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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The newly developed Transport Hub, embracing this new 'Bus Station' and an improved entrance to the Railway Station, is nearing completion. The whole area has been transformed. We should all be delighted by what has been achieved.

The needs of the pedestrian public has been approached realistically, with a special emphasis on safety.

The earlier bus station had dangerous approaches. We were required in several places to approach our transport across yards of open tarmac, with buses needing to move in the same area. It was potentially very dangerous. Now the travelling passengers are physically kept separate from the transport. Passengers are only allowed into the area reserved for buses when the driver is ready and is prepared to open the barrier and open the bus entrance. These changes and improvements were made possible by the simple and straight forward exercise of common sense and I am sure that we will benefit largely from the modest yet significant changes.

Further, let us hope that the bus station remains clean and attractive. So far so good.

There area that is on the south side of the Bus Station facing south seems open, relaxed and pleasant. Groups of people seem to meet in that area. Whereas before it was full of cars and other transport; now vehicles are restricted in that area and pedestrians have space to move about and enjoy the sun.

However, what has struck me is the new Sincil Street. Shops have been attractively restored, rebuilt and redeveloped. They are new and full of excitement and seeming opportunity. The market also seems to be changing and becoming more modern.

The market, the new shops and restaurants, though very different, seem to be sharing in the offer of quality merchandise, exciting changes have been set afoot.

The prospect for Lincoln's shopping possibilities have found a new focus, an area of quality which will enhance our City.

The annual Chairman's letter is intended to highlight the City's heritage; indeed a changing heritage. I could not address our heritage this year without focusing on the changes to which I have alluded. The positive changes which have come to our City are a development on our heritage. New attractive shops have found a home in our City. We should be positive in our attitude to the new townscape of Lincoln. It has been good that in our time such significant changes have been possible which, enhance our City's heritage.

Alan Nugent
Chairman

WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN IN SINCIL BANK?

If you live in the Sincil Bank area, you may have noticed that the former 'Kubus Mini Market' has made a stark transformation - it is now the 'Sincil Bank Community Hub'! While the team have been settling in, we have provided the answers to some important questions about the Hub and what it means for Sincil Bank...



What is the Sincil Bank Community Hub?

The Sincil Bank Community Hub is a space to provide advice and guidance to local residents and act as a focal point for improvements in the area. Local residents were particularly keen to have a meeting space and felt that it was important for City of Lincoln Council to have a presence in the area – so that's what we've done!

An empty shop was identified on Portland Street and right away, it was considered the perfect location. This is because a lot of Sincil Bank residents pass through the area on their way into town, making it convenient for the whole community to access.

Who's located in the Hub?

There are three members of the Neighbourhood Team in the Sincil Bank Community Hub:

Paul Carrick - Neighbourhood Manager

Paul heads up the team and oversees improvements in the area, which he does by working closely with the local community and key agencies.

Rachel Taylor - Community Connector

Rachel works with the community and key partners to identify assets, priorities, opportunities and responsibilities, as well as make relevant action plans to keep things moving.

Carly Young - Project Assistant

Carly is the first point of contact when you visit the Sincil Bank Community Hub. She works closely with the general public and local organisations to arrange meetings, provide a monthly update and go the extra mile to offer support.

Why would you need to pay a visit?

The Hub is your stop if you need some information or guidance relating to Sincil Bank. It's also the right place to find out about activities in the area, to talk about employment and volunteering opportunities, host community meetings or even just to use a computer!

What have the team completed in the area so far?

It has been a busy time in Sincil Bank, so it's a relief for the team to finally be working in the heart of it! CCTV cameras have been installed on Portland Street and Hermit Street to tackle fly tipping in a regular spot and cast iron street name plates have been refurbished to improve the feel of the area. I'm sure you haven't missed the Virgin Media boxes featured in the last edition of Your Lincoln – a colourful project where local artists hand-painted Virgin Media boxes in the area to bring life to Sincil Bank. There was also a number of other activities and events that took place, from a "day at the seaside" to a graffiti project with a difference!

What does a Sincil Bank resident have to say?

Anne, Local Resident and Chair of Maze Matters, said: "The new hub is a great focal point for Sincil Bank residents.

"It will bring people living in the area together and offer much needed support to those who need to access services.

"I have been looking forward to the hub opening since it was announced and I hope the hub will help create more cohesion in Sincil Bank."

Would you like to chat with a member of the team?

Contact the Sincil Bank Community Hub by calling 01522 510157 or emailing carly.young@lincoln.gov.uk.

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SOCIAL & EVENTS COMMITTEE

I start my report by giving thanks to all the members of the sub-committee for their help and support; especially to Mr & Mrs Pickering for hosting committee meetings, and welcoming members and visitors and monthly refreshments. In January we had our usual Photo Quiz and I managed to find a few places that 'stumped' members.

On 15th March we had a talk about the new Bomber Command Centre memorial by Air Vice Marshall Paul Robinson.

In preparation for our visit to Retford we had a talk by Mr Derek Turner, Chairman of the Retford Civic Trust about the heritage of the town.

At the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 10th May the Mayor, Councillor Chris Burke spoke after business had taken place on his mayoral duties throughout the year and his involvement with various charities and events.

On June 7th we learnt about water and Elkesley Mill with a talk given by Mr Trevor Pacey.

Wednesday, 25th July saw some members going on a visit to the Trinity Hospital at Retford. This is a place with special connections for our Chairman, Alan Nugent, who was sub-dean at Lincoln Cathedral and also an ex-officio Governor at the Trinity Hospital. We were entertained with a lovely buffet lunch and then a talk and tour around the hospital area meeting the residents and their living accommodation and then later explored the town of Retford. In the Town Hall we noted a rare portrait of King William II without his wife.

On the morning of Thursday, 2nd August we explored Welbourn and had a guided walk and talk which included information on Field Marshall Sir William Robertson; afterwards we enjoyed an outdoor lunch in the garden of Mr Bill Goodhand.



On Heritage Open Day the Trust welcomed visitors to St Mary's Guildhall, as we do every year, some of whom were local and some who were from abroad. Volunteers helped with guiding and refreshments for well over fifty members of the public together with children.

A few days later we heard how Paul Carrick, Neighbourhood Manager – Sincil Bank Area reported how the make-up of the population has changed around the Sincil Bank and the cleaning up of the Sincil drain together with work done on the Virgin Media Boxes in-conjunction with Leap that were defaced with graffiti and now they look like pieces of community art work.

In October we had another presentation on the 'Progressing Works of the Lincoln Transport Hub' within the City from Kate Ellis, Director of Major Developments, City of Lincoln Council and Mr Phil Scafton of Globe Consultants. In November we had local history with a culinary taste – the history of A W Curtis & Sons; Mr Neil Curtis, who also gave us a demonstration on how to make a local pork pie which members, who attended, were able to partake in and take home to cook, or freeze, or use as part of their Christmas morning or teatime treat.

Our thanks to Cate Waby for all she does for the Trust.

Elys Varney

Chairman of Social & Events Committee





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LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

Looking from the front door step of The Subdeanery toward the Cathedral is at this moment in time like looking at a Building Site, for that indeed is what it is! Finally after years of planning and organising, getting permissions and drawings being made up we are in the delivery stage of Lincoln Cathedral Connected.

So, looking from my doorstep the West End of the Cathedral is covered in scaffolding as the conservation and restoration work continues apace on the Central Niche, the Gallery of Kings and the Romanesque Frieze. The Conservation Team has been expanded to cope with the amount of work that's taking place and consultants have been brought in to deal with the most technical work particularly on the Romanesque Frieze. As anticipated the work on the Frieze is proving the most fascinating and challenging both in terms of scoping the work, agreeing budgets and time schedules.

The work on the Parvis has also begun, with the archaeologists discovering anew what is to be found under the West End of the Cathedral. Not surprisingly they've found a few bones! Soon the work will spread out across the whole of the West Front as the ground is raised and resurfaced, providing an entrance worthy of this great building.

That same entrance will also be enhanced by the conservation work presently taking place on Exchequergate Arch. Presently covered in scaffolding the conservation work is soon to begin and this often taken for granted Gate will provide a fitting and elegant entrance to Minster Yard.

Out of site of my front door but a hive of activity is the North/Dean's Green, where work continues apace on the Old Deanery and the new-build between that building and the Cloisters. Within a few short months we shall have in place new Exhibition and education



Centres, Café Restaurant, Shop and Community and Administration Rooms. These new facilities will provide the Cathedral with the ability to offer greater hospitality to worshippers and visitors.

Soon the Cathedral at night will be in darkness as the old flood lighting scheme is dismantled and the new put in place – a complicated piece of work involving archaeology, the digging of trenches and the introduction of high-tech LED lights. Watch this Space!

Needless to say, the regular work of conservation, restoration and maintenance continues across the Cathedral and The Close. Work between the north transepts is nearly completed, with just the north face of the North East transept outstanding; and the glaziers have completed the first of the medieval lancet windows in the South West Transept – this is a significant and important piece of work that has set the standard for similar work across the country and beyond. It's a project that has brought together the skills and talents, expertise and professionalism of Cathedral's Works Department of which we can be truly proud.

It's a busy year ahead with builders and landscape workers, technicians and professionals and many others working hard to deliver the very best for Lincoln Cathedral and for Lincoln. I trust that as this report is written next year much will have been transformed and improved but that ultimately the Cathedral will continue as place of welcome and pilgrimage, hospitality and the worship of Almighty God.

Canon John Patrick

Subdean of Lincoln



PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Planning Committee has been kept very busy during 2018 with the number of applications well up on last year. It hopefully shows that Lincoln, unlike many other cities, is still growing and developing and this is where your committee aims to try to ensure that the quality and suitability of the proposals are sustainable and will add value to the prosperity of the city in the future.

Reviewing the activities for the year we have met 11 times during 2018 and have considered 202 applications. The breakdown of the applications is as follows:

New Developments	16
Alterations and extensions	103
Change of use &/or including alterations	24
Advertising and signs	16
Major developments	20
Houses of Multiple occupation	23

This year I have separated out the applications for Houses of Multiple Occupation as the number has grown substantially and there is very little to be said about the applications other than to trust that the City Planning Department are applying the rules that the Council themselves have laid down to control the concentration of such properties in any one area.

The further growth of the University of Lincoln and The Bishop Grosseteste University has continued to be a major part of the applications again this year. This is not only in educational buildings but also in the supply of student accommodation. Our Universities continue to buck the trend across the rest of the educational world with continual growth in the number of schools and the overall number of students arriving in Lincoln. We have had student accommodation on Grantham Street, Clasketgate, behind the Valentine Retail park, Newland/Carholme Road and on the St Marks site. These are very big applications and involve the developer in trying to maximise the usage of the site which then leads to a very concentrated application. We do understand the demand for places and we try to be constructive but in so doing, we attempt to ensure that it does not adversely affect the overall built environment of the city.

Our comments to all the major applications, and to many of the smaller ones, nearly always includes reference to the transportation difficulties these developments will create. It is a problem that historic cities like Lincoln must face in that our road structure was not designed for today’s volume of traffic, but to survive and move forward, has to accommodate a growing transport demand. If we do not make adequate provision for people to arrive by public and private transport, park and have easy access to the city (including a comprehensive “Park & Ride” system), we will witness the demise of our city centre. As I am sure you are well aware, the High Street retailers are taking a pounding, not only from the increased on-line shopping but also from the continual growth of out-of-town developments where car parking is not at issue and is also free and is easily accessible from the major roads. There is a big danger looming and if we get it wrong, it will be very difficult to correct later.

On the positive side, there are some very splendid examples this year of good practice and I must mention the redevelopment of the Cornhill area which has seen a complete make-over without destroying any of the great buildings and environment that already existed. There is still more work being done in the area and I, for one, can't wait to see the final results. We have also this year seen the Transport Hub come into being and I feel the result is very pleasing. The Car Park is very functional and its bulk has not created an eye sore. It is a shame that Network Rail could not have been persuaded to take part in the redevelopment as we could have had a totally integrated transport hub. However, in the future, we can only hope that they will change their minds and join the party.

On behalf of the Trust members, I would like to thank the members of the committee for giving their time each month to review the applications and hope that we can continue to be of service to the community in the future.

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QUESTIONING LINCOLN'S PARISHIONERS & MAKING THE LOLLARDS INTO AN 'OTHER'

I first heard of the Lollards during my undergraduate study at the University of Lincoln. These heretics were from my hometown, Norwich, and they instantly gripped my imagination. The way they worshipped 'God' forced the Church to name them heretics and make them an 'other'.

Two years later I needed a dissertation project for my masters in Medieval Studies. I enjoyed studying Lincoln. Seeing the medieval building every day made its history more tangible. So, when I learnt that Lincoln's late medieval bishops had also persecuted Lollards they became the ideal subject to study.

Records from the diocese of Lincoln allowed me to study these heretics as a creation of wider questioning. During my postgraduate study, I was introduced to church visitations by Philippa Hoskin. These were records of when a bishop visited places to ensure that it was functioning correctly. Lincoln's own had survived and allowed insight into how Bishop Gray and then Alnwick questioned monks and nuns across their diocese, including the chapter of Lincoln Cathedral.



In this 19th-century illustration, John Wycliffe is shown giving the Bible translation that bore his name to his Lollard followers.

These visitations, alongside the late medieval middle English pastoral manuals which guided confession, made it clear that questioning was part of the diocese's policing of orthodox belief and practice. The interrogation of Lollards preserved in Bishop Buckingham's and Chedworth's records was this procedure at its most intense. The three types of questioning had been discussed by many historians before but had not been discussed in the context of one another.

Pastoral manuals showed that confession in the fourteenth and fifteenth century was meant to consist of questions regarding the ten commandments and the seven deadly sins. A priest could have used the breakdowns of these sins and the stories accompanying them to investigate sin with subtle questioning. But, at face value, these manuals were little more than lists of sins to help unlearned priests ask blunt questions.

Lincoln's visitation records showed specific details of buildings needing repair and lustful monks in need of more prayer. Only specific, detailed, and blunt questions could render such answers. The same relationship between questions and answers was also present in the lists of beliefs held by Lincoln's Lollards.

Therefore, it became clear that direct questioning was used throughout Lincoln diocese so the Church could know what parishioners believed. I concluded that this undermined the pastoral care of confession turning it into an investigation. Furthermore, the persecution of heresy was a natural extension of this questioning. Also, the questions highlighted the Lollards' differences to the general population thus making them into heretics and an 'other' for the people of Lincoln to define themselves against.

Luke I Brown

Student

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