

Report to Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council on 24th September 2024 by

Cllr Barry Dobson, SKDC

1. Animal Welfare – SKDC has a draft policy which outlines the conditions for all businesses and relevant individuals seeking a licence under the Animal Welfare legislation. It seeks to enforce an Animal Welfare Policy requirement for local authorities.
2. Clean and Sustainable Environment – SKDC is implementing activities to ensure we have a clean and sustainable environment. The Council is seeking to:
 - a. Reduce the Council’s carbon footprint by at least 30% by 2030 and achieve net-zero carbon as soon as viable before 2050.
 - b. Continue to deliver the Big Clean programme and maintain higher street standards.
 - c. Continue to innovate waste management to maximise commercial and other opportunities.
 - d. Work with Environment SK to deliver high quality services.
 - e. Work with Lincolnshire Waste Partnership to reduce waste.
 - f. Recognise changes in requirements for eco-friendly modes of transport and to encourage others to do the same.
 - g. Explore the government requirements in introducing food waste collections.
 - h. Building a new modern depot which will be fit for the future.
3. Batteries – crews at risk. Fires caused by batteries. Waiting for government policy. SKDC commencing battery and vape devices collection. Place in clear plastic bag and leave on top of bin **(NOT Garden Waste Bins!!)**
4. Twin Stream Update – contamination in the silver bin would be addressed I in 3 items should not be in there. Reports the 3 phase approach – multipronged agency and monitored throughout the summer. Protection of staff as they do have a thankless task. This has brought a lot of confusion to our residents.
 - a. Black Bin – everything that you are not sure of into which bin it goes can go into this bin.
 - b. Silver Bin – basically any recyclables but not paper or cardboard. At this moment and time, thin grade plastic, e.g. plastic supermarket bags or really any plastic that you can squeeze into a small ball should go in the Black Bin, the rest such as glass, plastic bottles, **drink’s cartons (which I have assumed to be the plastic screw top as well!)**, etc. can go in this bin.
 - c. Purple Lidded Bin - Dry paper and cardboard only. Please without tape (Sellotape and the like), plastic and anything NOT paper. I am told that the thin plastic on food cartons can be separated at the recycling plant. However, I would say it doesn’t take much to remove this before placing in the bin.
5. It is good to see many areas within the District rewilding to encourage wildlife. Bees in particular need to be supported not only for honey but to outnumber the foreign larger wasplike bees that are invading and killing our native bees. This is also the same with the mitten crabs and mink that are killing our wildlife. The Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board has been recognised for their work on the Welland, Glen and Bourne Eau.
6. I have requested that SKDC planning encourage, if not insist, that the Mallard Pass must include rewilding along the entire perimeter fencing to camouflage the solar panels. Also, I have suggested if not requested that there should be footpaths and cycle ways

laid out around the perimeter. I don't think this is too much to ask and although it is appreciated that the perimeter of this extensive development is going to take away much of the countryside ambience and enjoyment for both humans and wildlife. I will report on the success of this request as time elapses. It would seem that, as a country, we are providing the Canadian/Chinese partnership with a phenomenally lucrative opportunity.

7. Tomorrow I shall, along with others, attending the first Quarry Meeting for the new quarry along King Street.