

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SADBROOKE**

**PRESENT: Councillors John Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Sarah Bates (Vice Chair), Keith Johnson, Ms Sue Pullen, Mike Taylor, Chris Thatcher, Vernon Stuffins District Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn, Clerk Mrs Christine Myers**

**30 – 22/23 PARISHIONERS ITEMS**

A resident had reported to a member the increasing amount of dog mess in North Greetwell and this was agreed. Adhesive stickers would be sited in the area asking dog owners to pick up.

It was also noted that a black Labrador was constantly roaming loose. The Clerk was instructed to report this to the WLDC Dog Warden.

**31 – 22/23 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN**

None received.

**32 – 22/23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None declared.

**33 – 22/23 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

County Councillor not present.

District Councillor Anne Welburn had sent in a report attached to these minutes. DC Welburn also stated that she would be pressing WLDC for funding towards the pedestrian crossing.

**34 – 22/23 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

**A Correspondence received since last meeting - \*Sent to the resident's email list**

9.5.2022 – LALC Weekly E News

10.5.2022 – LCC PROW Grass cutting programme

10.5.2022 – Notification from LCC that the polycarbonate would be replaced in the bus shelter on Wragby Road East opposite the petrol station

\*12.5.2022 - Mobile Library information and timetable

\*12.5.2022 - information from Arthritis Action

18.5.2022 – BHIB Insurance, Certificates of insurance for 2022/23

18.5.2022 – LALC Weekly E News

24.5.2022 – LALC Weekly News

24.5.2022 – Play area inspection report

**B Pedestrian Crossing** – Concern was expressed about the amount of traffic now using the A158 but the lack of news on the provision of the pedestrian crossing by Lincolnshire County Council.

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Resolved: That County Councillor Ian Fleetwood be asked to give an update regarding the funding and provision of the crossing.

**C Community Speedwatch** – Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates reported the following data taken from the speed indicator:-

From the 25th March to the 28th of May:

Total of **804,035** vehicles using the A158 in a 2 month period.

It was noted however that the device did appear to be reducing the speed of traffic.

**D Land near to bypass for tree planting** – Permission received from LCC to plant a major tree on the site. Resolved That an oak be planted with some smaller faster growing trees around it which could be removed when the oak became established. Examples being crab apple, rowan, birch.

### **35 – 22/23 FINANCE**

#### **Account paid**

Mr A Fielding – plants and compost for planters on Westfield Drive - £14.99

#### **Accounts for payment**

Mrs C Myers – expenses May – Mileage £8.10, Use of home as office - £13.00 = £21.10

\*LCC Pensions – Employees contribution £22.37, Employer £91.50 = £113.87

\*Mrs C Myers – salary (June) gross £406.04, net = £359.27

\*HMRC – Clerks tax = £24.40

Resolved That the above accounts either paid or to be paid be ratified. Councillor John Taylor to approve the payments through Coop Bank.

#### **Income**

The Chase Account – interest - £2.03

### **36 – 22/23 PLANNING**

Nothing to report.

### **37 – 22/23 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported:

- That weeds required treating around the notice board on Westfield Drive and that the seat was in need of varnishing. Resolved that the Clerk arrange for both of these items to be dealt with.
- That no reply had been received from LCC regarding the provision of street furniture on the LEB.

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On recent play inspection reports it had stated that the surface under the swing was diminishing. Resolved that this be left in abeyance and reviewed in the autumn when it could be raised and seeded.

**38 – 22/23 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**39 – 22/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 7.30pm in the Bramham Lounge of Sudbrooke Village Hall.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

## **District Councillor Anne Welburn' report:-**

### **Climate Change**

The Council is making progress towards reaching ambitious net-zero target by 2050. Energy improvement grants totalling more than £1.3 million have been awarded to West Lindsey District Council in the last 18 months. Successful applicants have used funds to deliver a range of energy improvements where they are most needed – such as off gas grid properties, and low energy efficiency homes owned by low-income families.

On May 3, the Prosperous Communities Committee received a scheduled update report on the progress of the Council's Climate, Environment and Sustainability Action Plan.

The report, presented by officers, highlighted some of the work that has taken place since the action plan was approved last summer, including:

- Solar PV and battery storage and electric vehicle charging points installed and operating at a new energy efficient waste depot -utilising Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund monies.
- Separate Paper & Card Collections for residents and businesses introduced to improve environmental impact of West Lindsey District Council's waste management operations
- Working with the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan to develop Energy, Climate and Flood Policies. New Internal Flood Management Strategy Board Established to help protect residents from the worst impacts of future events.

The report detailed the governance arrangements that have been put in place along with the training and resources that will be needed to further entrench them, and the future monitoring and progress reporting schedule.

### **Greener Homes**

West Lindsey District Council has begun work to allocate up-to £840,000 to carry out sustainable improvements on homes owned by low-income families in West Lindsey.

The aim of the funding – awarded from the Department for Business, Industry, and Industrial Strategy – is to help make homes greener, warmer and reduce energy bills. With fuel prices soaring, it is seen as a way to help alleviate some of the pressure on cash strapped families, improving the wellbeing and quality of life of residents in the district.

The successful bid was part of a coordinated venture with other East Midlands Authorities, resulting in the award of more than £82 million of Government funding for the region at the start of the year. The Sustainable Warmth Competition looks to invest over £430 million across 57 projects, helping local authorities upgrade energy inefficient homes of low-income households across England. Some of the work is now underway and all improvements must be completed by March 2023.

The amount of funding available could be up to £25,000, however most properties will receive upgrades up to the value of £10,000.

### **To qualify:**

- Residents must have a household income of £30,000 or less, or receive means tested benefits.
- Properties must also have an EPC rating of E, F, G and be suitable for the measures available in the scheme.

Private renting tenants are also able to apply; however, landlords must contribute one third of the total costs.

West Lindsey District Council is working with energy experts YES Energy Solutions to help residents qualify for the scheme. Residents interested in the scheme are encouraged to call YES Energy Solutions on 03309 126 199.

### Purple lidded bins

Residents in West Lindsey have embraced the new twin recycling scheme, which separates paper and card from other recyclable material.

West Lindsey District Council has released the latest figures, which show a staggering 99.3% of purple-lidded bins were emptied across the district.

Please see below the statistics from the latest two weeks of bin collections since WL started separate collections of paper and card. It can be seen that from the 47,028 scheduled collections, well over 96.1% of residents presented bins with acceptable material in and only 0.7% of bins had contaminated material. These are really encouraging results and testament to the efforts of WL residents and even better the Cherry Willingham Ward sits in cycle period 2

WLDC P&C RESULTS						
	Cycle 1			Cycle 2		
Week comm	week comm 18/4/22	week comm 25/4/22	Cycle total	week comm 16/5/22	week comm 23/5/22	Cycle total
No. of households in round	25435	21593	47028	25435	21593	47028
Bin not out	1578	800	2378	1119	583	1702
Wrong bin presented	162	102	264	88	51	139
Total purple bins presented correctly	23695	20691	44386	24228	20959	45187
<b>Presentation rate</b>	<b>93.2%</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>94.4%</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
Contaminated	300	159	459	159	162	321
<b>% contaminated/rejected (of those presented)</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>% presented bins collected (acceptable)</b>	<b>98.7%</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>99.0%</b>	<b>99.4%</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>no of households presenting side waste</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>201</b>

Waste that is placed in black bins is sent to the Energy from Waste plant at North Hykeham where it is turned into clean electricity and fed back to the grid.

For more information on what goes in the right bin, please refer to your [‘Right Thing, Right Bin’ leaflet](#) or visit [A to Z of waste disposal](#)

### Village Hall Improvements

England’s village halls are set to benefit from a major new renovation fund launched by the Government today on 28 May 2022 to mark Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

At the heart of rural life and communities, village halls are home to fitness classes, coffee mornings, community groups, jumble sales, art clubs and post office services – even in the most remote of locations. They often provide the only place for a community to meet and socialise locally and are vital in tackling loneliness, providing a lifeline for those who cannot travel long distances.

The new £3 million grant fund will be a significant boost to rural communities with 125 village halls set to benefit, allowing vital modernisation and improvements to take place.

Please see the link below for early awareness of this opportunity to maximise the benefit to Villages Halls in our district.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/platinum-jubilee-fund-creates-boost-for-village-halls>

### **Council Tax Energy Rebate Update**

- All Direct Debit payers with instalment dates from 1 April 2022 to 21 May 2022 inclusive provided their bank account name matches our Council Tax liable party name. This totals 25,809 properties at a cost of £3,871,350
- WL plan to pay all 28 May 2022 and 1 June 2022 DD payers on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June once their accounts have been checked.
- WL plan to upload all NON-Direct Debit payers on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June once all the checks have been completed.
- Once the extract is loaded for these accounts' application letters will be sent to those customers who receive their council tax bill via e-billing and those with an email address. These letters will provide details of how to apply with a unique passcode for each property which will be required to enable someone to make an application. This is to ensure we prevent fraud and customers making more than one application.

To prevent fraud all checks must be completed before payments are released.

The website page <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/council-tax-council-bills/council-tax-energy-rebate> has been updated with the above dates but there are customers who have not been paid either because their bank details do not match the council tax payer name or because they haven't had a cleared direct debit payment yet. These customers will be invited to make an online application.

### **Ukraine Guests Update**

The number of Ukrainian guests arriving at Lincolnshire homes stood at just over 300 on May 11, 2020. Under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme that makes provision for hosts to make accommodation for fleeing refugees to come to the UK in search of safe sanctuary and temporary resettlement, Lincolnshire people have expressed immense generosity. There have been:

- 3,170 expressions of Interest by potential sponsors in Lincolnshire
- 418 sponsor / visa matches underway for Lincolnshire sponsor pairings
- 326 property inspections completed by District Councils in readiness for arrivals
- 149 sponsors confirmed that their guest(s) had arrived
- 303 people (guests) arrived and settling into their new circumstances in Lincolnshire

All of Lincolnshire's councils and a range of public sector agencies and charitable sector organisations are working together as the Lincolnshire Resettlement Partnership to facilitate this.

As well as undertaking property inspections to ensure accommodation suitability and supporting with the national Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) checks, they are involved in identifying sources of wellbeing support, language assistance and familiarisation with the area, advising on applications for healthcare and schools' provision, handling the various payments and benefits claims and helping to co-ordinate the broader community response.

Additionally, there are further Ukrainians settling locally through the Families Scheme under which family members can be hosted directly by relatives already resident in the UK. These people do not qualify for the same level of support as under the Homes for Ukraine programme.

Those unable to offer up accommodation but who still want to express a 'Big Lincolnshire Welcome' can do so by contributing to an appeal led by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation which will help in meeting the specific, individual, and more personal needs of the arriving Ukrainian guests where these are not provided for by statutory support or their hosts. Donations can be made at [Ukraine Refugee Appeal webpage](#).

Working with the Lincolnshire Voluntary Engagement Team (LVET), the partnership is looking to develop a greater understanding of the capacity for community and faith groups to support host families and the guests in ways which are sustainable, can facilitate resettlement and further extend the sense of a Big Lincolnshire Welcome. This will aid in the co-ordination of activity and ensure that all needs are met.

Voluntary, community sector and faith organisations are asked to provide LVET with information about what they are doing or proposing to do to provide support to refugees. Contact project development manager Emily Ward by emailing: [emily.ward@lvet.org](mailto:emily.ward@lvet.org)

Further information about the processes and support mechanisms can be found at [Lincolnshire County Council's Ukraine response webpage](#).