

## NETTLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### District Councillor's Report

Members will recall that I was unable to attend the last Nettleham Parish Council in November as I was attending to my duties at the Guildhall in Gainsborough at a Full Council meeting. I had an emergency meeting with Grant White, the Enterprise & Community Services Manager, following an urgent appeal by the **Nettleham Bowls Club**. Further, you may well recollect from my previous report that I requested an agenda for the Parish Council's meeting. I am pleased to report that the difficulties with the Bowls Club water supply have been resolved.

I was unable to attend the meeting of the **Planning Committee** on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, as I had a meeting with the Lord President of the Council, the Rt. Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP, Leader of the House (who is Visitor of my University). I can report that there were no matters directly affecting the ward for determination. Members may note the outcome of the application by **Truelove Property & Construction** at land to the rear of 72 Sudbrooke Road (Ref. 136312) that has been refused by officers through delegation. I attended a meeting of the **Leaders' Panel** on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. It is clear that the embracing a commercial approach has had a substantial positive impact. It has been estimated that the savings and revenues generated by these activities are worth around £1.3m in the coming financial year. The likely level of the Council's component of the average Band D of Council Tax is expected to be £206.19. Without the savings and income from commercial properties, business plans, the leisure contract, trade waste and car parking strategy – to name but a few – the figure would need to be £251.01, equivalent to a 25.65% increase on the current level, which would require a referendum. Commercialisation is a critical component of the majority administration's strategy to continue to provide services. On Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November I attended **Garden Waste Consultation Workshop** which summarised the responses received to the recent consultation on changes to the green waste wheelie bin service. On Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December I attended a meeting of the **Prosperous Communities Committee**, as a substitute. The committee considered a number of papers relevant to the ward specifically those on **Affordable Housing Contributions**, the **Garden Waste Service** and the **Home Choices ICT System**.

I am expecting to attend a meeting of the **Planning Committee** on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. There are no applications for determination in the ward; I will be taking the opportunity to welcome the outcome of the appeal at 6 Cross Street, Nettleham (Ref. 136096) which was dismissed. It is also likely that I shall be attending the meeting of the **Corporate Policy and Resources Committee** on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December as a substitute.

Finally, I have received one application for monies from my **Councillors' Initiative Fund** from **Nettleham Bridge Club** that is running a bridge group for pupils of the junior school at lunchtimes, to assist them I am considering an award of £95.00. Members will recall that I had reported that the **Nettleham Village Hall Committee** had also made contact and I had issued an application form to be completed, I have heard nothing further at this stage. The remaining amount of unallocated funding for this year is £100.00. A further £1,000.00 will be released at the start of April next year.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who plays their part in helping to make Nettleham such a great place to live, work and enjoy. I look forward to working with you in 2018 and I would like to wish each and all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



**Giles McNeill**

*Working hard for the Nettleham Ward*