

Public Realm Survey 2018 – Redacted Results

- Council: 21 comments:
- Northorpe
 - WLDC
 - Somerby Parish Meeting
 - Brookenby West Lindsey
 - Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council
 - North Owersby
 - Sudbrooke Parish Council
 - Brookenby Parish Council
 - Bigby Parish Council
 - Searby and Owmbly Parish
 - Middle Rasen Parish Council
 - WL
 - Morton
 - Keelby Parish Council
 - Hemswell Cliff Parish council
 - Brattle by parish council
 - WL
 - West Lindsey District Council
 - Kexby parish council
 - Marton and Gate Burton Parish Council
 - St Peter Church Council Normandy le Wold

Does your council currently maintain any of the following?

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| 7 (36.8%) | Footpaths |
| 2 (10.5%) | Cycle paths |
| 5 (26.3%) | Highways |
| 4 (21.1%) | Waterways |
| 12 (63.2%) | Open green spaces |
| 5 (26.3%) | Woodlands |
| 12 (63.2%) | Recreational spaces (i.e. play parks or skate parks) |
| 9 (47.4%) | Monuments (i.e. War memorials) |
| 7 (36.8%) | Street cleaning |
| 16 (84.2%) | Grass cutting |
| 3 (15.8%) | Enforcement |
| 16 (84.2%) | Street furniture (i.e. bins, benches or noticeboards) |
| 4 (21.1%) | Parish lights (i.e. street lighting) |

Other - please state

- 5 comments:
- Community Centre
 - Bus shelter
 - speeding, e.g installing speed indicator devices
 - Defibrillator
 - Active Speed Signs

Section 1: Street Scene

In this section we will ask you questions about highways, street lighting and street cleaning.

Q1.1 How would you rate the current standard of the following in your area?

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good
Highways and adopted roads	4 (20.0%)	8 (40.0%)	8 (40.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Unadopted roads	3 (20.0%)	7 (46.7%)	5 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Street lighting	0 (0.0%)	3 (17.6%)	10 (58.8%)	4 (23.5%)	0 (0.0%)
Street cleaning	3 (15.8%)	6 (31.6%)	7 (36.8%)	3 (15.8%)	0 (0.0%)
Roadside grass cutting	8 (40.0%)	5 (25.0%)	4 (20.0%)	2 (10.0%)	1 (5.0%)

Please provide any additional comments or feedback about any of the above:

7 comments:

- Budget has been cut to assist in grass cutting
- Roads are in a terrible condition with potholes everywhere. Some footpaths also need some major attention. Grass cutting on verges on the main roads needs to be more frequent as visibility turning onto the A46 is not good.
- Distinct deterioration in all services
- If the grass cutting we are in charge of it is good if the Highways it is poor
- Unadopted Roads and Grass Cutting require some effort by residents of very little is forthcoming
- Street Cleaning.ie; sweeping or weeding only happens if specifically requested following a problem occurring. Usually blocked drains causing flooding because the above hasn't happened.
- Street Lighting is in place but is not used after midnight

Q1.2 If you have reported an issues/fault within the last 12 months for your area, please rate the quality of service received.

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Not Applicable
Highways and adopted roads	5 (29.4%)	6 (35.3%)	2 (11.8%)	3 (17.6%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (5.9%)
Unadopted roads	3 (25.0%)	2 (16.7%)	1 (8.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (50.0%)
Street lighting	1 (6.7%)	3 (20.0%)	3 (20.0%)	4 (26.7%)	2 (13.3%)	2 (13.3%)
Street cleaning	0 (0.0%)	2 (13.3%)	7 (46.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.7%)	5 (33.3%)
Roadside grass cutting	7 (50.0%)	1 (7.1%)	2 (14.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (28.6%)

Please provide any additional comments or feedback about any of the above:

7 comments:

- Reported pot holes on Ferry Road the response was good but the repairs are always failing as soon as they are completed, there are further pot holes that have appeared since. The grass cutting of the roadside appears to have been discontinued, the machine will not cut far enough onto the kerbside anyhow. There is no street lighting on Ferry Road.
- Potholes when they are filled is done very badly

- no issues reported
- Street Cleaning happens when requested. Roadside grass cutting does not happen outside County plan, despite requests when vehicle visibility impaired.
- Road side grass cutting is non existent
- Parish has now undertaken roadside grass cutting on minor roads as part of PC Maintenance. Potholes have not been filled in properly. Footpaths poorly maintained.
- None reported

Q1.3 How would you rate the current standard of any street furniture in your area?

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Not Applicable
Noticeboards	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (43.8%)	4 (25.0%)	2 (12.5%)	3 (18.8%)
Benches	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.7%)	5 (33.3%)	6 (40.0%)	1 (6.7%)	2 (13.3%)
General waste bins	1 (5.9%)	0 (0.0%)	9 (52.9%)	5 (29.4%)	1 (5.9%)	1 (5.9%)
Dog waste bins	1 (5.6%)	1 (5.6%)	7 (38.9%)	7 (38.9%)	1 (5.6%)	1 (5.6%)
Street/road signs	1 (5.9%)	3 (17.6%)	8 (47.1%)	5 (29.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Highway signage	1 (5.6%)	8 (44.4%)	5 (27.8%)	3 (16.7%)	1 (5.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Post boxes	0 (0.0%)	2 (10.0%)	9 (45.0%)	7 (35.0%)	2 (10.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Telephone kiosks	3 (18.8%)	3 (18.8%)	2 (12.5%)	4 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (25.0%)

Please provide any additional comments or feedback about any of the above:

5 comments:

- Living on a mobile home site 2 miles from Fiskerton village there are no dog waste bins or general waste bins, or benches or noticeboards, and no telephone kiosks. We feel like the forgotten few.
- Damage to sign on 1084 at searby top has taken many months to rectify
- Some of the signs are Ok but they are very dirty and rarely get cleaned. We have tried to do this in the main streets with the help of the litter picker but found problems with access to water
- Phone currently under repair programme by parish council
- The sign for Gate Burton was damaged by a car and not replaced.

Q1.4 Do you have any suggestions or ideas on how Street Scene work could be improved?

10 comments:

- they could actually come up to Shortferry from Fiskerton, there are bags of rubbish dumped at the roadside that have not been cleared away, and it is far too dangerous a road for an individual to stop and pick them up to dispose of.
- Not at this time
- Street cleaner visits more often. Spraying weeds in kerbs - they look a mess!
- There is an empty house in the village, which is an eyesore. This has been complained about for the at least the last 3 years. The council would like to see more severe action taken with the owners
- Areas cur under amenity grass services are now deplorable. Council consider street scene work non-existent
- Less signs and more cleanliness

- More consideration needs to be given to disabled pedestrians especially wheelchair users also children's buggies. Pavements are too narrow causing disabled pedestrians to have to use the carriageway - A network of disabled friendly highways need to be created in every town and village which allows access to shops, village hall, pub, church and other village amenities.
- Cut the grass along the public footpaths would be great
- More attention to the maintenance of trees
- More funds for grass cutting and hedge cutting etc.

Section 2: Rights of way

In this section we will ask you questions about footpaths, cycle paths and rights of way.

Q2.1 How would you rate the current standard of the following in your area?

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Not Applicable
Roadside footpaths	5 (26.3%)	6 (31.6%)	7 (36.8%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (5.3%)
Public/field footpaths	2 (10.5%)	7 (36.8%)	7 (36.8%)	1 (5.3%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (10.5%)
Cycle paths	2 (11.1%)	4 (22.2%)	2 (11.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	10 (55.6%)
Accessibility of rights of way	2 (11.1%)	7 (38.9%)	5 (27.8%)	3 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (5.6%)
Signage of rights of way	2 (10.5%)	5 (26.3%)	5 (26.3%)	5 (26.3%)	1 (5.3%)	1 (5.3%)

Please provide any additional comments or feedback about any of the above.

5 comments:

- There is only a short footpath from Shortferry caravan and Mobile Home Park, this is overgrown for much of the time due to kerbside grassed area, vehicles coming to the stables park over the footpath and little seems to be done to stop this despite it being reported to the PCSO. There is NO FOOTPATH along the road in either direction from Shortferry. There are NO CYCLE PATHS in either direction from Shortferry.
- Parts of the Viking Way above Owmbly are in a poor dangerous state. The complaint re tenancy of the Green Lane between Owmbly and Searby remains unresolved after many years.
- We are a very large village with few PF and they are not well maintained, we have to do most of the work ourselves
- Roadside footpaths not repaired at all. Several in the village have been lifted by tree roots and despite requests nothing has been done. Car parking on the tarmac pathways has resulted in them being holed now.
- Public/field footpaths overgrown. Access for disabled people not possible.

Q2.2 Do you have any suggestions or ideas on how Rights of Way work could be improved?

11 comments:

- Hard to say but probably signage from Shortferry indicating where nearby rights of way are may be useful.
- Not at this time
- Reinstate the P3 Scheme
- Additional grass cutting
- Better signage is required. Better maintenance of the Rights of Way, some have are very overgrown.
- Listen and act upon our concerns about the 2 problems above.
- cut back vegetation to allow passage

- Highways are not interested, don't have the funding or staff to service the County
- better signage and more consideration for disabled users and those with children's buggies
- No public footpaths in parish.
- Made safer to walk on. i.e. not covered in brambles and mud

Section 3: Rural Environment

In this section we will ask you questions about green spaces, recreational spaces and waterways.

Q3.1 How would you rate the current standard of the following in your area?

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Not Applicable
Accessible woodlands	4 (22.2%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (27.8%)	3 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (33.3%)
Allotments	2 (11.8%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (5.9%)	3 (17.6%)	1 (5.9%)	10 (58.8%)
Art and visual installations	2 (11.8%)	1 (5.9%)	1 (5.9%)	2 (11.8%)	0 (0.0%)	11 (64.7%)
Community green spaces	2 (11.8%)	2 (11.8%)	3 (17.6%)	8 (47.1%)	1 (5.9%)	1 (5.9%)
Conservation areas	3 (18.8%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (18.8%)	4 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	6 (37.5%)
Grass verges	6 (31.6%)	3 (15.8%)	6 (31.6%)	4 (21.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Hedges	2 (10.0%)	10 (50.0%)	4 (20.0%)	3 (15.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (5.0%)
Other waterways	1 (5.9%)	2 (11.8%)	4 (23.5%)	2 (11.8%)	2 (11.8%)	6 (35.3%)
Play parks (including junior parks, pocket parks and skate parks)	2 (11.8%)	2 (11.8%)	4 (23.5%)	3 (17.6%)	3 (17.6%)	3 (17.6%)
Ponds	1 (5.6%)	2 (11.1%)	1 (5.6%)	3 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	11 (61.1%)
Rivers and streams	1 (5.6%)	3 (16.7%)	4 (22.2%)	2 (11.1%)	2 (11.1%)	6 (33.3%)
Village green	2 (11.1%)	1 (5.6%)	4 (22.2%)	5 (27.8%)	3 (16.7%)	3 (16.7%)
War memorials	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (17.6%)	7 (41.2%)	1 (5.9%)	6 (35.3%)

Please provide any additional comments or feedback about any of the above.

6 comments:

- The grass verges along Ferry Road are poor and frequently overgrown. The hedges are trimmed back but I think it is the farmers who do this.
- Pit bikes being used on community green spaces intimidating residents.
- Hedges and signage near to road junctions need to be better maintained
- Parish council maintained areas are good. District and local authority areas are poor by comparison and cause significant complaints.
- Generally badly maintained with no desire shown by the local population to improve the use of local paths and waterways, Culverts have been damaged causing localised flooding, Allotments have been misused and in parts rendered useless. Community Green spaces are under developed and lacking in investment.
- Water course known as village drain needs clearing.

Q3.2 Do you have any suggestions or ideas on how Rural environment work could be improved?

7 comments:

- There is no getting away from the fact that money needs to be spent on this area, more 'manpower' to undertake the problems that cannot be tackled by large pieces of equipment, take more care of Ferry Road from Shortferry to Fiskerton, this is in a poor state and needs to be properly re-built to make a good job of the road, instead of merely patching up the problems that do not hold up to the amount of traffic this road has to endure. Take a look for yourselves and you will see the damage that can be done to vehicles because of poor maintenance.
- Not at this time
- Cut back all lengthy vegetation
- For us more access and control
- More investment and a better community leadership in order to improve local community facilities.
- Grass cutting more often.
- Local authorities must use enforcement powers to make landowners maintain the water courses for which they are responsible.

Section 4: Environmental Crime

In this section we will ask you questions about fly tipping, littering and dog fouling.

Q4.1 How would you rate the frequency of the following in your area?

	Very rare/never	Not often	Sometimes	Often	Very often	Unknown
Flytipping	2 (10.0%)	5 (25.0%)	4 (20.0%)	6 (30.0%)	3 (15.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Littering	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	8 (40.0%)	7 (35.0%)	5 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Dog fouling	1 (5.0%)	7 (35.0%)	2 (10.0%)	2 (10.0%)	7 (35.0%)	1 (5.0%)
Graffiti	7 (36.8%)	10 (52.6%)	1 (5.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (5.3%)

Please provide any additional comments or feedback about any of the above.

4 comments:

- Parish council volunteer initiative has been successful in reducing litter. Dog fouling posters purchased by PC have reduced frequency and negative effects of fouling
- Dog fouling is a major concern
- Dog Fouling is by far the greatest problem. Despite bins being made available the problem still exists. The lack of enforcement is the main problem to correcting this issue.
- You are already aware that Keelby has no recycling centre within the 12 mile guidelines that we can use official, since WLDC stopped making a contribution to NE Lincs to allow use of their centres. Charging for removal of large items encourages fly tipping. Refuse collection and use of centres should be at no cost (apart from Council tax) then there would be no excuse (only laziness) for fly tipping. The cost of providing the service free may be covered by the lack of fly tipping clean-up cost.

Q4.2 How would you rate the current impact of the following in your area?

	No impact	Some impact	Moderate impact	Big impact	A major local issue	Unknown
Flytipping	3 (15.8%)	5 (26.3%)	5 (26.3%)	4 (21.1%)	1 (5.3%)	1 (5.3%)
Littering	0 (0.0%)	5 (26.3%)	8 (42.1%)	5 (26.3%)	1 (5.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Dog fouling	5 (25.0%)	4 (20.0%)	3 (15.0%)	5 (25.0%)	3 (15.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Graffiti	12 (70.6%)	1 (5.9%)	1 (5.9%)	1 (5.9%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (11.8%)

Please provide any additional comments or feedback about any of the above:

3 comments:

- Litter collecting along the A1084 is an issue
- dog fouling is consistently worse in winter months
- Dog Warden Patrol at the right time would help. Expecting local people to train to issue fines doesn't really work because of the personal contact with villagers they know.

Q4.3 Do you have any suggestions or ideas on how Environmental crime work could be improved?

8 comments:

- Money to employ more resources - Man power, policing, visible presence.
- Not at this time
- Employment of a dog warden to patrol the villages at least once a month and issue tickets
- Keep grass verges low to discourage issues
- Better policing
- A more effective use of targeted surveillance cameras
- Only foot patrols by PCSO or police officers. A proper phone response service not 101.
- Restrict access to unmaintained highways. Place greater control/observation on tree fellers/house clearance people who use vans with just a mobile phone number on the side.

Section 5: Rural Crime

In this section we will ask you questions about rural crime, other crime and anti-social behaviour.

Q5.1 How would you rate the frequency of the following in your area?

	Very rare	Not often	Average	Often	Very often	Unknown
Agricultural crime (i.e. theft of farming machinery)	2 (10.0%)	5 (25.0%)	8 (40.0%)	3 (15.0%)	1 (5.0%)	1 (5.0%)
Wildlife crime (i.e. hare coursing and poaching)	5 (25.0%)	2 (10.0%)	6 (30.0%)	3 (15.0%)	1 (5.0%)	3 (15.0%)
Anti-social behaviour	4 (21.1%)	3 (15.8%)	10 (52.6%)	1 (5.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (5.3%)
Domestic burglary	2 (10.5%)	13 (68.4%)	4 (21.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)

Criminal damage	5 (26.3%)	9 (47.4%)	4 (21.1%)	1 (5.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Traffic offences (i.e. speeding)	2 (10.5%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (26.3%)	4 (21.1%)	8 (42.1%)	0 (0.0%)
Parking offences	5 (26.3%)	5 (26.3%)	2 (10.5%)	1 (5.3%)	5 (26.3%)	1 (5.3%)
Other	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (100.0%)

Please state what other is:

0 comment

Please provide any additional comments or feedback about any of the above:

4 comments:

- Little is done to prevent speeding on Ferry Road from Fiskerton and over the bridge in the other direction. We frequently hear traffic especially motor bikes waiting at the lights on the bridge then they roar off at what sounds to be breakneck speeds as there is nothing to deter them. In spring/summer this increases with good weather as more bikers find it a 'good sport' to race along the roads and the noise is quite apparent from their engines roaring away as they increase their speeds. Whilst waiting at the bridge traffic lights they rev their engines to make a quick getaway, this is annoying as we can hear every single bike that does this.
- With 60mph speeds permitted throughout the village, there are no instances of formal speeding offences. However, the speeds of many vehicles at inappropriate points within the village in our view constitute anti-social behaviour on the part of the drivers and represent a safety hazard.
- The school parking is a major concern and speeding through the village as we are on a rat run
- Parking in most villages is a problem generally. No one polices the dangerous parking, on bends or where it impacts on a junction. Speeding on a main road through the village is never monitored despite requests.

Q5.2 How would you rate the current impact of the following in your area?

	No impact	Some impact	Average impact	Big impact	A major local issue	Unknown
Agricultural crime (i.e. theft of farming machinery)	4 (20.0%)	7 (35.0%)	4 (20.0%)	2 (10.0%)	1 (5.0%)	2 (10.0%)
Wildlife crime (i.e. hare coursing and poaching)	5 (26.3%)	5 (26.3%)	3 (15.8%)	1 (5.3%)	1 (5.3%)	4 (21.1%)
Anti-social behaviour	3 (16.7%)	6 (33.3%)	4 (22.2%)	2 (11.1%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (16.7%)
Domestic burglary	1 (5.6%)	13 (72.2%)	2 (11.1%)	1 (5.6%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (5.6%)
Criminal damage	3 (15.8%)	8 (42.1%)	3 (15.8%)	2 (10.5%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (15.8%)
Traffic offences (i.e. speeding)	2 (10.5%)	2 (10.5%)	5 (26.3%)	5 (26.3%)	4 (21.1%)	1 (5.3%)
Parking offences	3 (15.8%)	7 (36.8%)	2 (10.5%)	4 (21.1%)	1 (5.3%)	2 (10.5%)
Other	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (100.0%)

Please state what other is:

0 comment

Please provide any additional comments or feedback about any of the above.

2 comments:

- Criminal damage to our sports pavilion
- Grass verges in front of council houses removed and car parking spaces made
Double yellow lines down one side of High St to enable large vehicles and emergency services easier access through village

Q5.3 Do you have any suggestions or ideas on how Rural Crime work could be improved?

6 comments:

- Not at this time
- More visible policing presence in rural areas and recording of all crimes reported
- The lack of speed limit signage and the lack of traffic policing has allowed the problem to get out of control
- Deployment of Police into the area instead of the Towns. Although I realise that statistically there are more offences in the larger conurbations
- Reporting system by members of the public. Farmers use preventative methods - they are as far as I can see
- More police presence especially in evenings

Section 6: Your public realm responsibilities

In this section we will ask you questions about your public realm challenges and plans for the future

Q6.1 Please tell us about any challenges you face with maintaining any public realm **you** are responsible for or currently delivering?

7 comments:

- The main challenge is obtaining a response from WLDC
- Excessive burden of raising funds passed onto tax payers via precept raises to cover services devolved by other agencies including WLDC and LCC
- Grass cutting is done to the best of our Handyman's ability. We have provided equipment etc. but it isn't possible to cut everywhere on the village outskirts and it would be dangerous for him anyway. There aren't enough hours in the day for him. Vandalising, particularly on our sports field is costing a lot. Damage to play equipment on village green.
- Where to start. We are being supported by wldc and the police but still major issues created by a very small group of individuals
- Getting funding to cut the grass and to get support to monitor and reduce speeding through the village. We also had very poor experiences with our Neighbourhood Plan, as the planners and West Lindsey showed that they have very little clue as to what the national and regional polices were trying to achieve, e.g. local input and preference!
- Financial
- Cost of clearing the beck and bringing it back to life

Q6.2 What are you doing to address these challenges?

6 comments:

- Including local councillor and MP. The former Lewis Strange is very helpful/approachable
- Charging more precept to increase funds to cover services
- See above regarding grass cutting. We are investigating cctv options at the sports ground. We are also looking at the design of the pavilion with a view to alterations. These alterations will cost in excess of £150000 and are only being discussed because of the vandalism.
- writing letters to address the issues
- Some are precepting and others very little as they are very small PCs
- We will be starting a project next year on a stretch of the beck. This will be funded by the Lincolnshire Rivers Trust as part of bringing the Lincolnshire Limestone Becks Back to Life. I am member of the Beck Working Party.

Q6.3 What support or assistance would help you address these challenges?

6 comments:

- A better managed WLDC
- More funding from appropriate authority. Ok for authorities to take back original responsibilities
- There is only a police presence and prosecution that will solve the damage issue. A better verge grass cutting program would help but I know cost is the problem
- We are in contact with LALC and other supporters in our community.
- Clarity on ownership, it seems unfair for LCC to own and stop maintenance when they are not prepared to do it themselves. They should relinquish ownership to PC so the chain of command is visible to all.
- As above - and we could form a West Lindsey Working Group.

Q6.4 Are you planning to make improvements to any public realm you are responsible for?

6 comments:

- We already litter pick, clean road signs, tidy verges and try to obtain action from WLDC
- Lack of funding = lack of investment. Public areas maintained at high standard only
- We are looking to improve the play area equipment and extend it.
- Of course, we are in charge of local emerging issues
- Mulsanne Park Kitchen - funding or link to grant scheme would be useful
- Refurbish redundant telephone kiosk. Help to establish a wildlife area on Trent riverside. Providing a bus shelter.

Q6.5 What support or assistance would help you to make any planned improvements?

6 comments:

- More funding
- Obviously any financial help would be appreciated but also the police presence that the 900 houses in Keelby pay Council Tax towards. Without proper policing we could be throwing money away on equipment.
- A bit more intelligent responses from Wldc would help a great deal If small parishes and their preferences are indeed important please let us know how this is put into practice?
- Define boundaries and ownership[
- Money - I did connect Matt Snee of the new Leisure Group with the Chair and Vice-Chair. This did not seem to go anywhere.
- Guidance/assistance in developing the wildlife area.

Section 7: Additional comments and feedback

In this section you can provide any other comments and feedback about public realm.

Q7.1 Please use this space to provide any other comments about public realm in your area:
8 comments:

- Our main public realm issues in Somerby relate to the adopted highways and verges that run through the village - their general condition, maintenance, suitability and safety for all categories of road users including pedestrians and cyclists. With that in view, we have been promised annual parish walkabouts with the highway authority and will take advantage of those sessions. We also hold annual drop-in sessions with the Caistor Neighbourhood Policing Team, where we discuss and seek advice on crime and anti-social behaviour issues. And we seek to maintain positive networking arrangements with West Lindsey District Council departments on public realm matters that fall within the district council's powers and responsibilities, such as town and country planning and street cleaning.
- Survey completed by three members of the Parish Council
- We have large open spaces which are hard to maintain. This is due to how the MOD sold off the land.
- I am answering the question 6 here as there is a problem with it which I have just reported to WLDC. Bigby Parish Council would like to see an improvement in the speed of responses to complaints made about road surfaces. It took approximately 6 to 8 weeks for potholes to be filled, despite the same problem being reported by multiple residents. Councillors are encouraging residents to report all faults. The assistance needed with this challenge is to see a speedier response and solution to problems reported
- We would like WLDC to be proactive and co-operative. Currently defensive, evasive, poorly managed and wasteful of resources and money.
- The Parish council remind the district council that they have taken responsibility of both open and closed churchyards at a considerable cost to taxpayer.
- A number of the residents put a lot of voluntary time and effort into trying to make the public areas and facilities as good as they can be. Help and support from outside agencies would make a big difference.
- We are quite dependent on LCC funding for roads, paths, cycle paths and tree maintenance. They do not have the funds to do all the work and tree maintenance seems non-existent.