

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WAS HELD ON
MONDAY THE 29TH MARCH 2010 AT 7.30 PM IN THE
PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES, PEPPERCORN WALK, HOLTON-LE-CLAY
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COUNCILLOR MRS J JOHNSON**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT WERE: Councillors Johnson, Greetham and Rowntree.

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE: PCSO Lucy Morris

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Nil

PUBLIC – 6 members of the public attended the meeting. Mrs Gash – Clerk.

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 30TH MARCH 2009. The minutes of the meeting were proposed as a true record by Mr J Clarke of Pinfold Lane, Holton-le-Clay and then signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – PART ONE

The object of the Parish Meeting is to inform parishioners of the events that have taken place within the past year and to give an update on the current procedures within the Parish Council.

The Chairman gave an update on the councillors and staff as follows:

Councillors Blacklock, Greetham, Hill, Hilldrith, C Lyons, S Lyons, Neary, Reynolds, Rowntree. Four vacancies have arisen due to the resignation of Councillors Jacklin, Hewson, Wheeler and Woodcock. Councillor Helen Reynolds was co-opted on 20 April 2009 as previously mentioned in the 2009 report. Councillors Stephen Lyons, Councillor Julie Hill, Councillor Paul Rowntree were all co-opted on 16 February 2010. Councillor John Willingham is due to be co-opted on 19th April 2010. This will bring the Parish Council up to its full compliment of 11 members.

The Full Council adopted the Children and Young People's Charter at the Annual meeting on 18th May 2009. Cllr Reynolds is the Councils representative with the Children's Charter.

LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Parish Council is a member of this organisation and can seek advice and support on local government matters. The Clerk and Councillor Reynolds attended the AGM on Saturday 7th November 2009 at Horncastle. An annual subscription is charged.

SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

The organisation exists to promote the Professional Standing and knowledge of its members throughout England and Wales. The Clerk is a member of the society which is the professional body for Local Council Clerks.

By being a member the clerk can access the website, receive bi-monthly magazines, training and conference programmes. The Clerk is a member of the Lincolnshire Branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks and attends the 3 branch meetings a year and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in December. An annual subscription is charged

PRECEPT

The precept for the forthcoming year will be **£45,000** – an increase by £13,090. In setting this figure the Council have made the Precept decision to set aside £9,469 towards the Etherington Arms refurbishment prior to receiving grants to support the project. Also as a precedent year of substantial expenditure in view of:

- (a). The increases in gas, electricity and water rates, insurance, and also the BT Telephone and Broadband.
- (b). The Councillors training costs and reimbursement of travelling expenses for the training sessions and meetings.
- (c). Continuous training for the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer/Clerk to the Burial Board.
- (d). Increase in the Annual maintenance on the RBS software accounts for the OMEGA Financial accounts and Cemetery Accounts.
- (e). Office Stationery and Equipment including Toner cartridges.

An increase in salary scale and annual pay rise to Gross £9124.50 in line with the National Association of Local Councils and the Clerks Employment contract. During the current financial year any additional expenditure has been used from capital reserves. For information, the number of Band 'D' equivalent properties in the Parish as at **5th October 2009 was 1272.8.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL – SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE

Under Section 137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister confirms that the Section 137 Expenditure limit is £6.15 per head of population in individual parishes for consideration of spending under the "free resource" from 1st April 2010. Examples are the purchase of wreaths on Remembrance Sunday and donation to the PCC for upkeep of the Christmas lights. (In 2009 the Council purchased an additional wreath as a 'one off' for the memorial erected by 100 Squadron RAF in Waithe to commemorate Black Thursday).

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS

The Parish Council are subject to an internal Audit together with an external Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission who at present is Clement Keys. The appointment covers the audit of the accounts for the financial years 2007/08 to 2011/12.

ELDC GRANT AID. Parishioners should be aware the two District representatives, Councillor Blacklock and Councillor Aldridge, have both contributed from their District Grant Aid of £2,000 each (09/10) of £3,996 towards the purchase of a level crossing gate on the former Railway line crossing at Station Road.

FORMER LOUTH TO GRIMSBY RAILWAY LINE

It was approved by the Council for the District Councillor – Councillor Blacklock to purchase Railway land from Picksley Crescent to Station Road on behalf of Holton-le-Clay Parish Council on 15th February 2010 from Great Northern and East Lincolnshire Railway Plc. There was a condition of a 10 year lease agreement for 200 metres heading towards Holton-le-Clay, with the Railway owners, and would revert back to the railway company for car parking if/when the railway is extended from North Thoresby. No details have been confirmed for the usage but could be additional parking for the Junior School and Children's Centre, allotments, a wildlife habitat and a BMX track or Skate Park.

RE-REGISTRATION OF COMMON LAND UNDER THE COMMONS ACT 2006

The Council are in the process of registering its land of the Cemetery, Council Offices, 8 Acres Playing Field and Junior playing Field with the Land Registry Hull. The Council have been advised that there are real benefits in registration. The Land Registration Act 2002, which came into force on 13 October 2003, introduced additional provisions which benefit registered owners. Of particular note are those relating to Adverse Possession, which result in greater protection for the proprietor of a registered title against the unwitting loss of title to a squatter?

4. THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL GAVE DETAILS OF THE FOLLOWING:

COMMITTEES

There are various committees within the Parish Council whereby Councillors have been appointed along with a Chairman of the Committee. The Committee make recommendations to the Full Council by giving advice and guide the Full Council within their particular expertise field. The Committees held are:

- (a). Eight Acres and Junior Playing Fields.
- (b). Cemetery and Parish Gardens.
- (c). Emergency Planning.
- (d). Finance and Personnel.

Highways and Environment – All members have agreed to do periodically checks and report to the Clerk defects in the area of their responsibility in 10 areas around the village. Useful for reporting to the Clerk - street lighting, blocked drains, pot holes and overhanging trees.

TRAINING

The Chairman is fully supportive and would encourage the councillors to attend training. New members are expected to attend a Councillors Training session within a year of appointment. These are organised by the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils. The Clerk continues to take up this opportunity to improve her knowledge and skills to support the Council. To date training includes IT on 20th May 2009 at Sleaford and internal Cemetery Software on 4th August 2009. The Clerk is due to undertake the website training on 16th April 2010 and a 2 day course in Peterborough on 19th May and 23rd June 2010 called 'Working with your Council'. The course content is roles and responsibility, law procedures, finance, planning and community action.

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The Council continues to have its own Health and Safety Policy. Contractors are requested by the Council to sign the Health and Safety document to state that they have read and understood it.

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES

The following inspections have been completed:

- (a) Fire Safety and Fire Appliances. (23 June 2009)
- (b) Portable Appliances Inspection. (27 August 2009)
- (c) Central Heating and Boiler Service. (February 2010)
- (d) Risk Assessments (Ongoing). Cemetery Risk Assessment (4th January 2010)

INTERNET

The Clerk continues to receive valuable information and network with other clerks in the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils branch through the 'e' Group. The internet has been proved usual for seeking local contractors, mileage routes; access the LCC and ELDC websites to submit comments on-line as a consultee or reporting Street lighting and fault reporting. The Council has an e mail account at HLC.PC@btconnect.com.

WEBSITE

The Parish Council has set up a free website through Lincolnshire County Council and can be accessed at <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/HoltonleClay>. There is no charge for the creation, maintenance or hosting of the site and it meets all government guidelines for web accessibility. The Clerk will be attending website training on the 16th April 2010 in Lincoln for 2 hours and will then officially takeover as Administrator from the Lincolnshire County Council Web Officer. The details found on the website include names of councillors and link to the District Ward councillors and County Councillor. Council meetings, Committees, Minutes of meetings from 2010, Freedom of information Act, Cemetery, Picture Gallery, Village Information i.e. Schools, Mobile library, Street map, L.I.V.E.S, Police and link into ELDC Planning Applications. Plus much more including details of organisations, clubs and events.

COUNCIL OFFICES USED FOR POLLING STATION

The European Parliamentary Election and County Councillors took place on Thursday 4th June 2009 and the County Councillor representative, Councillor Johnson had been re-elected as County Councillor for Louth Rural North with a 22% turn out.

5. THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBLE OFFICER GAVE DETAILS OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2009/10 – COPY ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – PART TWO

VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING

The Lincolnshire County Council subsidises the cost. The contract includes the two recreation grounds and the amenity grass cutting in the village. The contract will commence year two of its five year term in March 2010.

Apart from the normal amenity grass cutting this year, there have been improvements made to the grass area at the RAF memorial site and Pelham Road Green, which the costs have been included into the contract.

8 ACRES - VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD (BEECH GROVE) AND SPORTING FACILITIES

The Council has been unsuccessful with the funding towards the Multi Use Games Area; however, it is continuing its efforts to secure some. It is also crucial to the funding application to have the support of the HLC Grasshoppers Football Club with qualified coaches of 'Chartered Standard' – this is still pending.

It had been noted there needs to be improvements at the Beech Grove entrance with a new Lincolnshire fencing and pedestrian gate due to wear and tear and vandalism. The council is aware that the hedgerow that had been cut back alongside Beech Grove and Magnolia Drive in December 2008 has grown and is in need of attention. This area along with the old bowling green is to be discussed at the next 8 Acres and Playing Field committee meeting in April 2010.

A row of pine trees have been cut down at the Bowling Green to enable a site line to the old tennis courts on the recommendation of the Lincolnshire Police. Eventually the Council would look to employ its own village warden who will protect the area. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to the parishioners that gave up their time and support in the interests of the village on this project.

Councillor Blacklock has had several meetings with James Brindle in regards support in applying for funding. The Chairman gave her personal thanks for all the hard work Councillor Blacklock has given with the funding applications for the 8 Acres Project.

The Parish Council is undertaking maintenance to the two football pitches as part of the 'Chance to Share' Agreement.

JUNIOR PLAYING FIELD REPORT

The Council have conformed to the Health and Safety regulations for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) play area inspection report 2009 and as the report had no 'high risks' so were able to keep the spending down this Financial Year. However it has been noted that vandalism has taken place over the past months with three signs and the rota rider safety surface damaged. This is due to be repaired once quotes have been received. Expenditure for 2009/10 has been the repair of the rota rider, repair to one swing and a replacement new cradle swing.

The Garthway and Louth Road pedestrian entrances are unlocked and locked in the morning and evening by volunteers. The main vehicle access gate is locked at all times and only opened by contractors, members of the Parish Council and Emergency Services. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Jim Clarke, Susan Tillett and Mr Burkitt for continuing to volunteer to unlock and lock up the gates.

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The Chairman of the Cemetery and Parish Gardens Committee and Clerk have undergone training on the new Cemetery software package. This is a continual progress to create a Cemetery mapping service whereby all the grave plots will eventually be added onto the system giving accurate information on individual Burial Board records including the purchase of the "Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial" grave plots, memorials and interments. Other documentation such as invoices for payment and "Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial" certificates are produced. The Cemetery software is not a replacement to the manual record. These records are still being maintained by the Clerk. The Clerk will continue Burial Board training to be updated on procedures in particular unauthorised Grave Memorabilia, which appears to becoming an issue in the Cemetery. This is a sensitive situation and the Burial Board will have to be diplomatic in the approach with the Next of Kin and Grave Plot owners.

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

The Wall of Remembrance was created in the Cemetery to fix commemoration plaques to create an everlasting and special memory to those who have strong connections with the village. No cards or materials are to be placed on the Wall of Remembrance. The Garden of Remembrance is being improved with the removal of the bark and replaced by grey or black slate chippings and a centre piece bird bath.

CEMETERY

There have been major improvements at the Cemetery with a new modesty fence to hide the bins, a large section of laurels and trees have been cut back, moss cleared, one popular tree cut down and stump removed. New fence post on entrance to the right hand side Parish Gardens and 4 planters along the Cemetery Lane. The planters have improved the aspect on the driveway approach to the Cemetery and hope to continue with this each year. The Council is looking to replace the Cemetery entrance fence as this is in need of repair. A number of daffodils have been planted in the Cemetery grounds by Councillor Steve Hilldrith. The Cemetery Maintenance and Caretaking Contract is on a five year contract commences its third year in May 2010 and the contractor continues to give us a very dedicated service. The Clerk has a good working relationship with the contractor.

PARISH GARDENS

There are now thirty one Parish Gardens with twelve names on the waiting list. The gardens continue to be let from December to December in order that any changes in tenancy are made prior to the "gardening year". The Parish Gardens rent were increased from £10.00 to £15.00 and the over 60/65 years from £7.00 to £11.00 for full size. The half plot size from £7.00 to £10.00 and the over 60/65 years to £7.50.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

GRAFFITI

Three youths were seen causing vandalism by graffiti along the walkway from Picksley Crescent to Pinfold Lane by a local resident. Consequently by giving a good description of

the offender led to a youth being interviewed and later given a caution for possessing three black spray paints. The graffiti is in 23 different locations in the village, at the Council Offices and some graffiti along the walkway from Peppercorn Walk. A contractor appointed by the Council has tried to clean up the graffiti but some cannot be removed. The Council agreed that graffiti which is on privately owned boundary fencing/walls/buildings should be removed by the resident and claim through property insurance as it would be too costly of over £1,000 to have cleaned from the Council budget.

FREE TREES FOR PARISHES SCHEME 2009

In the Free Trees for Parishes Scheme 2009 the Parish Council collected 250 Hedge plants and 5 trees in January 2010 from Horncastle. The Hedge plants and trees have been planted at the RAF memorial next to the A16.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT CORE STRATEGY

The Parish Council forwarded comments to East Lindsey District Council to be considered along with the Village Plan (Ringing in the Changes) 2009 and completed questionnaire by parishioners – the return was submitted before the deadline of 18th December 2009. The Local Development Framework will represent the local authority's policy on how and when land will be developed and how the community can get involved in the planning process. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Blacklock for the preparation of the written observations.

GUIDE DOGS ASSOCIATION LAND

The land is next to the Parish Gardens. The Parish Council proposed the wish to show their interest in additional land for the purpose of expansion to the Parish Gardens, for future Burial land and possible new Council office site, which is understood the land may be offered by the Guide Dogs Association if planning consent is granted for building/housing. This was not taken any further as it was not likely to come into the planning pattern for at least 4 years. So the Council took the opportunity to purchase the former Etherington Arms and to re-locate the Council Offices within a new Village Hall. (Please see separate report).

BUS SHELTERS

There are a number of parishioners who are requesting bus shelters in the village. This has been left in abeyance for another year. An estimated cost would be £6,000 each and there are questions of where would the bus shelters be erected and how many would be required. Bus Shelters have been put on hold for another year.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The service will still be in place but there are changes which are being made to the mobile library service to early year's settings and schools. The new service will take the format of a boxed collection of books, tailored to the needs of the organisation, delivered three times a year. It is the County's intention to introduce a charge to cover some of the costs for service from April 2011. If the purchase of the former Etherington Arms is successful there is a possibility to set up a library in the building and also have a volunteer service to take books to those residents that are housebound.

YOUTH

The Parish Council is still supporting the HLC Youth Club. The monies stand at £1899.34. Meetings have taken place on 22 July 2009, 1 October 2009, 15 December 2009 and 24th February 2010, the last two dates with external organisations to give information and support to the Parish Council members and local volunteers in the village. It was agreed that trained volunteers are vital for the success of the Youth Club. Arrangements are being made for volunteers to visit Youth Clubs in the Louth area and for the completion of the CRB application forms - free of charge. Councillor Neary and Councillor Reynolds have showed their support towards getting a Youth Club established again in the village.

The Real bus was suspended but the Funk bus continues to be operated. The location has been moved from the Community Centre to the Royal Oak Car Park. The Chairman thanked Councillor Greetham for the use of the Royal Oak Car Park.

A Fun Day was organised for the young people by ELDC at the Community Centre on 10th August 2009.

LINCOLNSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The Chairman wanted to congratulate the village for being second in the competition in 2009. The Chairman and Clerk attended the Central Presentation Ceremony at Osbournby Village Hall on 18th November 2009 to receive the second place framed certificate on behalf of the Parish. The Parish will be entering the competition again this year and it is hoped we can do one better – and win! There were positive reports from the feedback by the judges from the 2009 competition.

ANNUAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY OF HOLTON LE CLAY

The Parish Council are looking to award a person or group that have in the opinion of the community, given the best of their ability and contributed in kind to the good of this village. No details have yet been put together on this Annual Award.

WELCOME BROCHURE PRODUCED BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COMMITTEE (PCC)

The PCC has produced and passed 40 copies to the Parish Council for distribution. The welcome brochures had been hand delivered to known new residents in the village.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Parish magazine, printed and organised by the Church, continues to be delivered monthly to every home in the village. I would like to propose a vote of thanks to Councillor Mrs Wheeler and more recently the Clerk for writing up the items of Council News for the magazine on behalf of the Parish Council.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND THE INFANTS SCHOOL

The Parish Council strongly support both the Infants School and the Junior School and the members do attend the schools on several occasions throughout the year. Following the Head teacher at the Infant School, Mrs Standish's decision to retire at the end of 2009, it was proposed by the Governors of the Infant School, that it was in the best interest

of the school to federate with Holton-le-Clay Junior School, with Mrs Craven as the Executive Head. This has now taken place and appears to be working well. Councillor Lyons (Infant School Governor) is still governor of merged governors along with Councillors Blacklock and Johnson (Junior School governors). It was confirmed a full and exciting year for both schools. Two lollypop persons have been recruited at both the schools – it was a dangerous crossing at both the Louth Road and Church Lane School entrance and this has been long overdue. The highways have put new markings on the corner of Pinfold Lane/Church Lane to encourage drivers to take a wider left turn into Church Lane.

EVENTS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Two wreaths on behalf of the parishioners of Holton-le-Clay were laid on Remembrance Sunday. One in the Church grounds and the other at the RAF memorial at the A16 and both services were conducted by Rev Woadden. Another service was held in Waithe, conducted by an officer from 100 Squadron RAF, where a new memorial has been erected. Both the Church and the Memorial Services were well attended. The Chairman gave an update on the Royal Air Force 100 Squadron veterans.

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

The Community Beat Officers from the Lincolnshire Police endeavour to attend the monthly Parish Council meetings to liaise with the Parish Council. Monthly incident reporting will be passed to the council if a police representative is not available.

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE COMMUNITY PANELS

(Northern Rural Neighbourhood Panel and Southern Rural Neighbourhood Panel). Lincolnshire Police continue to undertake the meetings of the Community Panels in all local communities. Councillor Blacklock and Councillor Johnson are the representatives for Holton-le-Clay at the Northern Rural Neighbourhood Panel. Councillor Aldridge, District Councillor attends the Northern and Southern Rural Neighbourhood Panels. The Chairman extends a vote of thanks to Councillor Aldridge and Blacklock and to PC Ian Clark and the local PCSOs.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PHASE 3 CHILDREN'S CENTRE ON JUNIOR SCHOOL GROUNDS

The first consultation took place on 8th June 2009. Tim Linford was invited to the Full Council meeting on 20th July 2009 and 19th October 2009 and gave an update on the consultation process. A meeting was held on 12th January 2010 by invited parties. The Sure Start Children's Centre is holding its first activities on 12th April 2010 with the Opening Ceremony at a later date.

STREET LIGHTING

The Parish Council are aware that the street lighting in Church Lane and Tetney Lane need improving. There are no more developments as yet and any funding required would be considered in future precepts. From the meeting in 2004 and the completion of the new street lighting at Louth Road in 2006 and 2007 both County and District Council were happy at that time for the continuation of street lighting into Church Lane and Tetney Lane.

HIGHWAYS

Highways general maintenance of footway repairs are due to take place at Whisby Court, Wold View, Pelham Road and a new drop down kerb at Eastfield Rise. There have been road repairs along Picksley Crescent from Louth Road to Osborne Drive.

NEW TREES PLANTED

There have been planted 7 new sapling trees in Tetney Lane on the bend near the seat.

TURNING ROUNDABOUTS

It has been noted that the refuse vehicle driver is unable to turn around the turning roundabouts in the village because of parked cars and is causing damage to the surface. The residents have been requested to keep the area clear in particular on collection day.

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL FACILITIES DAY

A member of the Customer Services staff located at East Lindsey District Council have a facilities day at the Council Offices on the second Wednesday of each month. This is for the collection of monies and a general information service. As indicated at the last Parish meeting this system may be phased out and the Clerk to take over the responsibilities of collecting council tax 'on line', processing the new bus passes and answering any queries. With the proposed re-location of the Council Offices this is now feasible but further talks are required between the Parish and District Council.

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL – SURGERY

The two District Councillors – Councillors Aldridge and Blacklock hold a surgery in the Council Offices chamber on the second Wednesday of each month for the benefit of the parishioners - alternative morning and afternoons 10.00 am to 12.00 and 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

STREET CLEANING

Andy the ELDC litter picker resigned on 19th February 2010 and the East Lindsey District Council are continuing to give the Parish the service of 5 hours litter picking (paid by the Parish Council, initially to clean the Junior Playing Fields daily). Cyril will continue emptying the dog and litter bins and will also do the 5 hours litter picking. The Chairman, on behalf of the residents, has expressed her sincere thanks to the team of cleaners who have tried to make our village a much cleaner place to live. Andy was presented by the Chairman on his last day in the village a copy of the 'Lincolnshire Best Kept Village' certificate and a Good Luck card on behalf of the parishioners.

DOG WARDEN SCHEME

The District Council provides a Dog Warden Service for the enforcement of legislation, the collection of stray dogs and education of the public via schools and local organisations. If you loose your dog or find a stray dog then notify the Dog Warden, or out of hours the local police. Dog chipping services are still available which are normally held at the local Police Station.

DOG DIRT BINS

The Dogs Fouling of Land Act has helped clean up the streets of the village but there are still some dog owners who are not complying with the law. An extra dog bin is scheduled to be placed at the Pelham Road green. A new bin has already been erected next to the former Railway land at the South View entrance.

7. HOLTON-LE-CLAY COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOICATION (HCCA) – REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN IS ATTACHED. The Chairman began the report by mentioning it had been a sad year with the loss of the previous Chairman the late Neil Newby. In addition to the report Jim Clarke said the HCCA meet regularly. The committee received complaints about the band practice noise and the Climbing Tower on the Fun Day in August 2010. ELDC are monitoring the band practice noise.

8. JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

Councillor Johnson gave a short resume of the meetings held at the schools. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Councillor C Lyons and Councillor Reynolds for attending and supporting the Joint Management Committee on behalf of the Council.

CHANCE TO SHARE AGREEMENT

The is the shared agreement for the use of the School Hall, Community Centre and the 8 acres Playing Field (less the old tennis courts and bowling green).

All three parties (Junior School (LCC), HCCA and Parish Council) were given a copy of the 'Chance to Share Agreement' 1996 and the Deed of Variations documents of 1993 and 1995, along with simplified notes prepared by the Clerk for information. Meetings have taken place to discuss and clarify the contents of the agreement.

9. LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE – REPORT FROM PCSO LUCY MORRIS.

10. OPEN FORUM – ELECTORS QUESTIONS AND POINTS RAISED.

A member of the public enquired about the sale of the Council Offices and was informed the Lincolnshire Police are very interested in purchasing the property. There have been visits by the Police and they have indicated that 12 Police officers could be re-located there. However no firm offers have been received.

The Church Hall is to be sold and any revenue could go towards refurbishment of the former Etherington Arms. It is difficult to predict what will happen until we have sought advice. It may be better for the Parish Council to buy the Etherington Arms and then include the Church committee at a later date.

In regards the problems with damage to the turning roundabouts a member of the public enquired whether the County Council could not make them shorter. The Parish Council to put this request to the County Council.

11. VOTE OF THANKS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Aldridge and Councillor Blacklock, our two East Lindsey District Councillors, for their part in doing a great role in representing the village as District Councillors.

Further the Chairman would like to extend a special vote of thanks to her Vice-Chairman, Councillor Clive Blacklock and all the Parish Councillors for their help and support during the year.

.....CHAIRMAN
THESE MINUTES WERE SIGNED ON THE 28TH MARCH 2011