

NETTLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 17th October 2017

District Councillor's Report

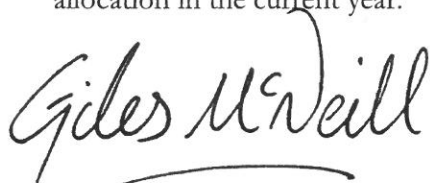
Since the last Nettleham Parish Council in September I have attended my first meeting of the **Witham Third Internal Drainage Board**, on Tuesday, 18th September, **Corporate Policy and Resources Committee**, where I attended as a substitute on Thursday, 21st September, a **Planning Site Visit** to Swinhope on Monday, 2nd October, which will feed in to considerations at the next **Planning Committee**. On Tuesday, 3rd October I went to Manchester chair a strategic forum on Commercialisation for the **Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE)**. A **Leaders' Panel** was held on Friday, 6th October, and we considered numerous issues including an update on the budget, the capital programme, major projects, performance management, the staff structure, emergency planning and strategic issues. I also attended as a substitute a meeting of the **Challenge and Improvement Committee**, which functions as our primary scrutiny committee, on Tuesday, 10th October, On this date I also attended a workshop of the Budget Allocator software, used to gather consultation responses on to assist considerations in putting together the district councils 2018/19 budget.

I have had one approach from a local resident regarding the consultation of charging for the **green garden waste wheelie bin service** and am in the process of obtaining a detailed response to this individual's lengthy enquiry from officers.

In the coming days I will be attending the first meeting of the **Community Awards Panel**, on Wednesday, 18th November, in preparedness for next year's **West Lindsey Community Awards**. Now is the time to start thinking about possible recipients and if there is any category you feel we might have overlooked. Please do let me know. The ceremony is expected to take place on Monday, 23rd April 2018. This will be followed by **Planning Committee**. There are no matters directly affecting the ward for determination, other than the opportunity to comment on the outcome of the appeal at 1 Kingsway, Nettleham (Ref 135552) which was dismissed. Between now and the next Nettleham Parish Council meeting I will attend a meeting of the **Governance and Audit Committee**, on Tuesday, 7th November, and **Full Council** on Monday, 13th November.

Working with my colleague Cllr. David Cotton (Saxilby), who is Chairman the Standards Committee, and Mr. Alan Robinson, the monitoring officer, we have put together the Council's response to a consultation on updating the **disqualification criteria for local authority members** by the Department of Communities and Local Government. Our view is that persons on the sex offenders register should be barred from holding public office, equally those with a Civil Injunction or Criminal Behaviour Order should be barred but that these two forms of anti-social behaviour related reasons are the only types to be grounds for exclusion. We also submitted that in exceptional circumstances it would be of value to a local authority to have the ability to disqualify members for serious breaches of the code of conduct.

Finally, I have had one application for my **Councillors' Initiative Fund** monies since the last meeting of the Parish Council and this is currently under consideration and I have around £420.00 current available for allocation in the current year.



Giles McNeill

Working hard for the Nettleham Ward