

NETTLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 18th September 2017

District Councillor's Report

Since the last Nettleham Parish Council meeting at the end of July I have attended two meetings of the **Planning Committee**. At the July meeting the planning application (ref. 135567) for residential development off **Deepdale Lane**, Nettleham, comprising a new access road and junction, 50 dwellings, public open space and associated development together with a scheme for 22 apartments and 14 bungalows for the over 55s with communal areas, shared open space and off street car parking was granted permission, subject to concluding a S.106 agreement. There was no business directly affecting the ward at the August meeting. More recently I chaired a meeting of the **Governance and Audit Committee** where I signed the **Annual Statement of Accounts** for 2016/17 and we received the **ISA260** from our external auditors, KPMG, which gave us a glowing report and clean bill of health.

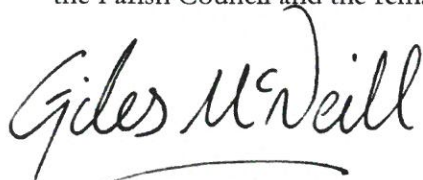
August is usually a quiet month for meetings at the Guildhall. Away from Gainsborough, I represented the district council at **APSE's annual conference** and general meeting in Oxford over three days at the start of September. The theme for the conference was 'beyond austerity' and explored a range of areas in council service delivery on this theme. There was a key note speech by Lord Porter of Spalding, the Chairman of the LGA and West Lindsey were named as finalists in the **APSE Service Awards** in the category of commercialisation.

In the coming days I will be attending the Board Meeting of the Witham Third District Internal Drainage Board and substituting onto a meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee the main items for discussion are a number of commercial opportunities, the replacement of the civic motor, a bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund, replacing the Housing Register and a Homelessness IT system (some of which are pink papers). The **Planning Committee** scheduled for Wednesday, 20th September has been cancelled. A site visit is being planned for early October, which indicates that the next Planning Committee will take place on Wednesday, 18th October.

I have been involved in plans for a **crematorium** in the district since the 2015 local elections. A few weeks ago the Council announced plans to consult on a proposal to build a crematorium in Lea, on the outskirts of Gainsborough. I would encourage local people to give their views on the scheme. You can do so by visiting www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/gainsboroughcrematorium.

The Council has also begun consulting on the introduction of a separate charge for the **green garden waste service**. All other local authorities in the county introduced charges some years ago – so it is testament to the well managed finances of West Lindsey District Council that only now is a charge being seriously considered for introduction. There is no sign that the cuts to Revenue Support Grant are going to be halted or not continue under the new government and certainly hope that an economic recovery might forestall having to make such a decision have not materialised. The consultation will run until Sunday, 19th November 2017.

Finally, I have had no further applications for my Councillors' Initiative Fund monies since the last meeting of the Parish Council and the remaining amount stands at £1,570.00.



Giles McNeill

Working hard for the Nettleham Ward