**Environment Agency Discussions**

Andrew Haig of the Environment Agency will attend the Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council Meeting to discuss with Councillors concerns raised about flood defence works on the Keadby/Althorpe/Derrythorpe side of the Trent.

Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public have a statutory right to attend meetings of a parish council. Importantly, they have no right to participate in a meeting.

The Public Participation Session allows members of the public to make representations in respect of the business on the agenda but the following rules are defined in the Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council Standing Orders:-

* The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order above shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.
* Subject to the above, an individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. A question posed by a member of the public shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question.
* A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The chairman of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking.
* A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chairman of the meeting.
* Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chairman of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.

The Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council would welcome your attendance at the Meeting, during which time you will be able to hear your Councillors ask the questions of the Environment Agency concerning the flood defences on the Keadby/Althorpe/Derrythorpe side of the Trent.

The Meeting will be held on 19th February at 7:15pm at the William Stephenson Memorial Hall Althorpe.