

## NETTLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### District Councillor's Report

Since the last meeting of Nettleham Parish Council I have attended a briefing meeting on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 for the **Governance and Audit Committee** meeting taking place at 2pm on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018, a meeting with our internal auditors about the **ethical standards** of the Council on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018; in the evening I attended the meeting of the **Planning Committee**. There were four substantive planning applications on the agenda, the first of which was **40 Lodge Lane, Nettleham** (Ref. 137531) which was a variation of the conditions proposed to the original planning permission. I was pleased to see the Chairman of Nettleham Parish Council in attendance at the meeting making the parish council's case. I moved the refusal of the application and this was agreed, as per the officer recommendation, in line with the parish council's representation.

In the coming weeks I will be attending meetings of the **Planning Committee** (Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June), Full Council (Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July) and the **Governance and Audit Committee** (Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July). I have agreed to attend the **CIPFA's** (Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy) **Annual Conference** in Bournemouth between Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with the Council's Executive Director of Resources Mr. Ian Knowles. This is an important opportunity to understand the challenges facing the sector from Brexit, the post-Carillion & post-Grenfell impacts on public sector orthodoxies; how new technologies are reshaping the finance sector (including new technology platforms for audit, investment, peer-to-peer lending, and financial management); and, how these new technologies and a focus on data will replace many of the traditional accounting functions – putting financial controls in the hands of managers, automated pattern analysis and financial planning.

West Lindsey District Council has recently moved to producing a **digital newsletter**, replacing the pages in the back of the CountyNews, produced by Lincolnshire County Council. As a member of the **Editorial Board** I have been pleased that the digital newsletter has been growing in popularity. It allows our residents to receive the news and updates they want about the Council direct to their inbox. You can sign up for the digital newsletter by visiting [www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/newsletter](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/newsletter).

As previously reported, the final tranche of £1,000.00 of my **Councillors' Initiative Fund** is now receiving bids. I have already had a number of expressions of interest; including those mentioned in previous dispatches together with the heritage walks group at Riseholme, more than eighty percent of the monies have been applied for. I expect to make a determination on the applications that I have in hand before the end of July.



**Giles McNeill**

*Working hard for the Nettleham Ward*