

GREETWELL NEWS

Spring 2022



The recently purchased Speed Indicator sited on the A158 in North Greetwell

SPEED INDICATION DEVICE: some interesting early statistics -

Residents will have noticed the new device purchased by Greetwell Parish Council and sited on the A158 boundary into North Greetwell hoping that it will deter motorists to keep their speed down when driving through the parish – for their safety and that of residents. The device not only records vehicles coming towards it (incoming), but also those heading away from it (outgoing). It is powered by a solar panel. An alternative would have been a rechargeable battery but reading the statistics and its use a rechargeable battery would need to be changed twice a day!

From 25th March to 8th April:

- 115,950 vehicles (incoming)
- 60, 513 vehicles (outgoing)
- 74.55% recorded doing less than 40mph (total 86,444) incoming
- 17.59% recorded doing between 41 and 45 (total 20,395) incoming
- 5.88 % recorded doing between 46 and 50 (total 6,817) incoming
- 0.03% over 71 mph (total 33) incoming
- 0.18% over 71mph (total 111) outgoing
- Greatest speed recorded on 26th March at 05.00 was 93mph
- 27th March at 17.00 a vehicle was recorded at 88mph and on 8th April at 19.30 a vehicle was recorded at 86mph!

From 9th April to 22nd April:

- 119,194 vehicles (incoming)
- 57,322 vehicles (outgoing)
- 74.37 % recorded doing less than 40 mph (total 88,640) incoming
- 17.86 % recorded doing 41-45 (total 21, 288) incoming
- 0.03% recorded over 70 mph (total 40) incoming

- 0.23% recorded over 70 mph (total 131) outgoing
- Greatest speed recorded on 18th April at 17.30 of 101 mph.

Some of the speeds recorded are pretty shocking, especially those during daylight hours. Of course, some higher speeds will have been recorded by blue light emergency vehicles.

New Councillors – The Parish Council has welcomed two new Councillors – Ms Sue Pullen and Vernon Stuffins.

Pedestrian Crossing – There is not much to update so far except that debate is going at the County Council as to where the funds are going to come from to fund it.

Commemoration of Queens Platinum Jubilee – The Parish Council has applied to Lincolnshire County Council to plant a group of trees on a small area of land near to the bypass that is currently not being used/cultivated to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. If permission is granted planting will take place in the Autumn.

Audit of Parish Council Accounts – Each year the Parish Council prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR will be published on the Parish Website and the noticeboards.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the AGAR, 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 for the year ending 31st March 2022. These documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to the Clerk to the Council on Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com or 01522 750531.

**UNAPPROVED NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
GREETWELL HELD ON MONDAY 4th APRIL 2022 IN THE
SADBROOKE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT: Councillor John Taylor (Chairman),
Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk),
Six residents, County Councillor Ian Fleetwood,
District Councillors Mrs Anne Welburn, Chris Darcel**

**1 APPROVAL OF THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL
2022 TO BE SIGNED AS MINUTES**

That the Chairman sign the notes as minutes proposed by Mrs Sarah Bates, seconded by Mike Taylor.

2 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported:-

That although the parish is further on with the pedestrian crossing, there is now deliberations at County Council level over who is to pay for the provision of the crossing.

The new speed indicator sited on the A158 was a plus for the parish, the high speed of traffic on the A158 always being commented upon. He noted that the data on the device can be recorded from both directions, not just the direction that the device is facing.

He thanked all Parish Councillors for continuing in their roles for the benefit of the parish.

3 CLERK/TREASURERS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the last year had now returned to some normality for Parish Councils with face-to-face meetings being resumed last summer.

We have welcomed two new Councillors, Ms Sue Pullen and Vernon Stuffins who are now active members.

North Greetwell has benefitted from Litter Picks, a refurbished bus shelter and the grass cut regularly on Westfield Avenue roundabout. At the end of March, a speed indicator device was fitted on to Wragby Road East and we look forward with interest to the collection of data from the equipment.

The play equipment at The Chase has been maintained to a high standard with thanks to our Play Equipment Inspector Ed Morton.

The Parish website continues to be updated regularly by our Website Manager – it is full of useful information for residents.

The Council has spent within its budget during the year having a balance at 31.3.2022 of £9,902.75 which consists of the following to carry forward:-

Events Fund - £973.96

Parish Enhancement - £1475.42

Funds for seat from DC A Welburn - £341.09

The remaining balance is the Contingency Fund of £7,112.28

The Chase Account - Expenditure for the year - £1673.32 leaving a balance of £10,578.87

4 REPORTS BY COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Ian Fleetwood – Stated that he continued to keep residents informed on a monthly basis through his briefings of what was happening within the County Council.

He reported that preparations were underway in Lincolnshire to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

District Councillor Anne Welburn - Covering the period May 2021 - April 2022

It has been a busy year for West Lindsey and as Chairman of the Corporate Policy and Resource Committee I have been heavily involved in approving many of the funding streams that have been paid out to help with Covid support. Some of my work stream include being a member of the Grants Panel including the Platinum Jubilee Fund as well as the Tourism, History and Leisure Working Group and Police and Crime Panel. More recently I have joined the Lincoln Transport Board and at my first meeting I asked about the pedestrian crossing at Greetwell, so I expect an update at the next meeting.

As part of a wider remit, I represent West Lindsey on the Local Government Association Culture, Tourism and Sport Board which lobbies the Government to improve this area which has suffered recently for many reasons.

I also run the West Lindsey Members Forums which is a space to suggest/discuss future projects and improvements and I am the Chairman of the Standards Committee.

I report to the Parish Council on a monthly basis so below are just some of the highlights from the year.

Finance

West Lindsey District Council continued to support a number of community-led projects with grant funding throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. A total of 91 projects received grant funding of more than £92,000 from the Council's Match Funding Grant and the Councillor Initiative Fund, to support communities where they need it most. Projects range from much-needed food banks, COVID 19 support, to longer term projects such as developing an under 5-year-old play area.

In 2020-2021 the following grants were awarded:

- 15 Match Funding Grant awards totalling £67,396.97
- 76 Councillor Initiative Fund awards totalling £24,773.85

For every £1 invested from all the schemes, the Council matched/levered in £6.98. This means our grant funding total of £92,170.82 matched or leverage into the district a staggering £643,921.05.

Full details for the year 2021/22 will not be available until after this fiscal year ends.

West Lindsey is still supporting the Councillor Initiative Fund for another year; and I have a small sum of money left which is available for any small local group to help with equipment.

At the full Council meeting on 07/03/22, Councillors approved a balanced budget of £14.979 million for the 2022/23 fiscal year. They also approved a Council Tax rise of £5 - or 10p a week, for the 2022/23 fiscal year.

The financial gains from the 2022/23 settlement have enabled the Council to build up its reserves to support delivery of its corporate strategies. It has been allocated as follows:

£250,000 for Culture

£500,000 for Environmental and Climate Change

£250,000 for Communities at Risk

£6,000,000 for Investment for Growth

£250,000 for cost of change.

£250,000 has been allocated for investment in technology.

Audit of the council finances shows that West Lindsey District Council has “no significant weaknesses” with regards to its use of financial resources, according to an annual report produced by an independent Auditor and presented to Governance and Audit Committee on 8 March 2022.

Auditors checked the effectiveness of controls in place for the awarding of grants from the Councillor Initiative Fund, and the Match Funding scheme and found them to be in good order.

West Lindsey District Council has been successful in its bid for Levelling Up Fund (LUF) of £10 million. The Chancellor’s announcement included £203m of LUF for the East Midlands across 10 projects and the 'Thriving Gainsborough' proposal was one of the ten. The national scheme was created to support town centre and high street regeneration, local transport projects, and cultural and heritage assets.

It is hoped that this funding can fund local projects including improving Whitton's Gardens, creating a new park at the Baltic Mill, building a new cinema, refurbishing the bus station, bringing an extension to our heritage led regeneration across the district.

Mayflower 400

An Award for Excellence has been presented to West Lindsey District Council for its project 'Pilgrim Roots' – Gainsborough's cultural programme for Mayflower 400.

The work led by historian Dr Anna Scott received the accolade from the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology (SLHA), which promotes Lincolnshire's heritage.

The Award for Excellence was announced at the final commemorations of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower story, which was held earlier this month in Gainsborough, after the SLHA gave the award during their annual meeting last month. However, whilst the vibrant spectacle of fire and light attracted more than 2,000 people to the event, a lot of work had taken place over the last five years, in the run up to the finale.

Green Habits

West Lindsey District Council is urging residents to start implementing small "Green" habits into their daily lifestyle during 2022 – to help play their part in tackling climate change.

In June last year, West Lindsey Councillors approved a Sustainability, Climate Change and Environment Strategy outlining just how, as a council, they intent to lower their carbon footprint to net-zero by 2050 at the latest, whilst also leading the way for our communities to do the same. 2022 is the first full year since the approval of the Climate strategy.

Over the next ten years (by 2032) – the Council hopes to see the following:

- That there is a better-quality environment which has made people healthier
- People are more aware of how important the environment is to our prosperity and where there are more 'low carbon' and environmental jobs

- We are more self-sufficient and use energy and our land resources better
- We are an important agricultural area that feeds the nation in the most carbon efficient environmentally friendly way possible
- The landscape and built and historic environment retain its unique character and has been protected and enhanced so that it benefits all – visitors, businesses, and residents
- Areas of high nature conservation quality have been preserved and the loss of plant and animal species has been reversed
- We are firmly on track to becoming a ‘low carbon’ district and are more adaptive to climate change
- People have become ‘greener’ in the way they live their lives
- Local businesses are seen to have the most environmentally friendly land use practices and are leaders in green technologies
- The environment lies at the heart of other strategies and plans for the district and the county and where we have worked together better to implement them

Habitual change does not have to be anything overwhelming or life-changing, it can simply be one small action which can have a significant impact. Changing just one small habit in your life, however, could be the momentum which encourages the changes of many more – this is called a Keystone Habit.

What could you do in West Lindsey to tackle Climate Change in 2022?:

- Walk or cycle to work at least a few times a week.
- Join the Queen’s Green Canopy and help plant trees in honour of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.
- Try a “staycation” – enjoy one of Lincolnshire’s hidden treasures. Did you know – dotted around the county are a number of landmarks, heritage sites, family attractions and even an area of outstanding Natural Beauty. Find out more on Visit Lincolnshire- Opens in a new window
- Shop Local – Join in with our Business of the Week competitions by finding and supporting your favourite local businesses in West Lindsey! To find out what your local High Street looks like in 2022, use this live and interactive guide- Opens in a new window

- Re-use – and then recycle – Take your reusable cups to local coffee chains and make use of re-usable water bottles, reuse carrier bags over and over again where possible – the more you have an item you can reuse over and over again, the better!
- Carefully check what can or cannot be recycled locally. To learn more, see our recycling and reducing waste pages
- Create a wildlife friendly garden – for more, visit the RSPB- Opens in a new window
- Budget

The Great British Spring Clean

West Lindsey District Council encourage and support groups and individuals who want to ‘do their bit’ to help clear up the litter that blights our streets, parks, and countryside. After last year’s success, The Great British Spring Clean is once again supported by West Lindsey, helping to bring people together and clean up their area.

Litter remains a huge problem, causing harm to the environment and wildlife, with councils in England having to spend over £700 million on street cleaning services every year. If you would like some support from the council in terms of equipment or collection of litter, then please call 01427 676676 or email customer.services@west-lindsey.gov.uk

5 PARISHIONERS ITEMS – None raised.

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm.

Parish meetings are not Council meetings, they are meetings for the electors of the Town or Parish and must be held each year between March 1st and June 1st . What is an Annual Parish/Town Meeting? It is, in legal terms, a separate meeting to those held by the Town or Parish Council, but it is invariably the Council that arranges it (simply because it is unlikely that anyone else will do so).

The Council must give a minimum of 7 clear days’ notice of the meeting (not like a Council meeting which requires 3 clear days). Its decisions are not binding on the Council, though a wise Council will normally want to take heed of what is said at the meeting as it is the prime opportunity to ensure the Council are acting on the needs and wishes of the community.

The Annual Parish Meeting is open to all electors of a Town or Parish, who have the right not only to attend but also to speak on any matter of local interest. Councillors attend this meeting as members of the public, only the Chair of the Council must, if s/he is present, take the chair – even if s/he is not an elector for the parish. If the Chair is not present, the Vice-chair of the Council must preside. If the Vice-Chair is not present, then the Meeting must elect a Chair, for this meeting only, from amongst the local electors present. This meeting has its own minutes, which should be kept separately from the Council minutes, and these minutes can only be approved by the next Annual Parish Meeting which will, of course, not be held until the following year.

Minutes of both Annual Parish meetings and Parish Council meetings are displayed on the parish website



We're working in partnership with Anglian Water to help make sure our community are aware of the support they can receive if they're customers of Anglian Water.

The **Priority Services Register (PSR)** offers additional practical support such as providing extra help in the event of a water incident, adding a password to your account to provide an extra layer of protection against bogus and knock & wait, which gives you a little more time to get to the door.

Like many people at the moment, if you're finding paying bills a challenge, Anglian Water offer a wide range of **financial assistance** that may be able to help you. This includes discounted tariffs, assistance schemes if you've fallen behind with your payments, as well as flexible and affordable payment plans to suit you.

You can find out more about the support available by visiting **anglianwater.co.uk/WaterCare**, or calling their specially trained Priority Services team on **0800 232 1951**.

News from County Councillor – Ian Fleetwood

Invitation to open Lincolnshire's first doors to Ukrainian refugees:

Everyone seeking to offer help and assistance is asked to be patient as more detail on the Ukrainian resettlement process emerges.

While it is not clear how many Lincolnshire residents have answered the call to freely offer up accommodation to house those fleeing from their war-torn country, it is known that there has been a generous expression of support and goodwill.

Nationally more than 120,000 people registered within the first 24 hours of the Homes of Ukraine appeal going live – and more registrations can still be made at: <https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine>

Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Preparations are now underway in Lincolnshire to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the summer. To make the most of the occasion, the late May Bank Holiday has been moved to 2 June and there will be an additional one-off bank holiday on 3 June.

The grounds of Lincoln Castle will be decorated and open over the whole bank holiday weekend for you to bring a picnic and enjoy time with family and friends.

Collection amnesty launched for unwanted medical equipment - A pilot drop-off facility for unwanted equipment has been launched at Lincoln Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) to help patients in the area to support a greener, more economic health and care service. Lincolnshire residents are being urged to return medical equipment that is no longer needed as part of a new initiative to reuse and recycle items such as crutches and commodes.

People can drop off any unwanted equipment at the Lincoln HWRC, Great Northern Terrace, Lincoln LN58LG – open Friday to Tuesday, 8am-4pm. Larger items such as beds, shower chairs and hoists can continue to be collected by community equipment service free of charge.

To arrange a collection please contact:

- Telephone: 0345 121 2032 email: enquiries@lincoln.nrs-uk.net

<https://lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/967/collection-amnesty-launched-for-unwanted-medical-equipment>

Lincoln's Usher Gallery – Wedding venue:

The 95-year-old Gallery in the heart of the City is the perfect venue for weddings and civil partnership ceremonies.

Couples considering the Gallery for their big day are invited to the Usher Gallery wedding open day on Thursday 14 April. Drop in any time between 11am and 3pm to explore venue and grounds, talk to staff and gather ideas for your ceremony. Alternatively, reserve a time slot with a member of our dedicated ceremonies team by contacting ceremonies@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Extra Care Housing roll out:

Lincoln's new De Wint Court Extra Care facility has been officially opened. The £12 million, 50 one-bed and 20 two-bed apartment extra care facility is the first such scheme to open its doors. Jointly funded between Lincolnshire County Council, City of Lincoln Council and Homes England. Residents can enjoy the benefits of renting a home, free from the worries of maintenance or gardening, along with like-minded over 55s. With access to care and support on-site 24 hours a day, together with additional communal facilities.

Save Lincolnshire's Pollinators - our insects need your help!

Welcome to all who are interested in ideas and best practice on how to take action to reverse the decline, including providing habitat and food sources, such as wildflowers, for the pollinators, e.g., Ecologists, local authorities and parish councils, agriculturalists, horticulturalists, educational establishments and all those with a personal interest in biodiversity.

The conference will take place at the Epic Centre, Lincolnshire Showground, LN2 2NA from 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 pm on Friday 20th May 2022 (World Bee Day) and the keynote speaker is Professor Dave Goulson FRSE, Professor of Biology at the University of Sussex.

**Did you know that at 9th November 2021 23M people used
123456 as a Password**

OBITUARY

John Edward Bates (Bates Sound) 26.6.33 - 27.2.22.

John lived at Ramper Farm 'the Pink House' in North Greetwell from 1983, where he ran his business until his death in February this year.

The blue and white caravans of Bates Sound have been a familiar sight in and around Lincoln. At one time there were up to 17 vans with a large staff, including part time DJs who worked for Bates Discos.

John worked at the Lincoln Christmas Market from its origins, the Lincolnshire Show, Horse Trials, country fairs, school sports, air shows, grass-tracking and many other types of events.

Some of you may remember in 1998 John's wife Marguerite died following surgery and ten weeks later his step-son Lee was killed in a motor-bike accident on Greetwell Lane. Although this could have broken John he threw himself into his work and kept going.

John married Sarah in 2002 and was a great support to her when she joined the Parish Council. He cared a great deal for the village, making a large monetary contribution towards the purchase of the defibrillator, sponsoring the flower tub opposite their house and opening their home and garden for the Garden parties.

John was a familiar figure on his John Deere lawnmower, cutting the grass right down to the roundabout and up to the stone cottages. In later years, he had limited mobility but that didn't stop him going out on his mobility scooter most days, either litter-picking or just going for a ride down the side of the by-pass to the new bridge.

John's death was sudden and unexpected, but he was still working and still problem-solving to the end.

John's wife Sarah will be carrying on the business, having been his apprentice for 20 years! She will also be the one driving the John Deere now, though never with the aplomb John had. He will be an impossible act to follow.

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**COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2022- To be held at 7.30pm in the
Bramham Lounge of Sudbrooke Village Hall, Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke
LN2 2QJ**

9 May – Annual Meeting, 6 June, 4 July, August – No Meeting, 5 September,
3 October, 7 November, 5 December

**Agendas for Parish Council meetings are displayed on the parish website, and
on noticeboards within the parish. Residents are welcome to attend meetings**

Minutes are also available to view on the website

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

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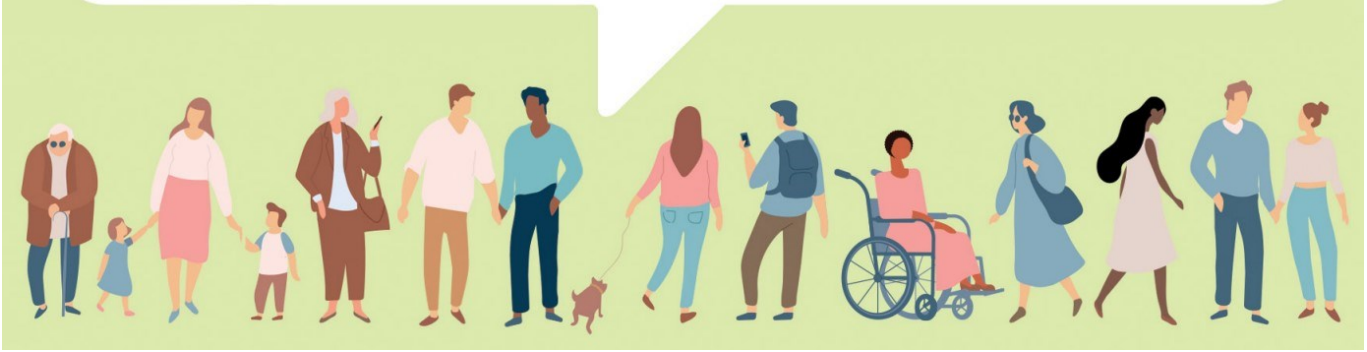
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Get involved - we want to hear from you!



County Views – we want to hear from you!

Roads, transport and highways affect us all. Take part in our county views survey to tell us how you use our roads and your priorities on this important topic.

The county views citizens' panel gives the people of Greater Lincolnshire a voice and connects them with their local authorities. Join the panel to:

- tell us about what matters to you
- show us where we can improve
- help us deliver better services

Our panel is growing and expanding in new directions. We need this large panel of people from all ages and backgrounds to reflect the people and views of Greater Lincolnshire. The more of you that take part the stronger your voice becomes.

We are listening and we share survey results on Let's Talk Lincolnshire.

Make a difference for everyone - join the panel today!

Register online at: www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/register

Or call: 01522 782116