

Angela White: District Councillor Report: October 17 2017.

Since the last meeting of the Parish Council in September I have attended a meeting of Riseholme Parish Council on September 26 2017. The new Estates Manager, Harvey Dowdy, attended this meeting. She has a different approach to the previous manager and is aiming to develop the estate without plans for extensive house building. She has invited the Riseholme Parish Council to meet at Riseholme Hall in future. She has also contacted West Lindsey District Council. Oliver Fytche-Taylor is arranging a meeting to which Giles and I are invited.

I also attended training on enforcement on September 27 2017. There were several good suggestions from councillors, including asking their building control officers to check on the conditions attached to developments before they sign them off for insurance purposes. According to the officer leading the training, a breach of conditions becomes an offence when action is taken about it.

As Vice-Chair of the Challenge and Improvement Committee I have attended a briefing for the October 10 meeting and the Leader's Panel on October 6 2017. The Challenge and Improvement Committee received a presentation by West Lindsey Citizens' Advice and considered a paper on C.I.L., presented by a member of the Planning department, Rachael Hughes. I had previously attended the A.G.M. of the Citizens' Advice. They have just been awarded a contract to give telephone consumer advice. This has provided some further employment in Gainsborough.

I am working with Grant White on the programme for the Task and Finish group on the Public Rural Realm.

I attended Chairing training organised by the East Midlands Regional Council. This was at Melton Mowbray on a Friday which was quite a traffic challenge. This is the third course on chairing which I have done and I think they all covered similar main themes.

I accepted the invitation from Highways to attend a presentation at County Hall. The brochure with contact numbers has been sent to all parish councils and Julia has put it on the Nettleham Parish Council website. It also gives information on the responsibilities of other agencies. E.g. 'Mud on the Road' Lincolnshire Police Call 101.

They explained their different departments and procedures and are especially keen for individuals to use their portal to report faults: - www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting The presentation will be emailed to all parishes. Steve Wiles is the contact officer for West Lindsey.

The senior officers have reorganised the staff structure at the West Lindsey offices and it should make it easier for customers to know who to contact. They are working to improve all aspects of communication. West Lindsey is in a good financial situation and has several projects in hand which have attracted grant funds. An application is being prepared to apply for funding to develop parts of the old streets around the market area.

On a local level, I have worked with Nigel Periam, West Lindsey Environmental Officer, to try and help some residents who have a neighbour's high beech hedge at the rear of their garden. This is damaging their property and the neighbours will not communicate with them. They have sent numerous letters and tried to talk to them over several years.

The High Hedges assistance advertised on the west Lindsey website does not apply apparently, as it is a beech hedge. If they cut the hedge which is in the neighbour's garden, the neighbours may accuse them of criminal damage.

