in the country! Last year, we put in new hotboxes at our depots to store hot tarmac to be used for pothole repairs. Now, instead of each gang having to go and pick up hot material each day, it can be delivered in large batches to the depot, and they can set off with it all ready.

[Technology for super highways](#)

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/617/technology-for-super-highways>

Lincolnshire's Historic Environment Record:

For the first time, over 75,000 records from Lincolnshire's Historic Environment Record are now available to the public online at the newly launched [Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer](https://heritage-explorer.lincolnshire.gov.uk/), enabling everyone to discover the amazing wealth of evidence of our county's past.

<https://heritage-explorer.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Extra Care Housing:

A multi-million pound programme, in partnership with district councils and housing associations creates new and improved housing for older people. Housing and the place we live have an important influence on our health, independence, and wellbeing.

Unsafe or unsuitable homes can increase the risk of injury and lead to physical and/or mental health problems. That's why the county council is committed to expanding the choices available, and to help deliver the best possible outcomes for the people of Lincolnshire. [Extra care housing for older people](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/638/extra-care-housing-for-older-people)

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Online Jobs and Careers Fairs:

Since November 2020, the Greater Lincolnshire Online Jobs Fairs have supported over 4,000 individuals to access information about jobs, training and employment support. **If you know someone who would benefit from attending the next fair, please signpost them to www.greaterlincsjobsfair.co.uk.** Attendance is free for both exhibitors and visitors.

[Natalie Poole](#), Skills Delivery Manager, GLLEP.

The Big Ask launches:

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched the largest ever survey of children in England called **The Big Ask**. It will use the feedback to show the Government what children think and what they need to live happier lives. Please help make this a success by encouraging any child you know to take part [here](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/).

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Recycling with a difference:

Looking to donate unwanted items rather than take them to a Household Waste Recycling Centre or throw them away? There are a whole host of ways to give to good causes. For example, some charities are offering '[drive-thru' donations](#), such as St Barnabas Hospice.

The British Heart Foundation has a [freepost donation service](#), while [Cancer Research UK](#) also has remote ways to [donate vintage goods](#) as well as books, CDs and DVDs through [Ziffit and Virgin Money Giving](#).

Have your say on plans for walking and cycling schemes across the county:

Local people are being asked for their views on eight prospective schemes to make walking and cycling easier around the county. A survey is now open until Sunday 16 May. Find out more and take part in the survey on our [website](#).

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/600/active-travel-fund-your-views-on-new-walking-and-cycling-schemes>

Arthritis Action Online Groups

Arthritis Action Groups are an opportunity for people with arthritis to talk with others and share their tips on how to manage their arthritis and stay active whilst at home, and we actively welcome new attendees. We discuss a variety of self-management techniques. Participants will need to contact us directly for the log in instructions for the meeting, and we have produced 'How To' guides for those not familiar with using Zoom.

2pm 25 May - East Midlands Arthritis Action Group
10.30 28 May – Online Coffee morning
6pm 14 June – Evening Midlands Arthritis Action Group
2pm 15 June - East Midlands Arthritis Action Group

For full dates and joining details see <http://www.arthritisaction.org.uk/media-centre/events>

Pain Management in a Pandemic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmb2Wxs-dxM>

The webinar focused on living with pain throughout the pandemic, and our experts addressed your most frequently asked questions on how to effectively manage arthritis pain.

West Lindsey District Council - Residents Newsletter

We send a bi-monthly newsletter to residents via email. If you would like to sign up to receive the latest news, press release, follow the link and add your email address.
www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/newsletter

Confidential emotional and Mental Health support line for Lincolnshire:
0800 001 4331 (available 24 hours a day, 7days a week)

