

## Focus GOSBERTON



### **GEORGIAN HOUSE, PLOTS TO FETCH £450,000**

A three year project could soon culminate in the sale of the old boarding premises at Gosberton House School.

The old Georgian house (pictured) was closed as boarding accommodation for the school three years ago. But it will soon be on the market, together with six residential building plots — together expected to fetch in the region of £450,000.

Lincolnshire County Council has spent £¼ million moving vital facilities left in the old building — including the headmaster's offices, dining room, sick room and boiler house — into the new school building.

The contract is being undertaken by Langwith Builders, of Holbeach, and work is expected to be completed about Christmas. It also includes making a new access to the school, so the drive is separate from the old building. Mr Andy Hey, assistant director of property services for Lincolnshire County Council said: "It's a very exciting project, and we are making the best we can from it to provide excellent facilities for the children, and making the best use of the ratepayers' money."

Planning permission has already been sought and granted for the old school. It has been agreed it can be used as a residential home of some sort, a hotel or offices,

Mr Hey said: "When it stopped being used for boarders, and they were sent to Priory School, Spalding, we were left with vital facilities in the building, but an awful amount of unused, empty space. When the present work is completed, the old house will be surplus to requirements, so it will be sold to pay for the work that is at present being done."

Meetings are under way with the agents for the sale, Longstaffs of Spalding. Sale boards are expected to go up at any time, and the property is to be sold by tender. The six residential plots which will be sold are on land at the site of the new school on High Street.

Mr Hey said: "It is likely that two different buyers will be interested in what is for sale. I hope very much that a local property developer will buy the six plots as it is a super site, and will make a lovely little development. "We expect them to sell like hot cakes." He added: "Our priority has been to make sure the facilities at the school are first rate and to a good standard. It has been good news for all concerned,