

## Washingborough Parish Council

*Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 2 pm, in the Community Centre*

Public Forum - no members of the public attended the meeting

Reports from NKDC (appended)  
LCC Councillors (appended)

Present:

Cllr D Fothergill (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs J Aspinall  
Cllr Mrs B Bland  
Cllr R Clark  
Cllr R Harrington  
Cllr G Kent  
Cllr G Peck  
Cllr Mrs L Simons  
Cllr Mrs R Whipp  
Miss K Broddle (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr Tinsley (NKDC)

82a. Apologies were received from NKDC Cllrs Carrington & Goodwin and LCC Cllr Cawrey  
82b. Declarations of interest - none  
82c. Applications for dispensation – none

83. Draft notes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were approved for signature as the minutes.

84. Clerks Report:

- a. Civic Office– it was advised that the office is being reorganised to allow for an improved working environment.

85. The following items were resolved as stated:

- a. Request from Bardney PC for a joint letter to be sent to LCC Highways regarding the deteriorating condition of the B1190 along the Branston Bardney Causeway – it was proposed, seconded and resolved to join with the neighbouring Parish Councils on this matter.
- b. Parliamentary Boundary Review 2023 – this item was as there were no changes to the Washingborough area.
- c. Working Party for reviewing and producing Council Policies – it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the members of the working party are Cllrs Kent, Whipp, Peck and Harrington. The facilitator will be decided at the first meeting.
- d. Request from Lincoln Archers to use the Playing Fields for an Archery Competition in August – it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the this request be granted
- e. Updates from working parties:
  - i. Play Equipment – tenders are awaited, the closing date for these being 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022
  - ii. Jubilee Celebrations – a meeting with the organisers has taken place and taking shape a number of food and drink stalls have confirmed attendance. Replies are awaited from a fairground, bouncy castle and craft stall. Security for the latter part of the event has been organised. The event, if successful could be run annually as 'Wash Fest'.
  - iii. Community Centre Bar – the updated bar agreement was proposed, seconded and resolved.

86. Planning Matters:

a. applications received:

22/0131/TPO: 9 School Lane – work to trees subject to TPO  
Washingborough Parish Council do not wish to make any comment on this application.

22/0015/LBC & 22/0014/FUL: Ferry Boat Inn, High Street  
Washingborough Parish Council do not wish to make any comment on these applications.

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Initials:

21/1708/VARCON: : Land ady 2 Park Lane – amended proposal description.  
Washingborough Parish Council do not wish to make any comment on this application.

b. to note decisions:

21/1905: 13 Durham Close – approved.  
21/1918: 1 th Fields – approved.  
21/1420: Church house, 14 High Street – approved.  
21/1828: 4 Victoria Grove – approved.  
21/1806: 10 Durham Close – approved.  
21/1688: 54 Fen Road – approved.

87. Financial Matters:

- a. The payment schedule, for February was proposed, seconded and resolved. The salaries payments were noted.
- b. The accounts and budgets for January were noted.
- c. The Unity Trust Bank statement for January was noted and signed.

88. Correspondence from Cllr Cawrey regarding the request for support from the Academy Headmaster regarding parking on the zig zag lines on School Lane – this was noted.

89. Council proposed, seconded and resolved to move into Closed Session (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) for the following items.

90. Staffing Matters:

It was advised that the interviews for the Assistant Clerk had taken place and the job offered to an applicant with the starting salary of scp 7.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm

## **District Councillors' Report**

### **Heighington, Washingborough & Canwick**

#### **February 2022**

#### **Covid**

The PM is widely expected to announce a relaxation of all isolation rules by the end of the month. Watch this space!

Data as at date shown:

- England 715 positive tests per 100,000 (13 Feb)
- North Kesteven 668 (13 Feb)
- Heighington area 719 (8 Feb)
- Washingborough & Canwick area 788 (8 Feb)
- 91% of adult population (12 and over) have had 1<sup>st</sup> dose
- 85% have had 2<sup>nd</sup> dose
- 66% have had the Booster jab.

#### **Energy Prices**

Details from Central Government on the one-off Council Tax energy rebate are awaited. A new webpage has been established on the NKDC website ([n-kesteven.gov.uk](http://n-kesteven.gov.uk)) regarding rising energy prices. It gives advice on how to contact your provider if you are struggling with payments and how to keep your home as energy efficient as possible. Advice continues to be provided by the Council to those who struggle manage financially including eligibility for existing help and signposting to other support. Once details of the Government package are received and ready for distribution, residents will be informed.

#### **Levelling Up**

Lincolnshire was not selected as one of the 9 areas which will form the next wave of devolution deals. However, given the Government's intention that devolution deals will be in place by 2030, the leaders of Lincolnshire Councils look forward to shaping what devolution will mean for our county and what benefits it might bring. Details of the Government's levelling up plan can be found on the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website. Although the White Paper has been issued, there is still much to learn and understand about the devolution of powers and what investment might be forthcoming. This all needs to be balanced against the aspirations that Councils currently have for their communities

#### **Changes to the Highway Code**

There have been some significant changes to the Highway Code but the announcement of the changes has not been as comprehensive as it might have been. Again, there is an article on the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website entitled 'The Highway Code: 8 changes you need to know from 29 Jan 22' which is useful. Many of the changes are pertinent to rural areas as they affect rules pertaining to cyclists and horse riders.

## **County Councillors' Report**

### **February 2022**

#### **Budget Debate**

On Friday, the county council will assemble for its February full council at which we will debate and vote on the annual budget proposals for 2022 to 2023. As you know, despite an increase in our government funding, the county council continues to face significant financial challenges, with a shortfall of around £22m over the coming three financial years.

For example, we estimate our adult care costs will increase by around £13.5m in 2022/23 to ensure we can continue to deliver critical support to those who need it most. Therefore, we are proposing a three per cent increase in our adult care precept to help meet this need. Additionally, it now seems unlikely that central government will reverse last year's £12m cut in highways' funding. All county councillors know from the amount of mail that we get from our residents, that decent roads are a priority, so we have little choice but to step in again and plug the gap. As a result, we are now proposing a two per cent increase in general council tax to help make up the shortfall.

We remain mindful that this is also a difficult time for many families, with rising inflation and energy prices and any increase in council tax to cover the shortfall will have a direct impact on household budgets. However, I know you appreciate how important it is that we protect the frontline services on which our communities rely.

If you would like to know about the budget proposals, please visit:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/930/revised-budget-proposals-for-2022-23>

#### **Levelling Up White Paper**

Earlier this month, the government published its Levelling Up white paper. So, what does this mean for Lincolnshire? It gives Lincolnshire an opportunity to revise the way our communities are governed, our relationship with central government and how we may be able to access further funding.

Under the terms of the white paper, Lincolnshire County Council has been in talks with the unitary authorities on the south bank of the Humber, namely North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire, to see if there are governance and economic advantages to working more closely via devolution deal. The county council and the two unitaries have identified ten reasons for pursuing a devolution deal:

More effective delivery of infrastructure to benefit:

1. Strategic growth and jobs in key sectors
2. Green recovery and a low carbon Lincolnshire
3. Transport that connects people to jobs and places
4. Unlocking housing and sustainable growth
5. Managing our unique rural environment

Better development of skills and opportunities to encourage:

6. Skills culture that promotes aspiration across Lincolnshire
7. Growing skills needed for future jobs in key sectors
8. Creating pathways and apprenticeships into new jobs
9. Increasing employment opportunities and productivity
10. Accelerating innovation, research and technology

It is felt that through closer working with our public sector partners and neighbouring councils, district councils and by redesigning organisations and services, through being innovative and offering support to the private sector, will we have a sustainable governance model under which communities can flourish and sustain themselves.

For more information, please visit this link:

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