TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON COMMITTEE

12th April, 2018

Present: Councillor Hasthorpe (in the Chair)
Councillor Shreeve

J. Bratton Barnoldby-le-Beck Parish Council
A. Poppleton Bradley Parish Council
A. Pagram Habrough Parish Council
C. Hewins Healing Parish Council
S. Bailey Humberston Parish Council
J. Baron Humberston Parish Council
T. Grayson Humberston Parish Council
D. Robinson Humberston Parish Council
B. Duke Immingham Town Council
S. Greenbeck Laceby Parish Council
D. Johnson Laceby Parish Council
B. Metcalf Laceby Parish Council
D. Raper New Waltham Parish Council
J. Welham New Waltham Parish Council
T. Crofts Stallingborough Parish Council
M Archer Waltham Parish Council

Also in attendance:

Mark Coulthard Safer Roads Humber
Paul Ellis North East Lincolnshire Council
Katrina Goodhand Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Supt David Hall Humberside Police
Mark Scarr Engie
Deb Swatman Engie
Paul Windley North East Lincolnshire Council

LM.1 Appointment of Chairman

Upon nominations being requested, it was moved and seconded that Councillor Hasthorpe be appointed as Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Hasthorpe be appointed as Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2018/19.
LM.2 **Appointment of Deputy Chairman**

Upon nominations being requested, it was moved and seconded that Councillor Archer be appointed as Deputy Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Archer be appointed as Deputy Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

LM.3 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Bolton and Fenty (NELC), Councillor Keyworth (Habrough Parish Council), Councillor Kiddle-Bailey (Waltham Parish Council), Councillor Hall (Humberston Parish Council) and Councillor Breed (New Waltham Parish Council).

LM.4 **Declarations of Interest**

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

LM.5 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Town and Parish Council Liaison Committee held on 12th April, 2018 were approved as a correct record.

LM.6 **Committee Action Plan**

The Committee received an update on the action plan for the Town and Parish Council Liaison Committee.

On verge parking, Ms Swatman reported that work continued on a traffic regulation order policy which was expected to be submitted to Cabinet in September, 2018. A report on verge parking would then follow on from that.

On promotion of the Town and Parish Charter, it was noted that the Chair had been invited to attend the Audit and Governance Committee to report on any remaining issues with non-compliance. The Chair had not been made aware of any further issues but commented on the importance of raising any matters with Mr. Windley as previously agreed.

On parish council representation on North East Lincolnshire Council's Standards and Adjudication Committee, it was confirmed that Councillors Archer and Hall would be the two co-opted representatives.
RESOLVED –

(1) That the update be noted.

(2) That Councillors Archer and Hall be confirmed as the non-voting town and parish council co-opted representatives on the North East Lincolnshire Council Standards and Adjudication Committee.

LM.7 General Data Protection Regulation

The Committee received a presentation from Mr Paul Ellis, North East Lincolnshire Council Information Governance and Data Protection Officer on implementation of the new General Data Protection Regulation.

Mr. Ellis provided an overview of the new Regulation, which was effective from 25th May, 2018, and explained that it updated the Data Protection Act by defining and enhancing rights of access. He explained the requirements of the Regulation. Amongst the main changes were a widening of the scope to apply worldwide and increased penalties with the maximum fine now £18m. There is now a notification to report breaches within 72 hours and it was advised that, in the event of any breach, initial and immediate contact be made through Mr Windley. There is a requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer and it was suggested that the parish clerk may be best placed to fulfil this role. However, any queries on this could be directed to Mr Ellis. The role of parish councillors was outlined and a general reminder was provided about rules to be followed when processing information. Mr. Ellis concluded by setting out the sanctions for any breach of the Regulation.

Councillor Shreeve commented on the importance of the data processing reminders and felt that it was highly unlikely to be a breach if those rules were followed.

Councillor Crofts welcomed the presentation but suggested that it would be good to have some specific examples.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted and the slides be circulated to the Town and Parish Clerks for passing on within their councils.

LM.8 Policing Matters

The Committee received a presentation from Mark Coulthard of Safer Roads Humber providing an overview of the partnership’s work and a verbal update from Supt David Hall (Humberside Police) on policing matters.
Mr Coulthard explained that the mission of Safer Roads Humber was to reduce the number killed or injured on Humber roads and to maintain that reduction through partnership working. He reported that the number of casualties had substantially reduced since 1990 but had shown an increase since 2015, largely due to the way injuries were now recorded. He set out the impact of road traffic accidents which, in 2015, had an estimated cost to society of £84m in the Humber area. He detailed statistics by road user type and age and noted that the partnership was currently targeting 16-24 year olds. North East Lincolnshire was the best performing of the four local authorities in the area in terms of keeping casualties down. Mr Pritchard provided details of the partnership’s work, which focused on enforcement, education and engineering. He then invited questions.

Councillor Bratton commented on issues regarding the A18 (Barton Street) and felt that this was down to poor quality driving and excessive speeding rather than the condition of the road. He enquired why rest bays had been removed.

During the update on the next item, Mr Scarr noted that historically Barton Street had a poor safety record. However, since the fatalities in 2014, the situation had significantly improved and regular enforcement was carried out. He felt that the road was still not ideal due to having a lot of undulations and sharp bends. Department of Transport funding had been obtained to address some of those issues and parish councils would be consulted once plans had been finalised. With regard to the rest area near the Oaklands Hotel, he recalled that this was not in a good condition, resulting in cars having to leave at a slow speed which was considered too dangerous.

Supt Hall reported a mixture picture in terms of his policing update. The national rise in crime had been reflected in this area with an increase of 14% in overall crime from April to April. While counting rules accounted for some of this, the force was keen to keep on top of the increase. The force was in its most significant period of recruitment since it was created in 1974 and officer numbers were due to increase to 1920 from a low point of 1450 at the peak of the austerity measures. The challenge was now to make sure that the new recruits were effectively trained and clear on expectations. He noted that 80% of calls to the service were not related to crime but were mainly concerned with safety. These were being taken seriously and repeat callers were now being more closely scrutinised in order to target those that cause the most harm. Another key area of focus was engagement and he pledged that the police would listen and wherever possible act on issues raised by the community. He noted the issue of speeding on Barton Street as an example of that.

The Chair commented on his attendance at a patrol by officers in the Wolds villages during the previous week and reflected on the positive engagement.
Councillor Baron enquired about progress with graduate recruitment.

Supt Hall responded that a cohort of 10 were currently being trained in London and were due to arrive here in September. Their main focus would be on problem solving with a fresh pair of eyes. This would hopefully follow on innovative work already being carried out within the force such as the use of social media to reinvigorate the shopwatch scheme in Cleethorpes.

Councillor Archer enquired about the use of cameras to tackle rural crime.

Supt Hall reported that the force did have access to automatic number plate recognition cameras but could not reveal where these were being used. He noted that key strategic routes in and out of North East Lincolnshire were covered. In addition, there were mobile devices that could be deployed if there were hot spots and he asked to be contacted if there were any particular concerns.

RESOLVED – That the Safer Roads Humber presentation and the policing update be noted.

**LM.9 Highways/Traffic Update**

The Committee received an update on highways and traffic issues from representatives from Engie.

Ms Swatman reported on surface dressing plans. She noted that a list of sites had been provided to parish councils and it was anticipated that works would commence next month. However, this was weather dependent as she noted that it was too hot at present.

With regard to pot holes, there had been an opportunity to submit requests and the final list would be circulated.

Further to the earlier discussion about the A18, she confirmed that a joint bid for £2.8m of Department of Transport funding with Lincolnshire County Council had been successful. Designs were now in and would be subject to wider consultation.

Ms Swatman added that a new contract funded by Safer Roads Humber would see mobile surveys of ‘A’ and ‘B’ roads in the Humber area.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

**LM.10 Member Development Update**

No new activity was reported on this item.
LM.11  **Referrals to Scrutiny**

There were no matters referred to scrutiny.

LM.12  **Any Other Business**

The Committee noted confirmed meeting dates for the remainder of this Municipal Year as follows (all meetings to be held at 7.00 p.m. in Grimsby Town Hall):

- 27\(^{th}\) September, 2018
- 22\(^{nd}\) November, 2018
- 24\(^{th}\) January, 2019
- 11\(^{th}\) April, 2019

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.22 p.m.