

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2014 IN THE SPORTS PAVILION,
MULSANNE PARK, NETTLEHAM**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Rosemary Seal (Chair), Mrs Sarah Bates (Vice Chair),
Chris Thatcher, David Hennell, John Taylor, Keith Johnson,
County Councillor Mrs Jackie Brockway,
District Councillors Giles McNeill, Malcolm Leaning
Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk)

67 APOLOGIES: None

68 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A report was made that items of rubbish were in the hedge bottom/dyke on Wragby Road East. Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates would investigate and arrange collection if the items had been fly tipped.

The Chair had received a report that some resident's wheelie bins were being used for disposal of dog waste. This had been mentioned at the recent Get Together but it was considered that there was little else that the Parish Council could do.

Members reported receiving telephone calls from a person stating he was a resident of Greetwell and requesting that they sign a petition for a motorised road bridge at Hawthorne Road.

69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor David Hennell declared an interest in Item 9c) on the agenda – Consideration and decision on Grass Cutting Contract for The Chase 2015 season – in that he was an employee of one of the companies quoting.

70 POLICE MATTERS

A) Report received as follows:-

08/11/2014 A vehicle lost control on the roundabout and ended up in the ditch on the A158, there were no injuries.

09/11/2014 Petrol was taken without payment from the petrol station at North Greetwell.

262/11/2014 There was a single vehicle RTC on Greetwell Road, there were no injuries.

B) Lincolnshire Police – A Restorative Approach – letter circulated to all Councillors which was noted by members.

71 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2014

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal, seconded by Councillor Christ Thatcher and **Resolved** that the notes be signed as a correct record.

72 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – STAFFING MATTERS

The detail of this minute is in an attached confidential report.

73 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Mrs Jackie Brockway thanked the Parish Council and residents of Greetwell for inviting her to the recent Get Together.

74 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

DC Malcolm Leaning stated that District Council Wards would be changing from next May with Greetwell being included in the Cherry Willingham Ward. He stated that he would arrange for the WLDC Communications Team to issue an item for inclusion in the newsletter.

DC Leaning stated that the 'Welcome to Greetwell' Pack may qualify for a District Council grant from next May.

DC Giles McNeill reported that currently there were staffing problems within the Planning Department at the District Council and that more staff would be recruited.

75 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORT

A) Highway Matters – Repeater speed limit signs, A158 – Following correspondence to LCC Highways that the new signs for the extended speed limit at North Greetwell are small and not particularly noticeable a reply had been received as follows:-

'There are three sets of 'back to back' 300 mm diameter repeater signs along the section of new 40 mph limit (one close to where the previous 40 mph limit signs were; one opposite the junction with Greetwell Lane and one towards the roundabout end). The signs are the correct size according to the regulations for the level of speed limit and the spacing of the signs are well within the guidelines given in the Traffic Signs Manual.'

B) 'Community Consultation and Engagement Course' attended by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal on 20th November 2014 - Cllr Mrs Rosemary Seal stated that this had been a very informative course. It had suggested/advised that an Emergency Plan be formulated for communities, that newsletters should be distributed to the whole of a parish.

With regard to the newsletters the Chair asked for offers to deliver the newsletter to the Chase area/St Augustines Road. Resident Mr Johnnie Scott offered to undertake deliveries in this area.

C) 'Welcome to Greetwell Pack' - The Chair hoped that this could be put together for new residents of the village to include details of local doctors, dentists, church, latest newsletter,

District Councillors/County Councillors details, Neighbourhood Watch, Health Walks and the Clerks email list of residents.

D) Damaged barrier at The Chase/Hawthorne Road - The damaged barrier had been reported to LCC Highways and confirmation received that a replacement section of barrier was in the process of being ordered.

E) Get Together – 3rd December 2014 – This had been another successful afternoon with 50 residents attending. There had been a cake decorating demonstration and a Beetle Drive. £38.40 had been raised on the Bring and Buy stall. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher and **Resolved** that the £8 Bring and Buy funds raised from the Get Together on 3rd September be added to the £38.40 and be donated to St Barnabas Hospice.

Agreed that subject to Mach Restaurant being available the next Get Together be Wednesday 8th April 2015.

F) Damaged dog bins – A response from the Street Team at WLDC had stated that they would wait approximately 6 months before replacing any damaged dog bins, this being approximately the end of March.

76 FINANCE

A) Precept 2015/16 - In depth discussion took place regarding the Precept for the forthcoming financial year. Due to the Parish Council having relied heavily on grants for the Get Together's, Newsletters, planters, it would be necessary to put in the precept a figure for these items of expenditure. Cllr Taylor raised the question of whether the Parish Council should continue with the Get Togethers and Newsletters and whether they should be cancelled permanently in order to save funds. The majority of members felt that the Get Togethers and Newsletters were an asset to the community and to discontinue these would be a step backwards.

The County and District Councillors present at the meeting stated that as the community/electorate was growing it would be necessary to increase the budget to cover increased outgoings, the increase in the electorate having not been reflected in previous year's budgets.

Funds in bank at 30.10.2014 - £6773.00.

The Chase account stands at £21,371.08.

Funds spent from 1st April 2014 on The Chase to be reimbursed from maintenance allowance - £1147. This amount is to be reimbursed to the main parish council account. Cllr Mrs Sarah Bates proposed, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher that a £100 administration charge be transferred from The Chase Account to the main Parish Council account to be reimbursed on maturity of the 12 month Bond.

£6773 + £1247 + VAT Refund £104 + WLDC payment £188 for Get Together 3/9 = £8312

Less estimated expenditure to 31.3.2015 = £1500

Total of funds held = £6812.00

Clerks salary, superannuation, administration, LALC membership, Meeting Room hire, Phone, computer cartridges, stationery, postage	£4,464.00
Insurance	£272.00
Internal audit fees	£60.00
Chairman's allowance	£100.00
Donations	£100.00
Tubs/bulbs/flowers	£70.00
Newsletter	£240.00
Get Togethers	£450.00
	£5,756.00

To be taken from reserves:-

Clerks course	£200.00
Election (contested)	£1,900.00
Election (uncontested)	£300.00

It was noted that West Lindsey District Council had overpaid the 2014/15 precept by £1000.00. Taking this into account it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher and **Resolved** that the precept for the 2015/16 financial year be £4756.00.

B) Accounts for payment:-

Mach Restaurant – Get Together 3/9/2014 - £120.00
Mrs C Myers – Refreshments for Get Together - £15.91
Mrs C Myers – Reimbursement for computer maintenance 1/3 share - £13.33
Mrs R Seal – Ink Cartridge - £8.00
Lonsdale Direct Solutions – Greetwell News printing - £43.70
Veolia – Grass Cutting - £82.92
Mrs C Myers – expenses - £26.80
St Barnabas Hospice – donation from Bring and Buys - £46.40
Nettleham Parish Council – Room hire - £9.00

Proposed by Councillor David Hennell, Seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher and **Resolved** that the payments as presented are approved and can be paid if not already done so.

C) Income:- West Lindsey District Council – District Councillor Initiative Fund grant for Get Together 3/9/2014 - £188.47
HMRC – VAT Refund - £104.35

D) Grass cutting contract - The Chase – Councillor David Hennell declared an interest as an employee of one of the companies quoting and left the room for the entire discussion between 8.15pm and 8.20pm.

Two quotations for grass cutting at The Chase were considered:-

Company A – Cutting of Play area - £49 per cut, Cutting of shrubbed area - £35.00 per cut, Spraying gravelled area alongside footpath - £18.00 per spray

Company B – Cutting of Play area - £28.97 per cut, strimming of shrubbed area - £42.20 per cut, Spraying gravelled area alongside footpath - £31.52 per spray.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates and **Resolved** that company B, Veolia ES UK Ltd, be awarded the contract.

77 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

132158 –Proposed rear extension and detached outbuildings, 24 Westfield Avenue.

132153 – Raising existing forecourt canopy from 3.4m to 5m with new columns to support building roof, Wragby Road Service Station, North Greetwell.

132123 – Land at 54 Wragby Road East, North Greetwell – outline application to erect 1 dwelling with access, appearance layout and scale to be considered.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Rosemary Seal, seconded by Councillor Chris Thatcher and resolved that there be no objections to the above planning applications.

78 REVISED MODEL STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk would circulate a draft version of the revised model Standing Orders for consideration of adoption at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

79 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

The Chair stated that an invitation to take out the annual subscription of Age UK had been received at a cost of £10.00. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

80 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2015 – 7.30PM, MULSANNE PARK SPORTS PAVILION, NETTLEHAM