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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 - The Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA, on **Monday, 6th March, 2017 at 7.00 pm**, 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. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting.
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3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members may make any declarations of interest at this point and may also make them at any point during the meeting.
4. MATTERS ARISING
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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - i) Chairman of Council
 - ii) Leader of the Council
 - iii) Head of Paid Service
6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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7. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

8. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Dear Members,

I am bringing this motion to you tonight after several instances where I have been let down by the planning department of West Lindsey District Council where there appears to be a disregard for the views of Ward Councillors.

If you recall, I have brought this matter up before, as misunderstandings between the Councillor role and the role of planning was evident - planning believing that their role is black and white and ALL judgments should be made on planning grounds alone. If this were the case then there would be no need whatsoever for a Planning Committee consisting of Members. It is now clear to me that this confusion still remains and decisions are being made without listening to the local democratic voice. If you recall I received a public apology on this matter.

The last straw came for me recently when, despite at least 17 email interactions between myself and other objectors, Parish Councillors, Executive level officers and Planning Officers; a delegated decision was made. I was only informed after the event had completed. It did not go to committee as requested previously and I was not communicated with, despite several requests to be updated so that I could check whether the committee option had been taken. This was an application, virtually identical to others, which had been previously refused.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time this has happened to me and all Councillors should be concerned that decisions are being made on controversial applications without Members being able to present the local perspective to committee. We are all aware that this is the essential democratic counter measure to what may be inappropriate decisions.

I therefore move that in the forthcoming audit of development management the issue of how the planning department communicates with ward councillors is included within the scope of that audit and that the training given to officers around political awareness is reviewed and strengthened.

Meanwhile I await the outcome of an investigation regarding a separate complaint about how the processing of the application I referred to was handled.

Cllr Reg Shore

9. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

a. Corporate Plan

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b. Financial Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2021/22

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10. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To resolve that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

11. EXEMPT REPORT

a. Surestaff Business Plan

12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

To Receive the Minutes of Committee Meetings Published since the Council Meeting on 23 January 2017

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Friday, 24 February 2017