

MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 9 April 2018

LIST OF QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

1) Question to Cllr Jeff Summers, Leader of the Council, from Councillor Chris Darcel

I am most grateful for your enthusiastic support for the Neighbourhood Plans in general and the help you have given me in sorting out problems that I've had in making sure the Fiskerton plan is a fair reflection of local opinion.

My question is simple, what is going on and what did both you and the Council Champion for Neighbourhood Planning say to the Neighbourhood Plan Group that persuaded them to withdraw their plan from the West Lindsey website when you met them in February this year?

I would also like to know, following this intervention, what will happen now with the Neighbourhood Plan? Will there be full and fair consultation on any revised proposals, where residents can be fully involved in the process? Will the process start again with a blank sheet of paper or will it be simply a restating of previous proposals?

I make this last point as some residents consider that the process up till now has lacked the full involvement of the community and transparency as required by the rules and regulations that govern neighbourhood planning and I would like to know whether you and the Council Champion for Neighbourhood Planning were given any assurance on these matters at this meeting.

2) Question to Cllr Jeff Summers, Leader of the Council, from Councillor Trevor Young

Re: Off Street Parking Enforcement

A recent BBC Freedom of Information request identified that in West Lindsey the success rate of appeals regarding off street parking enforcement notices was a massive 64%.

Whilst one could argue that this council takes a very lenient and fair approach to parking enforcement, a more worrying concern has to be if it is a performance issue of the current outsourced contractor.

The FOI request identified that the success rate of appeals in some other authorities across Lincolnshire was as high as 80%.

The performance figures in West Lindsey suggest either it is a quality issue regarding operational delivery or an over aggressive approach regarding parking enforcement.

Could the Leader of The Council therefore please explain:

1. How the current contractor is currently performance managed.
2. The current agreed performance measure regarding appeals.
3. The date when the current contract will be reviewed.
4. Is there any member involvement regarding contract management.