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NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE***

TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE

11th July 2024

Present: Councillor Bright.

A Poppleton
S North
A Moss
D Poucher

D Raper
J Keyworth
A Pagram
P Fieldgate
B Barford
D Johnson
R Childs
T Crofts

Bradley Parish Council
Immingham Town Council
Waltham Parish Council
New Waltham Parish Council (in the
Chair)
New Waltham Parish Council
Habrough Parish Council
Habrough Parish Council
Healing Parish Council
Laceby Parish Council
Laceby Parish Council
Laceby Parish Council
Stallingborough Parish Council

Also in attendance:

PC David Cave – Humberside Police
T Kuzemczak – Waltham Parish Council Clerk
Councillor Shreeve – Deputy Leader North East Lincolnshire Council
Anthony Snell – Transport and Traffic Manager (EQUANS)
Paul Windley – Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager (North East Lincolnshire Council)

LM.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Poucher be appointed as Chair of this committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

COUNCILLOR POUCHER IN THE CHAIR

LM.2 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Crofts be appointed as Deputy Chair of this committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

LM.3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Hudson (North East Lincolnshire Council), Councillor Bratton (Barnoldby Le Beck Parish Council), Councillor Archer (Waltham Parish Council), Councillor Dawkins (North East Lincolnshire Council) and Councillor S. Swinburn (North East Lincolnshire Council).

LM.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by any Committee Member in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

LM.5 MINUTES

The minutes of the Town and Parish Council Liaison Committee held on 11th April 2024 were approved as a correct record.

LM.6 POLICING MATTERS

The committee received an update from Humberside Police on policing matters within the Borough.

PC Cave hoped that all town and parish councils had a police presence at their meetings and welcomed any suggestions for improvements in terms of rural policing. PC Cave recommended the use of My Community Alerts.

Councillor Fieldgate noted that Healing Parish Council had not had a police presence at its meetings for over two years, although it continued to receive a report. Whilst a presence was not expected at every meeting, he hoped for more regular attendance. PC Cave agreed to look into this.

Councillor Bright enquired about the approach being taken to tackle motorcycle crime and also sought clarification on legal issues around the use of electric bikes. PC Cave responded that there was a force-wide team that had been trained on tactics to pursue motor cycles. He stressed the importance of reporting criminal use and gaining good descriptions, particularly around any distinguishing marks. The police were also able to liaise with petrol stations to identify motorcyclists. Enforcement of misuse of electric bikes was reliant on the introduction of legislation.

Councillor Barford enquired how residents were protected if they provided CCTV footage to enable the prosecution of crime. PC Cave explained the process that would be followed, including the ability to use special measures at the court to protect identity.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.7 CONSULTATIONS

The committee received an update on current consultations being conducted by North East Lincolnshire Council.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.8 HIGHWAYS/TRAFFIC UPDATE

The committee received an update on highways/traffic matters.

Mr Snell reported on the use of electric scooters and noted an emerging trend of increased hospitalisation with some serious injuries being reported locally.

Mr Snell reported on new and amended public transport services in rural areas through the Bus Service Improvement Plan.

A number of highways improvement works were being undertaken and he made particular reference to overnight closures on the A180, carriageway works on Kiln Lane and gas main replacements in Healing. He noted that we were suffering from the ill-effects of underground infrastructure that was originally built at a similar time and tended to fail at the same time.

With regard to road safety, a new strategy was being developed, based on 'Vision Zero', aimed at reducing road deaths and injuries to zero. This would be circulated for comments.

Mr Snell reported on 'Operation Snap' which involved the use of camera footage to identify and resolve motoring offences including close passes on cyclists and unsafe overtaking.

Mr Snell concluded by noting that he had met with several parish councils recently.

Councillor North noted that there had been extensive road resurfacing on Pelham Road in Immingham and he had been told that the remainder would be completed this year. Mr Snell understood that it was in the forward programme for resurfacing but expected to be carried out next year. He added that the network was assessed each year so schemes would move up and down the priority list.

Councillor North enquired about the process for pothole repairs. Mr Snell responded that, once reported, they would be inspected and

assessed. The repair time varied from 24 hours to three months. He stressed the importance of reporting.

Councillor Bright enquired about the reporting of parking on pavements. Mr Snell responded that this was not an offence unless there was a valid parking order in place. The police had the ability to enforce it the vehicle was causing an obstruction. He noted that there were ongoing discussions taking place on this issue nationally.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

LM.9 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The committee considered any development issues. No such issues were raised.

LM.10 REFERRALS TO SCRUTINY

There were no matters referred to scrutiny.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.48 pm.