



**Guildhall
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AGENDA

Prayers will be conducted prior to the start of the meeting.
Members are welcome to attend.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, on **Monday 26 January 2015 at 7pm**, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

To: Members of West Lindsey District Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. PRESENTATION – by 1st Contact, AGE UK
3. COUNCIL MINUTES
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 10 November 2014.
PAPER A herewith
4. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members may make any declarations of interest at this point but may also make them at any point during the meeting.
5. MATTERS ARISING
PAPER B herewith
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - i) Chairman of the Council
 - ii) Leader of the Council
 - iii) Head of Paid Service

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7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

8. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

9. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Dear Mr Chairman

We have an issue in West Lindsey where village and public amenity spaces are being used for unsightly utility boxes which cause an eyesore, and use valuable village greens. They could be sited in areas approved in consultation with our parish councils and respect public space. My own village centre has several ugly boxes sited right in the middle of our village green; I believe that this happens in other places too.

Whilst we appreciate an increase in access to such services, especially in rural areas, there is no excuse for placing junction boxes, poles and access holes on valuable green spaces, which often give an identity to small villages and hamlets. This would never be allowed to happen in affluent southern counties so why should we put up with such insensitive behaviour.

These providers can only be doing this to save money. They argue that it is the most convenient place for them as that is where all the wires etcetera meet. However, for little extra cost they could easily site them up against a wall or somewhere out of the way.

I move that West Lindsey District Council reviews this issue and writes to all service providers who conduct their business in such ways, indicating that we feel that it is an affront to residents to blight village centres with such pollution and ask them to promptly change their policy to ensure that this practice is discontinued asap.

Thank you

Cllr Reg Shore

10. COLLECTION FUND SURPLUS AND COUNCIL TAX BASE
PAPER C HEREWITH

11. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME
PAPER D HEREWITH

12. COUNCIL TAX DISCRETIONARY RELIEF (SECTION 13A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT)
PAPER E HEREWITH

13. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES
PAPER F HEREWITH

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13. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS PUBLISHED SINCE THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 10 NOVEMBER 2014.

M Gill
Chief Executive
The Guildhall
Gainsborough

16 January 2015

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