

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GREETWELL
HELD ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2015 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NETTLEHAM**

PRESENT: Mrs R Seal (Chair, Mrs C Myers (Clerk) 6 members of the public
District Councillor Malcolm Leaning, County Councillor Mrs Jackie Brockway

1 CHAIRMANS REPORT

We have had a productive and busy year

Tubs are continuing to be enjoyed and are replanted twice a year with advice and help from residents, especially Cllr. Tony Melrose and his wife Ann who have helped with the shopping for plants. Thanks to Sarah Bates and her husband for watering the planter opposite their home.

The **newsletter** is flourishing and residents are beginning to see it as a means of advertising their own events. They are commenting on articles in the newsletter which shows it is being read.

The quarterly Wednesday afternoon **Get Together** at Machs are attended by between 40 and 70 people each time and we have had some very interesting, informative and funny speakers, all very enjoyable. As well as being an event which supports community spirit it gives the Parish Councillors attending an opportunity to talk face to face with residents.

We have produced a '**Welcome to Greetwell letter**', ready to be given to anyone moving into the village, my thanks to those who contributed ideas.

The biggest success of the last 12 months was the **Open Garden event**; I think we were all amazed by the number of people who visited the gardens that were open. Thanks again to all those residents who helped make it a success and for their innovative ideas - baking, competitions and seed collecting.

The **litter picks** are well attended and those residents who turn out on a Saturday morning in all weathers are enthusiastic and thorough. The exercise makes us more aware of the litter around us and residents do pick up independently. Thanks to Cllr. Sarah Bates for organising the event.

The **play area** at Hawthorne Chase is ticking along nicely and used by children in the area. Thank you to Peter Malone for continuing to check the play equipment and we wish him well.

We have new **signage** and new **passive speed signs** on Wragby Road, I hope drivers will take notice of them.

There are endless planning applications being submitted, from proposals for 500 homes on Greetwell Quarry to single homes in rear gardens and we are waiting for more news on the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, due in the summer. I think we are all aware that the area we live in is going to change because of the new bypass and developments.

The proposed '**History of Greetwell**' is rather slow. We have had some information given to us but there is still a lot to do.

Some Parish Councillors have taken advantage of the many varied training courses offered by the LALC for which we pay an annual fee.

There are two main areas of concern; one is the **Neighbourhood Plan** - it is suggested we carry out although we continue to receive conflicting advice as to whether we need this. If we do go down this route it means a lot of hard work and we are required to have the involvement of residents and ask their views.

The second is the lack of involvement or interest in the Parish Council from the Hawthorne Road area; we have asked residents in this area for help in delivering newsletters but have had no volunteers. Cllr's Sarah Bates, Tony Melrose and I have delivered notices and newsletters to this large area of the parish but it is a lot to do on top of the deliveries we make in North Greetwell. We have been told by the LALC we have a duty to involve this area of the Parish but I can understand because of their location they feel a greater involvement with the city than with us.

We will have new District Councillors after May 7th so we wait to see who they will be.

I have to thank our present District Councillors, Malcolm Leaning and Giles McNeill and our County Councillor Jackie Brockway for their help and advice over the past 12 months. I would like to thank our Vice Chair, Sarah Bates for her help and advice and her willingness to step in and help when asked. Thanks to those Parish Councillors who have helped with deliveries, Mach's, litter picking and planting and enormous thanks to our Parish Clerk, Chris Myers, for advice, financial or otherwise and for keeping our accounts in order and for everything else she does for the Parish Council.

2 CLERKS/TREASURERS REPORT

Another busy year for the Parish Council, with the Get Togethers and newsletters proving popular and hopefully useful to residents.

My duties take up more time with ever changing legislation.

This year we have received £773.46 from grants for the payment of the newsletters, Get Togethers, and new planter at the junction of Greetwell Lane from our District Councillors. Unfortunately an application to iGas for just £300 for the cost of printing of the newsletters for next year has been refused.

Funds in parish council account at 31st March totals £5301.01 with £1095.33 to be paid to it on maturity of The Chase Account Bond totalling £6396.34.

3 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Mrs Jackie Brockway stated that the County Council budget's requirement was £65million with only £40 million available.

She encouraged the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan

CC Mrs Brockway said that she had found the Open Gardens event last year very inspiring and looked forward to the success of this years event.

4 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MALCOLM LEANING

DC Leaning stated that all Councillors were coming up to the election but that he would not be seeking re-election. His first meeting with Greetwell Parish Council had been in 1981.

He further stated that 1500 homes were planned for Greetwell quarry which would eventually have its own school.

The Chair thanked DC Leaning for his work for Greetwell Parish Council.

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH APRIL 2014

That they be signed as a correct record proposed by David Hennell, seconded by Tony Melrose.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed Chair

Date