

## **The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog fouling – what it means for you and your Parish**

A new PSPO became effective on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017, replacing old legislation to ensure that West Lindsey District Council can continue to take action against irresponsible dog owners. This means we are able to use fixed penalty notices of £75 or prosecution against those who do not clear up after their dog or do not dispose of the waste properly.

### **How to report**

We know that many areas in the District suffer from irresponsible dog owners and walkers not picking up after their dog. While West Lindsey District Council cannot provide regular patrols across the District there are ways you can help us to tackle this issue:

- 1) If you have seen someone fail to clear up after their dog, know them, and are willing to give us a statement, then please report the incident to us on 01427 676676 or online at <https://west-lindsey-self.achieveservice.com/>. By getting a statement from you we may have the evidence to issue a fixed penalty notice or prosecute the offender.
- 2) If you know when and where an offence is regularly occurring you can let us know this and we will aim to get an officer in the area to try to catch someone in the act. Please contact us using the same details as above, but specify the location of the offence e.g. outside number 10 Example Street, and the times e.g. each weekday between 7 and 7.30am, as well as any description you may have e.g. tall male walking black Labrador with a red collar.
- 3) If you do not know who the offender is and cannot give specific details we may not be able to take action; however you can report problem areas for a street cleanse, and request additional dog bins, by calling 01427 676676.

Dog waste **can** be deposited in normal litter bins as well as the specific red ones, or in household waste wheeled bins, as long as it is properly bagged.

**Thank you for working with us to make West Lindsey a cleaner, greener place to live.**