

Toft Newton Parish Council

Website: <https://toft-newton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Date:

14th December 2023

Contemporaneous notes – Lincolnshire Police – Lincoln and West Lindsey Local Policing Overview Meeting

Meeting held:

Online

Attendees:

Multiple attendees from Lincolnshire Police

Multiple attendees from Lincoln and West Lindsey Town and Parish Councils

Michael Lewis, Toft Newton Parish Council

There were approximately 45 people in attendance.

Notes:

Lincolnshire Police hold regular online meetings for Town and Parish Councils. As Toft Newton is in West Lindsey, we are invited to attend the Lincoln and West Lindsey meetings.

This is the second or third such meeting that I have attended to date.

Demographics:

The county of Lincolnshire has 770,000 permanent residents; the mean age of Lincolnshire residents is 43.2 years; the area that the force covers is 2292 square miles.

Lincolnshire is one of the most deprived counties in England. There is one County Council, seven district councils and around 625 Town and Parish Councils in the county.

Gainsborough South West Ward is the 24th most deprived ward in England – 24 out of 32,844.

Policing Information:

Marc Jones the Police and Crime Commissioner was unable to attend.

It was announced that the current Chief Constable is retiring so a new Chief Constable will be recruited in 2024.

Lincolnshire Police has:

- 1,190 Police Officers
- 1,020 Police Staff
- 50 PCSOs.

There are an average of 551 Police Officers on duty each day covering the county. 92.3% of Police Officers are deployed on the front line, compared to a national average of 91.1%.

The annual budget is £186.61 million, it is the lowest police budget in England.

In excess of 440 crimes and incidents of anti-social behaviour are reported each day. Only 30% of all calls are recorded as crimes.

The priorities of the Lincoln and West Lindsey Neighbourhood Policing team are:

- Engagement
- Prevention
- Targeting.

The Neighbourhood Policing Inspector in West Lindsey is: Michael Head.

The Rural Crime Action Team deals with multiple rural issues, theft of red diesel from farms and oil from residential properties is high, but the biggest issue by far is hare coursing.

Welton (Manor Park) and Market Rasen (Town Centre) are experiencing severe anti-social behaviour issues.

Priority targets for the Lincoln and West Lindsey area are the known as the fatal four, this involves stopping vehicles that are:

- Drink driving
- Speeding
- Using mobile phones while driving, and
- Not wearing seatbelts.

The fatal five is everything above plus, stopping vehicles where the driver is:

- Driving without due care and attention.

Dealing with anti-social behaviour is also a priority in Lincoln and West Lindsey.

Actions:

Look at the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership website.

Contact Community Speed watch to see if they can do anything in the parish.

Contact the Safer Together Team to explore how TNPC and Lincs Police can work together – stephanie.marwood@lincs.police.uk.

Conclusion:

An interesting meeting.

Listening to other Parish Council representatives talk, they seem to have far more issues and ASB than TNPC.

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