

Parish Council Meeting Report

December's parish council (PC) meeting was conducted via Zoom as Tier 3 restrictions were still in force.

West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) has received a planning application for change of use for the old Costcutter supermarket building at Ryland Bridge. The application includes a proposal for an addition of a hot food takeaway (Sui Generis) which was regarded as a welcome addition to the facilities available in the village.

Minutes of recent committee meetings were reviewed and included the following:

- ◆ Authorisation was given to commence maintenance work on trees, hedges and shrubs around the village. The winter floral displays were approved and 200 spring bulbs will be planted on the corner of Prebend Lane and Cliff Road. Vegetation is to be cleared in the lagoon area and consideration will be given to enhancing the wildlife and ecological importance of the area.
- ◆ A working party is actively involved in developing an emergency plan for the village.
- ◆ The PC is still looking for volunteers to support a community speed watch scheme and is also seeking to extend the 30 mph speed limit further along Cliff Road beyond the new development. There was a suggestion that a 20 mph speed limit throughout the village be promoted.
- ◆ Car parking outside Health Linc House has again increased.
- ◆ A road safety audit is being considered for the Eastfield Lane/Ryland Road junction following a recent serious accident at this location.
- ◆ The new CCTV system at Manor Park is providing clearer and better quality images.
- ◆ Following an appeal from the football club, the PC agreed to a reduction in the pitch hire fee for this year.
- ◆ There has been no response from residents for ideas for potential use of the bowls green now that the bowls club has closed.

The PC had received a request for vehicular access to a rear garden on Cliff Road from the footpath that runs from Prebend Lane to Bishops Place. The PC considers such access is inappropriate to the location on safety grounds and refused the request.

WLDC is consulting residents on its sustainability, climate change and environment strategy. One councillor said that the district council should appoint a dog warden as the problem of dog faeces in the village is increasing, especially by the riding stables. Another councillor will suggest to WLDC that it engages with Anglian Water and the Environment Agency to install new reservoirs to collect the growing volume of winter rain to help sustain farmers' need for irrigation during the increasingly drier summers. It was recognised that the landscape of this part of Lincolnshire makes it more difficult to find suitable locations for reservoirs.

Let the PC know if you have ideas for future use of the bowls green at Manor Park.

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