

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**Church Square House
30-40 High
Street
SCUNTHORPE
North Lincolnshire
DN15 6NL**

Wednesday 3 August 2022

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend an **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the **COUNCIL** to be held at **THE PODS, ASHBY ROAD, SCUNTHORPE** at **3:00pm** on **THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2022**.

1. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests.
2. To consider the following motion and amendment of which notice has been given and to pass a resolution(s) as may be necessary -
Motion - to be moved by Councillor A Davison and seconded by Councillor L Foster -

That this council creates a post of Warden for Ashby Ville.

If this proves successful, then this council will consider creating additional posts for open water safety throughout the council area.

That this council also works with the affiliated and licensed groups who regularly use the pond to ensure clarity, and to standardize the rules and regulations for individuals and groups alike.

That this council commences a planting program, or some form of deterrent to the 'beach' area to make it more difficult to enter the water.

Ashby Ville is not a natural body of water, unlike other open water areas within North Lincolnshire. It is a disused quarry and there are hidden dangers beneath its depths such as metal spikes and rusty cars, as well as reeds and weeds. It is not dredged, unlike some other waterways.

Despite ongoing educational visits from the police, fire service etc in schools every summer, we continue to see people visiting Ashby Ville to swim, and some are travelling from out of area just to swim in the pond.

Although there are numerous signs, there were lots of people swimming and using inflatables as well as boats.

North Lincolnshire Council has recently introduced powers that include

preventing swimming in open water and should take its corporate responsibility seriously to enforce these powers to ensure the safety of our communities and those visiting what is a beautiful nature reserve.

Amendment – to be moved by Councillor R Waltham MBE and seconded by Councillor N Poole -

This council is committed to promoting water safety through working with our stakeholders in education, the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service and the Environment Agency to ensure that safety around our waterways, rivers and open water across North Lincolnshire remains of paramount importance. The council resolves to work with schools, colleges and the Youth Council to deliver an annual certificated programme highlighting the dangers of open water.

This council resolves to create a new One-Council Enforcement model that will enforce on swimming in open water and other offences detailed in the North Lincolnshire Public Spaces Protection Order.

Furthermore, this Council remains committed to promoting and providing Free Swimming for our young people to ensure that they have a clean and safe environment in which to swim with their friends and family

This council continues to invest in signage and implement a planting programme at sites across North Lincolnshire, including Ashby Ville, that will restrict access and promote diversity of the natural marine environment.

The council also resolves to ban all watercraft on council assets that do not have prior approval.

This council will work across partnerships and affiliated and licensed groups to address the broad issues of water safety. We will raise awareness of the risks of open water and waterways across North Lincolnshire, especially Ashby Ville and other disused quarries. We will focus on communities most at risk, engaging with the public, private and voluntary sectors who use waterways to ensure that they understand the risks and address them.

Yours sincerely,

B. McIntyre
Director: Governance and Communities

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NOTE: ANY MEMBER WHO WISHES TO PUT A QUESTION UPON OR MOVE ANY AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES MUST INFORM THE DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNITIES IN WRITING BEFORE 9.30 A.M. ON TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2022.