

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF GREETWELL
HELD ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2017 IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, MULSANNE PARK,
NETTLEHAM

PRESENT: Mrs Sarah Bates (Chair), Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk)
8 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Mrs Rosemary Seal, Tony Melrose

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11TH APRIL 2016

Proposed by Chris Thatcher, seconded by Keith Johnson that the notes be signed as a correct record of the meeting.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

We have had a steady year:-

- The play area on Hawthorne Road is being maintained by a new company who are proving very competent and it is reassuring to know the equipment is safe for those young people who use it.
- The newsletter continues to thrive, the latest edition brought quite a few comments saying how informative it was and it was enjoyable to read. We should be proud of it because I think we are the only parish council who produce it ourselves whereas other PC's employ firms to produce theirs. Thanks to those who regularly deliver it to residents. Unfortunately the Greetwell News is not delivered to the whole of the parish because despite repeated requests there is still a lack of volunteers to deliver to the Hawthorne Road area.
- Since moving to the Village Hall at Reepham/Cherry Willingham the Get Togethers have unfortunately not been as well attended as we would hope despite our offering lifts to those who are having difficulty getting there. We still have a regular audience of about 30/40. I am sure they have enjoyed the variety of speakers and have had an entertaining couple of hours.
- The Parish Council held its first Produce Show last August which encouraged residents to show flowers and vegetables from their gardens and to bake some lovely looking cakes. Thank you again to all those who helped in whatever capacity and a big thank you to Gerry Wiswould and his colleague for providing the excellent music during the afternoon.
- We still have a problem with speeding on the A158, I think at one point the speed of drivers was monitored by a PCSO but it is an ongoing problem.
- The request for a crossing on the A158 was turned down as I think we expected it would be, the result of a meeting with highways was published in the last newsletter and it is now up to the PC with the help of residents to decide how we proceed.
- There is still a problem with parking near both corners at either end of Westfield Drive, necessitating drivers to drive on the wrong side of the road in these 2 areas. One of the problems, the trailer on Westfield Approach has gone away, literally, but left us with a huge

problem of the rubbish left behind at no. 9 Westfield Approach. This I believe has now been resolved to the relief of the neighbours.

- I am told that cars exiting the Limes are tending to slow down, hopefully as a result of a request in the newsletter.
- The Parish is on the waiting list for a defibrillator. This is to be sited on the wall of the petrol station on the A158 and training on how to use the equipment is to be offered to 12 residents.
- The council tax support grant that was given to all PC has been withdrawn by WLDC, leading to an increase in the PC precept.
- Services such as grass cutting are being withdrawn or reduced apart from areas where visibility has to be maintained for safety reasons.
- The cutbacks of the district and county councils are leading to potholes not being filled in or street lights being repaired but we have been promised that some of our pavements will be resurfaced in April.
- In the last year we have a new District Councillor, Maureen Palmer and we have to say a very big thank you to Cllr. Jackie Brockway who will no longer represent us after the May elections. Thanks for advice and help and hopefully someone equally as good will be elected.

CLERKS/TREASURERS REPORT

Greetwell Parish Council continues to be an active Council with community events being held such as the Get Togethers, Litter Picks and last year the Produce Show which was enjoyed by many residents. Financial support continues from our District Councillors, with an input of £500 to the Produce Show, now named the Greetwell Events Budget.

Funds held by the Parish Council at the end of March 2017 are £4519.33 with £1330.85 to be paid into the account on maturity of The Chase Bond in August totalling £5850.18. The Parish Council was within its budget for the year.

The Parish Council commented on nine planning applications during the year.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Jackie Brockway stated that the County Council were offering small businesses grants of up to £1500.

The Chair thanked Jackie sincerely for her support to the Parish Council and the parish over her period of office which was now concluding due to the electoral boundary changes.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

District Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn - I am currently Vice Chair of the Corporate Policy and Resource committee.

It has been a very busy year for West Lindsey, progress has been made on our Commercial Strategy which has helped to keep down council tax. Some of the successes are Planning Application fees – projected to exceed budget for year by (£210k) due to a rise in the number of major applications.

There is now a rental income from Guildhall as LCC are renting office space.

We have a couple of new ventures - Sure Staff - which provides temporary staff, for seasonal work such as the firework trade and green waste collection and Trade Waste – increased income of (£27k) is forecast for the year, due to increased demand for the service.

The Trinity Arts Centre at Gainsborough has achieved savings of £10k - this is a listed building and carries a cost of £80K per annum.

Planning appeals can be a large cost to the authority if they are granted by the Planning Inspectorate after WLDC has refused permission.

PARISHIONERS ITEMS – None raised.

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm and light refreshments were served.