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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 Via MS Teams at <https://west-lindsey.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>, on **Monday, 12th April, 2021 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. REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 March 2021.

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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) Chief Executive

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

8. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Support for Farmers

“Chairman, Councils in England dealt with 976,000 fly-tipping incidents in 2019-20, according to figures released by Defra. These figures account for waste illegally dumped on public land, reported to the local authorities and represent a 2% increase from the 957,000 reported incidents in 2018-19.

Just under two thirds (65%) of these fly-tips involved household waste. The most common place for fly-tipping was on pavements and roads, which accounted for 43% of total incidents in 2019-20. Fly-tipping incidents in England have risen by nearly 40% in the past five years, according to official council figures. Significantly, these figures do not include incidents of dumping on private land and there is therefore widespread under-reporting.

Farmers and landowners are plagued by fly-tipping and there is widespread anger and frustration that existing laws do not go far enough in supporting victims.

Responsibility for dealing with fly-tipping on private land rests with the private landowner and is not subject to mandatory data reporting, so is not included in the Defra report and cases of fly-tipping on privately owned land are significantly more than on public land.

When litter and fly tipping occur on private land such as farmers’ fields, it is down to the owner to have it removed – and to foot the bill for doing so. The costs involved are huge. The effects are not all financial either. Fly tipping takes time to clear responsibly, can block access and can cause safety issues not only for farmers and their employees, but also for livestock and wildlife.

Part of the problem is that it’s currently too simple to gain a waste-carriers

licence, these are issued by the Environment Agency to businesses who wish to transport waste. Residents may check online whether a business has one of these licences, however there is no guarantee that their waste will be disposed of responsibly. This system needs urgent reform in order that residents can be reassured their waste is being disposed of in the correct way. A revamped system would act as a deterrent; in addition, there should be new legislation which would allow farmers to recover the cost of fly tipping on private land when it is obviously household waste.

I ask that Councillors support a motion to write to the Government and ask for new legislation around waste carriers licences and farmers rights to help with removal of household waste. We should also commission our Member representative on Lincolnshire Waste Partnership to encourage partners in that forum to similarly raise concerns with the Government.

I so move.

Councillor Anne Welburn”

9. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

- a. Review of the Allocation of Seats to Political Groups on Committees and Sub-Committees

To note the number of Members to be appointed to serve on each Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Act.

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- b. Appointment of Committees

In accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, to appoint Members to Committees for the Civic Year, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the Political Groups.

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- c. Appointments to New Outside Bodies - Gainsborough Transport Strategy Delivery Board (GTSDB) and the Lincoln Transport Strategy Delivery Board (LTSDB)

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- d. Appointment of Monitoring Officer

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Wednesday 31 March 2021.

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