

WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



April / May 2019

**Village Events
In The Coming
Months**

Coffee Mornings in aid of the Church
The first 3 (April 6th, 13th & 20th) will be in the
Village Hall and then move to the Church.

Flower Festival, Wigtoft Church
April 27th, & 28th and May 4th, 5th & 6th
10am - 4pm each day

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(to report a power cut)

What a change in the weather, I am not sure if we are in spring or winter!

Welcome once more to our village newsletter. There is much happening over the coming months, so please look at all the dates provided on the centre page.

Friends of the Church restart their Coffee Morning with the usual bacon butties and homemade delights. The first three are in the Village Hall. They are also holding a Flower Festival on two consecutive weekends, the end of April and the beginning of May. We depend on volunteers so please come along if you are able and lend a hand, it would be much appreciated.

A couple of volunteers in the village are "litter picking," a worthwhile task, helping to keep our village looking good. We welcome all who can spare the time. Perhaps our Parish Council could help us by buying some sticks and containers, it would be appreciated.

The Village Hall requires our help as some of the long term committee members are resigning. A willingness to assist would be gratefully received. The Village Hall is an excellent venue so we wish to continue its good work.

Please enjoy the magazine your thoughts are always gratefully received.

Parish Council Annual General Meeting, Thursday May 9th

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Annual Meeting of Wigtoft Parish Council will now be held on Thursday 9th May at 7.30 pm at Sutterton Village Hall. This meeting will be followed by the usual monthly meeting. Members of the public are welcome.

Local Government Elections - Thursday May 2nd, Wigtoft Village Hall

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

St Peter & St Paul Church PCC annual General Meeting

We are holding our AGM on Monday 8th April at 7 p.m. in Wigtoft Village Hall. At this meeting we elect the PCC for the year, also we elect the treasurer and secretary. If we wish to have Church wardens then they will also be elected.

Anyone can come to this meeting but only the people on the electoral roll can vote. If you would like to see how we run your Church please come along to the village hall on this evening.

Jane Barkham
PCC Secretary

ORGANIST WANTED

We are in need of an organist at the church. If you can play an electronic organ or play the piano would you be willing to come and play for us. We have two services a month and you could be asked to play at weddings and funerals.

If you are interested please phone Jane on 01205 460714 for more information, as soon as possible.

Wigtoft Church Lottery Winners

January

1st (£20) Miss A Padley
2nd (£10) Mr M Tunnard
3rd (£5) Mrs M Berrisford

February

Mrs A Taylor
Miss A Mulgbrett
Mr T Jackson Smith

March

Mrs C Kelk
Mrs K Blanchard-Smith
Mrs M Bessisford

Drawn at the Bacon Butty Mornings, 23rd February and 23rd March

Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

Rev. Charles Robertson
Jane Barkham ----- Secretary
John Craggs ----- Treasurer
Virna Atkinson
Myrtle Holliday
Colin Scrupps
Malcolm Franklin

Wigtoft Church Cleaning

**The next cleaning of the
Church will take place on
Wednesdays**

April 10th and May 8th

***All who would like to help
out are welcome***

The Haven Group Church Services For April

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
7 th					10.30am Group Service
14 th	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion	10am Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Communion	8am Communion
18 th		6pm Haven Group Last Supper			
19 th		2.30pm Meditation on the Crucifixion	10-30am Jelly Church	2.30pm Meditation on the Crucifixion	
20 th		10.30am Jelly Church Easter Egg Hunt			
21 st	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	8am Communion
28 th		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	4pm Evensong

The Haven Group Church Services For May

5 th				10.30am Group Service	
12 th	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion	10am Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Communion	8am Communion
19 th	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	10.45am Communion
26 th		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	4pm Evensong

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

April 2019

May 2019

Mon	1	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Wed	1	6pm	Dog Training
Tue	2	10am	Scraps R Us	Thu	2	7am	Polling Day
Wed	3	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	3	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Thu	4	6pm	Dog Training	Sat	4		
Fri	5	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Sun	5	10am	"The Gathering"
Sat	6	10am	Coffee Morning	Mon	6		
Sun	7	10am	"The Gathering"	Tue	7		
Mon	8	7pm	Church PCC AGM	Wed	8	6pm	Dog Training
Tue	9			Thu	9	6pm	Dog Training
Wed	10	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	10		
Thu	11	6pm	Dog Training	Sat	11		
Fri	12			Sun	12	10am	"The Gathering"
Sat	13	10am	Coffee Morning	Mon	13		
Sun	14	10am	"The Gathering"	Tue	14	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	15	7pm	Gardening Club	Wed	15	6pm	Dog Training
Tue	16	10am Noon 7pm	Scraps R Us St Barnabas Village Hall Meeting	Thu	16	6pm	Dog Training
Wed	17	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	17	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Thu	18	6pm	Dog Training	Sat	18		
Fri	19	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Sun	19	10am	"The Gathering"
Sat	20	10am	Coffee Morning	Mon	20	7pm	Gardening Club
Sun	21	10am	"The Gathering"	Tue	21	Noon	St Barnabas
Mon	22			Wed	22	6pm	Dog Training
Tue	23			Thu	23	6pm	Dog Training
Wed	24	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	24		
Thu	25	6pm	Dog Training	Sat	25		
Fri	26			Sun	26	10am	"The Gathering"
Sat	27			Mon	27		
Sun	28	10am	"The Gathering"	Tue	28	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	29			Wed	29	6pm	Dog Training
Tue	30	10am	Scraps R Us	Thu	30	6pm	Dog Training
				Fri	31	6.30pm	Bird Auction

Village Hall News

The Village Hall AGM was held in February with all committee members being re-elected en-bloc. Minutes and accounts are available for anyone to see. Although all members were re-elected, the chairman, vice chairman and treasurer all stated that they would stand down at the end of the year. This means the hall is looking for new members to join the committee. Anyone who is interested please phone Pete or Sally on 460117, or e-mail villagehall@wigtoft.com. The hall really does need YOU!!! Failure to attract new members could result in the hall closing, which is not what anyone wants.

Bacon butty mornings have once again been a huge success. We'll let you know how much money was raised in the next newsletter. The committee would like to say a big thank you to all who have helped, donated and supported the Saturday mornings. It really is appreciated.

The committee would like to thank The Gathering, who use the Village Hall on a Sunday morning, for their donation towards the resurfacing of the carpark. We are still in the process of applying for grants to help towards the cost of this work.

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

To book the Village Hall, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005
or e-mail [**villagehall@wigtoft.com**](mailto:villagehall@wigtoft.com)

*The hire charge is £9 per hour, which includes heating,
lighting and the use of the kitchen and all crockery.*

The Gathering

Easter is the most important festival of the Christian year when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Soon we will be delivering this Good News around the village.

Read about the life changing impact Jesus has made in the everyday lives of people like ourselves. Write and tell us what you think and perhaps the magazine editor would find space to air your thoughts next time.

We wish you a happy and blessed Eastertide.

The Gathering meetings continue in Wigtoft Village Hall each Sunday

Daphne and Bridget - Tel. 01205 723259

Topical Talk

Sadly, Kathy Richardson, formerly of Wigtoft, died on February 10th in New South Wales Australia – she was in her 90's.

She was the wife of Alec who was the proprietor of the two poultry farms in the village, and they lived at Japonica. As well as the two poultry farms they ran an accredited hatchery from Japonica. Kathy leaves sons Terry and Denis and their families and daughter Berenice.

The recent death of an American called Melvin Dummar has thrown up some interesting details that may or may not be true.

One December night in 1967 he was driving along Route 95, a desert road in rural Nevada, when he had to stop to relieve himself: his car headlights picked up a moving object on the rutted road which proved to be an elderly and unkempt man who was tall and thin and with dried blood on his face and shirt – he was drooling and shivering. Dummar suggested that he should see a doctor but the man declined, asking if he could be dropped off in Vegas. During the journey Dummar mentioned that he had been in the US air force – at the mention of this the stranger said that he was Howard Hughes.

Now, Howard Hughes was the oddball Texan billionaire aviator, tycoon and investor who was very reclusive and well known for not wanting to be known: he lived a very sanitised life and was for ever afraid of “catching bugs” or infections.

As the man requested he was dropped off on the Las Vegas Strip – Dummar gave him some loose change and resumed his journey.

That seemed to be the end of the story until Hughes died in 1976; shortly after this someone dropped off a letter to Dummar at his petrol station near Salt Lake City; it was a handwritten, three page document purporting to be the will of Howard Hughes in which he left 6.25% of his estate to Dummar for his kindness: this amounted to more than £500 million in today's money. Over the years this matter had gone through the courts, in some cases the will being described as genuine and at other times as being as “phony as a \$3 bill”. The matter was still being pursued in 2008 but, again, the appeal was rejected.

Dummar summed all this up when he told Associated Press that he was promised \$156 million in the will for saving Hughes life but never got a penny and wound up scorned, sick and nearly broke.

Doing some research recently on the small hamlet of Haceby, near Grantham, I came across an interesting entry from some charity notes. It seems that these notes, made in 1900 and 1913, relate to a sum of money, £7 to be exact, that was

invested to provide for the poor and needy of this hamlet, the money having come from the sale of land in Wigtoft.

I read recently a story about a “mudlarker” - this is the name given to people who search mud banks at low tide to see what they can find. This particular mudlarker was working along the mud on the bank of the Thames in London when he spotted a jagged object sticking out of the mud; on examination he at first thought that it was a piece of pottery, but on closer examination he thought that it looked more like a piece of skull. He called the police and after a full investigation learned that, instead of being a murder suspect, he had found a fragment of skull dating back to 3,600 BC – making it 5,600 years old. This has been described as a “rare find” by Jackie Kelly, a curator at the Museum of London, where it has been put on display. Martin Bushell, the mudlarker, said that he had been very relieved to know that he was not a suspect in a murder inquiry.

Colin Scrapps

Bereavement

It is with deepest sympathy that we report the death of Doug Holdershaw aged 84 years of age. Doug lived in Wigtoft all his life. He passed away on February 24th 2019

Wigtoft Church Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings in aid of the Church start in the Village Hall for 3 Saturdays in April (6th, 13th & 20th)

They then move to the Church for the summer months, starting with the Flower Festival weekend on April 27th

*We will have our delicious Bacon Butties
and Cakes each Saturday*

Volunteers to help on a Saturday morning are welcome,
please come along and speak to one of the team

All funds raised go towards the Church funds.

St Peter & St Paul Church

WIGTOFT

**FLOWER & CRAFT
FESTIVAL**



This year's theme

Moon Landing

50 years since the first
man on the moon

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May
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10am until 4pm each day

Stalls, crafts, books, raffle
Homemade cakes & refreshments



For further information please call
Virna - 01205 460259
or Jean - 01205 460546



All proceeds towards Church funds

Wigtoft Events 2019

Flower Festival, Wigtoft Church

April 27th & 28th, May 4th, 5th & 6th

Cream Teas, Wigtoft Church

June 29th, 2-5pm

Jean Knight's Open Garden, Sutterton

July 28th, 10am – 4pm

Garden Club Event, Wigtoft Church

September 13th, 14th & 15th

Harvest Supper, Wigtoft Church

September 29th, 3pm service, then Auction and Meal

Christmas Tree Festival, Wigtoft Church

November 29th, 30th December 1st

Carol Service, Friday November 29th 6pm

The majority of these events are organised by The Friends Of Wigtoft Church, if you would like to help with any of these please speak to a member of the group at one of the Saturday coffee mornings at the Church.

Wigtoft and District Gardening Club Days out in 2019

The Gardening Club have 2 more outings in 2019, these are:

Tuesday June 25th - Fairhaven Woodland & Water Park near Norwich

Tuesday September 17th - Thorp Perrow Arboretum Bedale Yorkshire

If you are interested in coming along to any of these trips please contact one of the Gardening Club committee:

Rosemary King - 01205 460902

Jean Knight - 01205 460546

Barbara Banfield - 01205 460400

Or speak to them at one of the Gardening Club meetings

Rod Temperton was born in Cleethorpes in 1949. He was known as the “Invisible Song Writer”; this was because he shunned the publicity that most people of his station crave – his enormous talent as a song writer has never been in dispute.

He was the son of Les and Ida Temperton, His father ran a garage in the town. Of his father, Rod is reported to have said that he was not the kind of father who would read him a story at bed time, but would put a transistor radio on the pillow and he would go to sleep listening to Radio Luxembourg. He thinks this had an influence on his musical career. He went to the De Ashton Grammar School in Market Rasen, where his music teacher encouraged him to form a pop group to enter the school’s music competition. In his later years Rod kept in touch with this music teacher (Ted Gledhill) and invited him to spend holidays at his Swiss home.

He admits that he often played truant from school and played the drum and cymbal in his parent’s front room while they were at work.

On leaving school he took a job at the Ross Frozen Food factory in Grimsby, in the meantime he learnt to play keyboards. He eventually left the fish factory, moved to Germany where he formed a band, playing soul music on a second hand Hammond organ in the clubs and bars of Manheim and Frankfurt.

In 1974 he answered a small advert in “Melody Maker” and joined the disco group “Heatwave”, which was led by the black American singer Johnnie Wilder. Wilder said of Rod at the time that he was the first British guy he had ever met and he spoke funny (his Lincs accent) but he had a good sense of humour and he fitted in well. He swiftly became the group’s main song writer, starting with “Boogie Nights”, a top five hit in both Britain and the US. This was followed with the soul ballad “Always and Forever”, later sung by Luther Vandross. Wilder said at the time that they would lock Rod up in a room at the end of a gig and leave him there all night to write. Rod said that he would sit there all night until the cleaner let him out at 7am and then he would go back to the hotel and sleep for a few hours before a rehearsal at 2pm, followed by the gig.

When this punishing routine became too much for him in 1978 he stopped playing live with the group to concentrate on writing – he immediately came up with “The Groove Line”, another top hit for “Heatwave” in the US. The group had caught the ear of Quincey Jones, who was working with Michael Jackson on his new album. He asked Rod if he would consider writing some songs for Jackson – flattered, Rod agreed and he immediately wrote three, which were accepted and he and Jackson became firm friends.

Rod also wrote songs for Karen Carpenter, Aretha Franklin, Herbie Hancock,

Donna Summer, The Manhattan Transfer and Lionel Richie.

Jackson's album went on to sell 20 million copies around the world and established him as the "King of Pop" and the biggest selling solo artist of his generation. The follow-up album was even more successful – Rod came up with 35-40 ideas for songs and from that they picked 3 to record. After some discussion the title of this new album, suggested by Rod, was "Thriller" and it went on to become the biggest selling album ever made. Rod was now in the position where he never needed to work again – not bad for a lowly fish filleter!

Rod Temperton's song writing made him one of the richest men in the music business, he was reckoned to be worth around £100 million, with homes in the US, Britain, the South of France, Switzerland and he also owned an island in Fiji.

He avoided publicity like the plague; it took BBC Radio 2 four years to persuade him to take part in an interview (in 2006). Ask about his personal life he said that when he had finished a record he liked to sit at home, watch the telly and catch up on the news with his wife Kathy Bucknall, a former record company assistant. He died in London in 2016, aged just 66.

Colin Scrapps

Sutterton Methodist Church Services for April / May

7 th April	10.30am	- Rev. Alan Barker
14 th April	10.30am	- Rev. Keith Rowbottom
21 st April	9.00am	- Rev. Alan Barker
28 th April	10.30am	- Mr John Owen

5 th May	6.00pm	- Rev. Alan Barker
12 th May	10.30am	- Rev. David Howarth
19 th May	10.30am	- Rev. Alan Barker
28 th May	10.30am	- Libby Craggs



Sutterton Methodist Church

(The Church with the Yellow Door)

Flower Festival - Famous Women

Friday 3rd May to Monday 6th May 2019

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily

Bric-a-Brac, Tombola, Raffle, Cake Stall etc.

Games for the Children Tea, Coffee and Light Refreshments

Stow Minster

Stow is a small village 6 miles from Gainsborough and 11 miles from Lincoln. Its claim to fame is the historic church or Minster. The definition of a Minster is a “large or important church, of cathedral status, that was built as part of a monastery”.

The village of Stow dates back to Roman times: evidence of Roman occupation has been found with the discovery of ancient coins, ruins and foundations from this period and the village also stands adjacent to the old Roman road known as Tillbridge Lane.

The Minster church of Stow is one of the oldest parish churches in England. It originally served as the cathedral church of the ancient diocese of Lindsey, founded in the 7th century and stands on the site of an even older building.

The name Stow means Holy Place. This small village seems rather tiny to warrant such a large church, but the place was the centre of a large block of estates around 900 – 1000 AD which belonged to the Bishops of Dorchester and was built as the head Minster to serve this large area. The church is dedicated to St Mary.

There has been a church on this site since before the arrival of the Danes in 870 – there is documentary evidence that they burnt down the church on one of their raids. It is on record that Bishop Aelfnoth of Dorchester rebuilt the church around 975 to serve as the mother church for this large Lincolnshire diocese.

In 1054 it was re-founded and rebuilt by the well known Lady Godiva and her husband Leofric. In 1091 it was turned into an abbey and monks were brought in from Eynsham, but this only lasted about 5 years, when the monks went back to where they came from and St Mary's became a parish church.

The present church is partly Saxon and partly Norman.

One mile to the west of the village and lying just off the Roman road (Tillbridge Lane) are the medieval remains of the palace of the Bishops of Lincoln, built in 1336: all that can be seen today are the earthworks of the moat and the remains of medieval fish ponds.

This important Anglo Saxon Minster has been included in the 100 most endangered sites in the world by the World Monuments Fund in 2006 and now needs major restoration and repair work – at current prices estimated to be around £2 to £3 million.



On the green near the church is a whipping post, probably made by the local blacksmith and used to punish local petty criminals – it has different size cuffs to fit “all sizes”.

Inside the church is an example of Viking graffiti, a rough scratching of a Viking long ship on one of the piers and this dates from around 900AD.

An interesting point about the Minster is that it is used twice a week as the local Post Office – another way of making the church part of the village.

Colin Scrapps

Interesting April Dates

Avis M Padley

19th April 2019 Good Friday, when we remember to observe the anniversary of Christ’s death on the cross

21st April Easter Day, when we commemorate the resurrection of Christ. Now this is the first Sunday after the full moon following the Spring equinox, so can fall between March 22 and April 25

23rd April St George’s Day. He is our Patron Saint. 23 April is reputed to be the day of his martyrdom in 303, when he refused to persecute Christians in Palestine. The legend of rescuing an innocent maiden from the dragon is medieval

23rd April Was also William Shakespeare’s birthday. He died on 23 April 1616

23rd April 1915 Was recorded as the death of Rupert Brooke. He was one of our greatest poets. Unfortunately he died of blood poisoning whilst aboard a hospital ship

24th April 1858 At the second attempt, Big Ben was finally hung in the clock tower of Westminster Palace

26th April 1923 The Duke of York and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon were married in Westminster Abbey. Little did they know that one day they would become King George VI and Queen Elizabeth

27th April 1828 Saw the opening of the zoological gardens in Regents Park





Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

Even if your ground is too boggy to mow the lawns then clipping and straightening the edges makes everywhere look crisper. Now that plants are beginning to shoot it makes it easier to see dead stems or branches for pruning back. Don't shape early spring flowering shrubs such as Forsythia, Viburnams, Ribes or winter honeysuckle until after the flowers fade, then you can prune as hard as you like.

Late flowering Clematis, which bloom after mid-June, produce flowers on this year's growth. Pruning it hard now means this new growth starts from low down, ensuring a better floral display. Cut the stems to a decent sized bud 30cm or one foot from the ground then mulch liberally. The general rule of thumb for Clematis is "flower before June do not prune" cutting back after flowering. A good example of this is Montana Rubens a vigorous climber flowering in spring.

Have you noticed there is already an abundance of ladybirds in the garden especially on hedges. I picked a flopping Pampas head and it had ten ladybirds on it, so over the whole plant there must have been dozens. Let us hope they get busy on unwanted aphids, when they appear.

Nature is a great leveller if mankind doesn't interfere too much.

Make the most of any nice days and enjoy being outside.

Regards from Sam



WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN GARDENING?

YES. THEN WHY NOT JOIN LIKE MINDED PEOPLE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF OUR CLUB. WE MEET ON THE 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7pm, WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April 15 th	Planting Pots For Easter
May 20 th	Mick Todds will talk about Owls
June 17 th	Tom Holland with a display of his plants

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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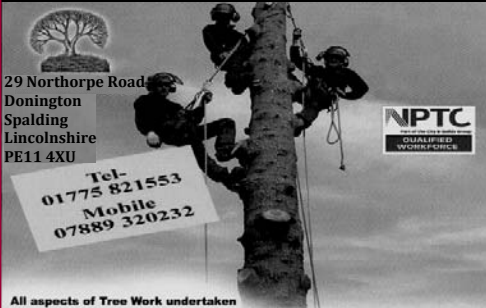
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Daily prayer is part of Christian life. Our churches continually offer prayers for the sick. God would not forget those in need but true prayer is communion with Our Father, and he will show us how to help the needy if we really contact him. It is hard to steady our minds and hold our thoughts in intense prayer for individuals.

As we begin our prayers it is wise to begin with adoration. We can think of God's personality and the wonderful gifts that are ours – every day. From this we pass to thanksgiving and here the list is endless. We are so diverse in our needs and everyone will have a differing list for which to be thankful.

As well as the sick others need our intercession. Those who have experienced tragedy or have fallen to temptation, the bedridden, the blind, the deaf and the crippled. Those in government, authority and who serve us, as well as friends and relations, need our prayers.

We come last! Don't forget confessions. If we just send 'arrow prayers' to God in time of need we cannot expect an affirmation answer. He may say 'No' or 'Wait and see'. Either can be difficult to accept.



St Barnabas Bereavement Support

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All Welcome

Green Burial site for Boston

Boston Woods Trust has for many years been creating woods and parkland for the benefit of people and wildlife in our area. Our latest major development has been the landscaping of an area designated as ***Beech Wood Green Burial "At one with nature"*** The land has been planted with over 4000 native deciduous trees with an open ride and wild flower areas which are maintained as burial glades.



We can now offer either full burial or interment of ashes in a beautiful setting of trees and wild flowers where birds and mammals live in harmony and our loved ones can be "*At one with nature*". This area is adjacent to our established Beech Wood and will be a growing, living memorial, gaining in beauty as the years pass and will provide pleasure and benefits to future generations. The wood will continue to change and develop over several decades as the trees grow to maturity and the wildlife increases. The land will be managed by the Boston Woods Trust, a local independent charity working to improve the landscape around Boston. This frees relatives from the worry of tending a formal grave in the future as the site will be maintained as a part of The Boston Woods.

Beech Wood Green Burial is for people of any faith or none. The Burial Ground is non-denominational but individual plots may be consecrated. Traditional funeral patterns do not have to be followed and the funeral can be carried out with or without the involvement of a funeral director. Each plot will be marked with a piece of Lakeland Green slate engraved with the deceased details and a plan of the site maintained recording every burial. If you want to make plans for the eventual future a plot may be reserved so your wishes are known.

The Beech Wood Green Burial site forms part of The Boston Woods Trust Fenside Woods and is freely open to all visitors at any time. There is ample car parking and the whole area is accessible to all with 1.6 km of all-weather paths through the established wood and around the more recently planted areas. Dogs and walkers are welcome. It is located beyond the residential area on Fenside Road. Sat Nav location PE21 8LA.

The site is unattended but a member of the Trust would be happy to show you around and explain our ethos. There is more information on our website at www.bostonwoods.co.uk/green-burial or contact Frances on 07845 481621 or 01205 723040 or BostonWoods.Fran@gmail.com



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Hello Readers

Thank you to all the residents of Fosdyke, Sutterton, Wigtoft, Kirton and Frampton for their support of the Poppy Appeal

It's about time I updated you on the results so far for the poppy appeal 2018/19, all is going very well again with your generous donations the poppy boxes were opened and the money counted. Donations from various organisations and individuals have raised £ 3,902.44 to date.

Rush hair salon of Kirton had a cake and coffee stall on Remembrance Sunday which gave the poppy appeal a generous donation of £ 77.15. The Trefoil Guild, Guide Association members, instead of sending out Christmas cards, decided to make a donation to a charity of their choice and this year it was the poppy appeal, so a generous donation of £69.00 was added to our collection.

Both the district Primary schools and Middlecott Academy did very well with their collections. I would also like to thank the manager of Kirton co-op for allowing the Arme y Cadets to have a stall outside the store on Remembrance weekend they were able to collect from generous shoppers a total of £350.00 for the poppy appeal.

In the coming months The Kirton and District Branch of TRBL will be holding funding raising events to raise funds for both the branch welfare fund and the Poppy Appeal. I am also looking to see if we can organise a coach trip to the Bomber Command memorial at Lincoln and if there is enough interest also to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. If anyone is interested in a coach trip of this nature or would like to help in our branch activities please contact me on 01205 722 501 or on email to roland.reece@btinternet.com

All the best regards for now. Tour poppy appeal organiser
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3rd December 2018

Present: Cllr S Collingwood; Cllr P Craven; Cllr. Matt Tunnard;
Cllr B Leggott; Cllr. M. Scrupps; Cllr S Baxter; Cllr G Wright

Also Present: County Councillor M Brookes

Public Forum: None

Chairman's Remarks: Cllr SC thanked Cllrs MT, GW and SB for work undertaken outside of the meeting.

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Borough Councillor Mike Cooper sent his apologies.

To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

None

Police report

There was no Police presence. A report had been received advising that hare coursing is still happening in the area.

Notes of the meeting held on 5.11.18 to be approved and signed as minutes.

It was resolved to accept the above notes. The notes were confirmed and signed as minutes by the Chairman, Cllr SC.

Accounts for payment, budget figures and financial report.

Invoice date	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	Overall total
15.11.18	Pay	208.00		
15.11.18	HMRC	52.00		
31.10.18	Payroll Services	15.00	3.00	
15.11.18	Clerk home as office	20.00		
27.11.18	Mobile phone top up	10.00		
20.11.18	Tree work at Play Area	300.00	60.00	
TOTAL		605.00	63.00	668.00

Finance report

There is nothing to report this month so there is no financial report.

It was resolved to accept the above accounts for payment and the budget figures for the year to date.

Planning applications:

B/18/0442 - Erection of single storey side extension to form link to annexe accommodation in converted barn granted under approval B/17/0230. The design of the barn conversion will be amended.

Following a review of the proposed plans it was resolved that there were no comments to make. **ACTION: Clerk to advise planning department.**

Correspondence

16.11.18 Letter from Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board about access to land e mailed to Councillors 28.11.18

Councillors Reports

Cllr MS advised that the Millennium seat on the green is green and slimy and needs attention. She also suggested an additional bin is needed for dog waste. **ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting.**

Cllr SC commented that Cllr MT has cleared the footpath between the church wall and the wall by the road. Cllrs thanked Cllr MT.

Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that:

The printer is now working again.

The Parish Council has been signed up for the Emergency Text Alert system via LCC.

The Parish Council has been signed up for the Winter Self-Help and Mutual Aid Scheme through Highways.

To accept and agree the bank reconciliation from 1.4.18 to 31.10.18 checked by Cllr SB

It was resolved to accept the bank reconciliation as being correct.

To discuss and agree the HP Instant Ink Facility at a cost of £7.99

The Clerk explained that for £7.99 per month all printer ink costs would be covered up to a maximum of 300 sheets per month. The total ink cost year to date is £99.54 which averages out at £12.44 per month so the Instant Ink facility would save money. It was resolved to sign up for this scheme at a cost of £7.99 per month.

ACTION: Clerk to activate.

To review the play area inspection report and decide on any actions required. This is linked to the next item.

See below.

To continue the preparation of a Risk Management document.

Cllr GW reported that he had made a good start on preparing this document. Following a discussion about both documents, Cllr PC offered to help with the preparation. Cllr MS will continue with regular checks of the playground. It was resolved to add inspection of the trees to the Risk Management document.

ACTION: Clerk to forward copy of the document to Cllr PC and prepare a template for the regular checks of the playground. Agenda item for next meeting.

To continue the budget planning process for 2019/2020.

The final review of the proposed budget was undertaken. The figure for the Footway lighting annual cost has not yet been received by the Borough Council. Once this is to hand, Clerk will add this to the budget. The Clerk suggested that the £20 allocated for the mobile phone PAYG cost ought to be increased to £30. Election costs for May 2019 are not yet know but will be added to the budget when they become available. It was resolved to accept the final budget figures, subject to the additions mentioned above.

Action: Clerk to amend the budget template once all figures are to hand and submit the request for the precept when requested by Boston Borough Council.

To decide whether to join the Parish Agreement scheme for 2019-20 in respect of the cutting of highway verges

Following a discussion, it was resolved not to join the scheme as Councillors felt that the current twice-yearly cut undertaken by the County Council is sufficient and to join the scheme would mean increasing costs for the Parish.

ACTION: Clerk to advise LCC by 14.1.19

To decide whether to comment on the review of polling districts and polling places by Boston Borough Council

There are no proposed changes for Wigtoft Parish. It was resolved not to comment.

An update on the bank mandate, on line banking and debit card applications

The Clerk reported that the mandate has still not been updated despite several phone calls to the Nat West. A formal complaint has now been lodged with the Bank. The Clerk will follow this through and update Councillors by e mail.

ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting.

An update on Highways issues and the Community Speedwatch Scheme

The Clerk reported that Highways have advised that the multiple potholes on the northern part of Asperton Road have been filled and necessary work to the deteriorating road surface on Burtoft Lane North have been completed. The advisory speed notices have been erected by Cllr MT.

Feedback from the Parish Liaison meeting 27.11.18 (AF and SC) and to receive feedback from the Liaison Meeting with Parish Clerks 30.10.18 (no representative from Wigtoft PC attended).

Cllr SC and the Clerk reported on the Parish Liaison meeting. The main areas discussed were the changes to the licensing of Houses of Multiple Occupancy, Parish Council Elections 2019 and Conduct, Conflict of Interest and Public Sector Equality Duty. A summary is given below:

HMO Licensing, basic facts: All HMO's that house 5 or more people who form 2 or more households who share basic amenities must hold a License. Failure to do so is a criminal offence.

Election schedule: Packs available early March. MUST BE HAND DELIVERED BY 3RD APRIL AT 4 PM. CANNOT BE LATE! POLLING DAY 2ND May 7am to 10pm. Need to budget in case contested.

Conflict of interest and Public Sector Equality Duty: Must have a Policy (Equal Opportunities Policy); All 9 areas need to be considered; Should consider how PC is reaching out to the whole community; Must be objective when making any consideration in PC role i.e. it is not what you want but what your residents want. Cllr SC that it had been useful to attend the meeting.

Notes were received from the Liaison Meeting with Parish Clerks. This covered areas such as training; Transparency code, Bank Mandates, Declarations of Interest and Standing Orders.

To discuss and agree the adoption of an Equal Opportunities Policy

The Clerk had prepared a policy using a template provided by Lincs Association of Local Councils which had been previously circulated to Councillors. Councillors reviewed the proposed policy and it was resolved to adopt the policy. **ACTION: Clerk to add policy to the website.**

An update on the new GDPR regulations

The Clerk advised that there are still actions outstanding which are a final review of the scheme and letters which are due to be issued to Councillors and the Clerk. **ACTION: Clerk to conduct final review and issue letters by the end of January 2019.**

An update on the Notice Board repair

Cllr SC reported that the repairs are now complete. **ACTION: Clerk to pay invoice.**

To decide whether to complete the NALC survey regarding the merging of small Councils

It was resolved not to complete the survey.

To discuss the Christmas Lights

At present, there is nowhere to plug in the Christmas lights. It was resolved to ask the Parochial Church Council if they could be plugged in to the Church's power and to offer a donation of £100 towards the cost of electricity.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the PCC. Agenda item next meeting to discuss the possibility of plugging in to street lighting for future years.

Meeting closed at 20:45

Salt Bags

Lincs County Council have delivered a 1 tonne bag of salt for residents to use on the village paths and roads which are not covered by the LCC gritting route in times of icy conditions. This bag can be located at the top of Asperton Road near the salt bin. This salt is not intended for personal use. However it can be used on a personal driveway or path where a resident has mobility difficulties.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th February 2019

Present: Cllr S Collingwood; Cllr P Craven; Cllr Matt Tunnard;
Cllr B Leggott; Cllr. M. Scrupps; Cllr G Wright

Also Present: County Councillor M Brookes; Borough Councillor M Cooper

Public Forum: None

Chairman's Remarks: Cllr SC thanked Cllrs MT, GW and SB for work undertaken outside of the meeting.

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Councillor Steve Baxter sent his apologies. It was resolved to accept his apologies.

To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

None

Police report

There was no Police presence. No report received.

Notes of the meeting held on 3.12.18 to be approved and signed as minutes.

It was resolved to accept the above notes. The notes were confirmed and signed as minutes by the Chairman, Cllr SC.

Accounts for payment, budget figures and financial report.

Invoice date	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	Overall total
3.12.18	Repairs to Notice Board	90.00		90.00
15.12.18	Clerk Pay	208.00		208.00
15.12.18	HMRC	52.00		52.00
15.1.19	Clerk Pay	208.00		208.00
15.1.19	HMRC	52.00		52.00
15.12.18	Clerk home as office	20.00		20.00
15.1.18	Clerk home as office	20.00		20.00
15.1.19	Stationery	5.25		5.25
15.1.19	Printer Ink	6.66	1.33	7.99
24.1.19	Stamps	6.96		6.96
30.11.18	Payroll	15.00	3.00	18.00
31.12.18	Payroll	15.00	3.00	18.00
31.1.19	Payroll	15.00	3.00	18.00
TOTAL		713.87	10.33	724.20

Finance report

The invoice for the footway lighting cost for £511.42 has been received and will be deducted from the precept payment due 1.4.19. This amount has been added to the budget for 2019/20 as agreed at the December meeting.

The precept request has been submitted at a figure of £9249

£144 has been received into the bank account as compensation in respect of the complaint to Nat West.

The VAT return will be completed and submitted by the end of February.

It was resolved to accept the above accounts for payment and the budget figures for the year to date.

Planning applications:

None

Correspondence

- 7.12.18 E mail from Highways about road closure Golden Grove 21st to 23rd Jan 19. E-mailed to Councillors 10.12.18, posted on website and Facebook
- 14.12.18 E-mail regarding the proposed Boston Alternative Energy scheme. E-mailed to Councillors 20.12.18. Posted on website and Facebook
- 16.12.18 Christmas card from Matt Warman. Shared at the meeting 4.2.19
- 11.1.19 E-mail from LALC asking for nominations for an invitation for a past Chairman of the Parish Council to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. E-mailed to Councillors 11.1.19
- 19.1.19 Brochure from Glasdon, suppliers of street furniture, bins etc. Shared at the meeting 4.2.19
- 21.1.19 E-mail from National Assoc. of Local Councils containing an open letter from the Chairman addressed to all Councillors. E-mailed to Councillors 21.1.19
- 26.1.19 E-mail with latest copy of Wigtoft News and Views. E-mailed to Councillors 29.1.19

Councillors Reports

Cllr PC advised that the 1 tonne bag of salt has been received and has been placed at the top of Asperton road by the salt bin. The salt is for anyone to use on the village paths. It is not intended for personal use. Cllr PC asked for this information to be put in Wigtoft News & Views.

Cllr MT advised that the remaining advisory speed signs will be going up over the next week.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Wigtoft News & Views about the salt bag.

Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that:

LCC Highways have confirmed receipt of confirmation that the Parish Council does NOT

want to enter into a Parish Agreement with them regarding cutting of the road side grass verges.

The Equal Opportunities Policy has been added to the website.

To review and discuss the budget for 2019/20

The precept requested for the financial year 1.4.19 to 31.3.20 is £9249. This has increased by £2351 from last year mainly due to now having to pay for footway lighting, budgeting for possible election costs in 2019 and for increased clerical costs. If no election is called in the Parish of Wigtoft, the sum of £950 budgeted for May 2019 will be carried forward to the next financial year. It was resolved to publish the budget on the Parish Council's website, including monthly updates.

ACTION: Clerk to publish budget on website and update monthly.

To review the £148 paid by the Nat West for the upheld complaint and decide how it should be apportioned and to decide what further actions are needed in respect of the Parish Council's banking arrangements

The Clerk provided a breakdown of costs to show how the £148 had been arrived at. £66.17 of the costs had been incurred by Cllr BL. It was resolved to pay this amount to Cllr BL who declined the offer.

The bank mandate is still not updated due to the Nat West losing Cllr BL's paperwork for a third time. Also, there are ongoing issues regarding the change of address for the bank accounts. The Clerk advised the Councillors of alternative options and it was resolved to explore the Treasurers account with Lloyds Bank as a possible option.

ACTION: agenda item for next meeting. Clerk to research and bring relevant paperwork to the meeting.

To review the play area inspection report and decide on any actions required. This is linked to the next item.

See below.

To continue the preparation of a Risk Management document.

A lengthy discussion was held to ascertain what risks apply to the Parish Council. The Parish Council have a template for Risk Management and for the Play Area. Following the last meeting, the Clerk produced a template for the weekly Play Area check. Councillors asked if the individual items of equipment could be listed. The Clerk offered to go through the Risk Management document and amend as necessary. It was resolved that Cllr MS will carry out a weekly visual inspection of the Play Area and record her finding on the template provided. She will report any areas of concern to the Clerk immediately after the inspection. It was resolved that Cllr PC will carry out a quarterly detailed inspection of the Play Area and an annual inspection of the assets of the Parish Council. While reviewing the template for the Risk Management document, Cllr GW pointed out that item 6 mentioned an annual plan or a 2/3-year plan. He offered to draft wording for a plan for the coming financial year which will be discussed at the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to amend the weekly Play Area inspection template. Clerk to send a copy of the Asset Register to Cllr PC. Clerk to amend the Risk Management as necessary. Agenda item next meeting.**

An update on Highways issues

The Clerk reported that notification has been received from Highways that repair of the retaining wall between the pavement and the Churchyard is complete.

To review LALC's training schedule and to decide whether to join their annual training scheme

Councillors reviewed the training schedule. It was resolved that Cllr GW should attend the Councillor Training Session for new Councillors. Cllr SC expressed an interest in the same training as a knowledge refresher. The Clerk advised that the Freedom of Information & Data Protection Training may be of use. It was resolved to pay up to a maximum of £37.50 for 3 training sessions if booked. As the annual training scheme costs £75, it was resolved not to join the scheme.

ACTION: Clerk to book a place for Cllr GW and confirm attendance with Cllr SC. Clerk to establish whether the F.O.I and Data Protection training would be useful.

An update on the GDPR regulations

A Privacy Notice for Councillors was sent to all Councillors by e mail on the 25.1.19. All Councillors present signed a document to confirm receipt. A GDPR Security Compliance Checklist has been signed by all Councillors except Cllr SB. The Clerk confirmed all other actions are now complete.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain signed Checklist from Cllr SB at the next meeting.

To discuss and decide if any remedial work needs to be undertaken on the Millennium seat. To decide whether to purchase an additional dog bin.

Following a discussion, it was resolved to contact Dave Smart of Smart Gardens for a quote to repair and apply wood treatment to the 5 benches in the village including the Millennium seat. It was resolved to ask Boston Borough Council for a quote for an additional dog waste bin. **ACTION: Clerk to action the above.**

To discuss the possibility of powering the Christmas Lights from the street lighting for 2019.

Following a discussion, it was resolved to contact Lincolnshire County Council to find out the cost of adding a box to a street light to be able to plug in the Christmas lights and any electricity usage costs. **ACTION: Clerk to action the above.**

To decide whether to comment on how the LCC Mineral and Waste Planning Authority for Lincolnshire communicate to Parish Councils. E mail dated 18.1.19.

It was resolved not to comment.

To decide whether to invite representative from the Boston Alternative Energy Facility to a Parish Council meeting as per their request of the 18th January 2019.

Following a discussion about this new facility, it was resolved not to invite a representative to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:45

*Please Note that the Wigtoft Parish Council Annual General Meeting will take place at 7.30pm on **Thursday May 9th in Sutterton Village Hall***

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