

November 13, 2017: Report to Nettleham Parish Council: Angela White

I substituted on the Prosperous Communities Committee for a fellow councillor. The C.I.L. payments were agreed and will be implemented 'as soon as possible after January 1, 2018.' Nettleham is in zone 1 which is £25 per square meter of housing. Other items discussed were the crematorium proposal at Lea, Selective Licensing, Car park charges, markets and broadband provision.

There have been some successful prosecutions under the Selective Licensing scheme. Car parking charges at Market Rasen, although low, have caused controversy. Two-hour free parking at any time was agreed on an experimental basis. The district is hoping that broadband provision can widen. There is a government voucher scheme for those with poor reception. It is supposed to end in December 2017, but the officer responsible is hoping that this will continue.

It was decided that the West Lindsey involvement in the paper copy of County News will terminate in March 2018. A working group will consider alternative means of communication, including digital and existing paper outlets.

The following day, I attended a meeting of the Leisure, Culture, Sports and Tourism Working Group. The bid to provide leisure facilities in Gainsborough is progressing well. A new manager has been appointed for the Trinity Arts Centre. West Lindsey and Bassetlaw have been successful in a joint bid for a grant towards the Mayflower 200 celebrations. One of the officers updated us on some of the plans in Lincolnshire for the 2018 centenary of the end of World War1. The future of the heritage centres, including Gainsborough Old Hall, was discussed. A working party of Lincolnshire County Council is discussing future management. It is thought that they will want to outsource this.

As the vice-chair of the Challenge and Improvement Committee I attended a briefing for the next meeting on November 14, 2017. One of the items will be feedback on our presence at the Scampton Air Show.

The Governance and Audit Committee considered audits on several departments, including planning. The main area for improvement is enforcement. Otherwise, planning is performing well.

I acknowledged that there have been recent decisions which have met with approval from some parish councillors.

It is recognised that customer communication needs to improve and there is a work plan towards this.

I attended procurement training led by Michael Hunt of Lincolnshire Procurement. This is a complicated area and mistakes can be costly.

There has been an expansion of the Call Connect service. I include an excerpt from the recent press release.

Lincolnshire County's bus service, designed especially for modern rural living, has announced an increase from five buses to six in the West Lindsey district from early November.

Reaching more than 60 new village locations, the expansion, in partnership with West Lindsey District Council, will enable hundreds of residents to travel to more locations, hubs and services as well as providing improved connectivity to the wider bus and rail network.