

WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

December 2021/January 2022



Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all in Wigtoft



Dates to Remember over the coming months

Christmas Extravaganza:- continues Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December.

Family service on Sunday 5th at 2pm.

Don't forget to "Light up Wigtoft!"



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St. Peter & St. Paul WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

News from St Peter and St Paul Church

Firstly, we at the Church would like to offer Sue Tunnard and her family our deepest sympathy on their sad loss.

There is not a lot to say about the new changes at the moment. We have filled in the survey and said that we would like to be in the Community Church category. This will mean that we can still have two services each month, as well as Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals. We are still waiting for the Covenant Pastors to come to speak to the PCC, then we will have an idea how much we will need to pay to Lincoln. I am told this will depend on how much of a Priest's time we use.

When this newsletter comes out we will be well into preparing for The Christmas Tree Extravaganza. The Carol Service is on Friday 26th November at 6p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun, we will be serving mulled wine after the service. On Sunday 5th December there is a Family Christmas Service at 2p.m, Families of every age are welcome to this service.

We look forward to seeing you at these services and we would appreciate some feed back on these services.

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Wigtoft PCC

A Christmas Poem

Hello children!

It's not too late to write a poem for our Christmas Tree Extravaganza. There will be a family service in Wigtoft Church on Sunday 5th December at 2pm. We will also have a Crib service on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Your poems may be read at both services if you wish. Either bring your poem in on the day or hang on the tree during December.

Help to make this year's Christmas memorable. Thank you!

The Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

Chairman - Rev. Charles Robertson

Jane Barkham - Secretary

Virna Atkinson

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Church Services for December and January

Sunday December 5th 2pm Family Christmas Service, Wigtoft

Sunday December 12st 10.30 Group Service, Swineshead

Sunday December 24th 4pm Crib Service, Wigtoft

Sunday January 2nd 9.30 Communion Service, Wigtoft

Sunday January 9th 9.30 Communion Service, Wigtoft

All are welcome to come and join us for the services.

St Peter & St Paul Church Christmas Tree Extravaganza



Carol Service

Friday 26th November 6pm



Followed by light refreshments

Open Days

November 27th & 28th December 4th & 5th

10am - 3pm

Santa's Grotto - 50/50 Tree Stalls - Tombola



Refreshments available all day

Sponsor a Christmas Tree - Call Jean on 01205 460546

Wigtoft Church Lottery Winners

October 2021

November 2021

1st (£20) Mr Waudby

Mr J Wheatley

2nd (£10) Mrs R King

Mr J Batterham

3rd (£5) Mrs J Stobbard

Mr N Banfield

Chris Tunnard 1938 - 2021

Chris was a fun-loving person, who loved life and lived it to the full. He was born in Wigtoft; lived all his life here and was very proud of that.

Chris was a typical farmer. The weather was never right and the market prices were too low for all the effort and hard work that had to be done to get the crops to perfection. But he still thought that being a farmer was a worthwhile career.

He had many interests. He was a regular member of the church congregation, a church warden for many years, a Trustee of the Village Hall, a Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Blisbury Charity, which gives out grants to students going to college or university; he cared deeply about helping students reach their potential.

Chris and I were the same age, although he was three months older; of which he reminded me every year! Over the past fifty years, he had been a good friend, and I am going to miss our little chats, his jokes (not always funny!) and his dry sense of humour. He was a man who cared about his community.

When we lose someone special, the memories of special times shared leave footprints in our hearts.

Sue and family: Whatever I say can't help much; I know, I have been there. You are all in my thoughts – things will get better.

Virna Atkinson.



Village Hall News

The hall held a festive Christmas Fair in November with many seasonal stalls, a good night was had and we raised £162.20, with all the funds going towards new chairs for the hall. We've already had a couple of generous donations so we're nearly at our target.

Saturday bacon butties will continue with tickets on sale for the Christmas raffle which will be drawn on the 18th December.

The committee would like to say thank you to Allison for her hard work during her role as secretary. Sadly Allison is giving up the post at the end of the year, this means the hall is looking for a new secretary. If you are interested please ring Virna 460259 or Sally 460117 for details. The hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 15th February at 7.30pm, anyone is welcome to come along. We are always looking for new members so please come along if you are interested.

Finally the committee would like to say thank you to everyone who's helped and supported the hall over the last year and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Wigtoft Village Hall Bacon Butty Mornings Saturdays, 10am until Noon



And every 3rd Thursday of the month

*We will have our usual stalls and of course the best
home made cakes in Lincolnshire!*

So come along and enjoy!!!!!!

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

The Village Hall is now open for events and bookings

For further information, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005

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

Village Activities For You To Join In

Litter Picking



Our litter picking continues throughout the village.

Disappointingly we still have large quantities of litter to collect throughout the village.

Our future dates are :- Monday 13th December and Monday 10th January 2022. We meet at the Village Hall at 10am.

For further information please contact Kim:- 01205 460711

Let's Keep Walking!



The weather is getting colder so we must keep warm and healthy.

Why not join us in our monthly walks! We meet at the Village Hall at 10am.

Tuesday 30th November. Thursday 23rd December. Monday 24th January 2022.

All are welcome. We walk at a moderate speed, have a good chat and often a coffee afterwards!

Get those walking shoes on!

Further information from Kim:- 01205 460711.

*We wish to send our deepest sympathy to Sue, our fellow walker.
You are in our thoughts.*



WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



The Gardening Club activities have resumed again after the break. Over the coming months we have the following meetings planned

Monday December 13th, 7pm - Christmas Gathering

Monday January 17th, 7pm - Craft talk by Pat Robinson

Come along and have an evening of interest and fun.

Gardening Club Committee



It is that time of year again. Time to reflect on Christmas and the countdown has begun.

Perhaps we shall be able to travel freely to visit or be visited by our friends and relations. This reminds me of the incredible journey made by Mary and Joseph that first Christmas. No private jets or limousines for them! They couldn't even step on a bus, but had to travel by donkey. How weary Mary must have felt.

On our journey through life there are many things we can't control. The last year has been one the most challenging. We can be grateful for the roll out of vaccines. Can we now leave the restrictions of the last eighteen months behind? We were all made bored and lonely by the rules, and are awaiting the end of all lockdown eagerly. If things go as planned we may soon be able to choose our own way again.

Mary realised that we don't travel alone but 'God is with us' as we travel. She and Joseph decided to obey God as others have done through the ages.

We feel good if we donate to charity at Christmas. This time of year we enjoy sending and receiving cards and presents as well as the extra eats and drinks.

We golden oldies have lost loved ones during the year and our Christmas list will be shorter. With all the terrible things that are happening at the moment, it is going to be a hard time of year for many. So we must enjoy Christmas with the traditions handed down over the years.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Topical Talk

I see that the comedian Michael Palin has joined a crusade to help to save crumbling church buildings. As a member of the Monty Python comedy group, Sir Michael revelled in playing “over the top” characters; now he has joined this group whose aim is to help to protect the future of our churches. In expressing his concern about places of worship falling into disrepair, Sir Michael, who is 78, said that they formed a vital part of this country's history – the group call themselves the National Churches Trust (NCT). Palin is vice-chairman of the trust and he says that “churches remain a vital and much-loved part of our heritage and we can't let them fall into neglect and disuse”. He also says that there is hope for these buildings as more and more are adapting to the modern world, providing not just spiritual comforts, but also a range of valuable services to local people – we see this at Wigtoft when the hard working volunteers put on fund raising events such as the up-and-coming Christmas Tree Festival; also our Church acts as a “library” for those of us who like to read a good book!. We must build on this and try to encourage people to make use of our heritage buildings.

In the past ten years, the number of churches open and being used for worship has fallen from about 42,000 to 39,800. At its peak the Church of England had 18,666 churches – this number is set to fall below 16,000.

I was interested to read about the recent discovery of a rare diamond – not by a prospector, but by someone who was sorting their jewellery out and dumping unwanted items. This rare diamond is 34 carats and it was “re-discovered” when a woman in her 70's was sorting her costume jewellery out with the idea that she would “clear” some of it to reduce her collection, and it almost got put in the bin. She cannot remember where he got it but thinks it may have been at a car boot sale.

After advice from a friend she took the item to be valued. This particular stone, roughly the size of a pound coin, was certified by experts in Antwerp as a 34.19 carat colour H VSI, which is exceptionally rare. Mark Lane, owner of Featonby's auctioneers in North Shields told the BBC that the owner had said that it nearly went into the bin before her neighbour suggested bringing the items to us to get valued. He had assumed that it was a synthetic diamond worth about £2,000. It sat on his desk for two days before he put it in the diamond machine and it lit up straight away. It is estimated to be worth about £2million.

We all have plumbing problems from time to time and it appears that NASA, the US space agency is no exception. Reports say that the Space X capsule is suffering from toilet leakage – but apparently there are no graffiti problems!

Plans for a license to drill for oil in Lincolnshire seem to have suffered a set back when permission was refused by the local council. Egdon Resources, an oil and gas exploration company say that they may appeal. The site is situated in an “area of Outstanding Natural Beauty” in the Lincolnshire Wolds at Biscathorpe. Drilling so far has revealed that there is around 30 million barrels of oil available in the area. This area is very close to rare chalk streams which have been described by the government as England's rainforests, because they provide rare and valuable habitats for wildlife. It has been estimated that 85% of the worlds chalk streams are in the UK and that 10% of these are in Lincolnshire. Many local residents have objected to the scheme, 1200 signatures have been collected and the local MP Victoria Atkins has also objected to the plans.

Climate change seems to be on everyone's lips these days and some countries around the world are affected by this more than others. The Maldives, in the Indian Ocean, are a collection of 1,000 islands, 80% of which are less than one metre above sea level. They have come up with an ambitious plan to tackle the problem; a “floating city” is being built in a lagoon as a model for how other low-lying nations could adapt to rising sea levels.

Colin Scrupps

Barbara's Garden

Hello again, yes it's me with what's going on in the garden. Well I must say “not a lot at the moment”.

I have managed to clear most of the debris away from one side of the wildlife pond and pulled out the duckweed that was trying to takeover, now got to get rid of it when it dries out, not much chance this time of year!.

The bird activity is busy, but the Sparrow Hawk is visiting again, it has been perching on top of the back hedge. It is amazing how they can twist their head in all directions. I am getting a variety of birds around the feeders, it is nice to see them.

I have been clearing up all the leaves and have filled two bins. It felt like raking a football pitch due to the amount of grass there is here. Which by the way needs another cut, but I think it will have to wait until Spring.

Whilst checking around the wildlife area I got a surprise when a hare leapt up from the strawberry patch. Made me jump! There is still a lot of work to be done. I will get there one day, hopefully.

Only a brief piece this time. Maybe more will take place when the weather changes.

Best regards, Norman

A Visit to Wigtoft Church By Sleaford U3A

Our visit to Wigtoft Church.

On Tuesday 12th October the Sleaford U3A Church visiting group 2, visited St Peter and St Paul's church at Wigtoft. The usual pattern for our church visiting is to visit 2 churches with lunch at a local café or pub in between.

In the morning we visited Sutterton Church, and at 2pm we arrived at Wigtoft. I had already pre-arranged our visits, but sadly on this occasion the local historian was unable to come to enlighten us about the village and the church.

On our arrival we were greeted and made very welcome by three ladies who had prepared refreshments for us. I must say the cakes were very delicious and come highly recommend, These we sampled after our tour of the church.

The church was very well kept, and the ladies had prepared a hand out with some of the history and architecture that was of interest to the group.

They also explained of the work that went on to keep the Church's fabric in order and to pay the bills; also how the church worked in conjunction with the village hall and how the community worked together, so that church and Hall could survive.

Like many old churches that we visit, we could see that over the years there had been alterations at Wigtoft church and interestingly its connection to Crowland Abbey. With notes and photographs taken by some of the group and a cheerful farewell to the three lovely ladies who had looked after us, we made our way home. And for me, a retired clergyman, it was good to see an active and much loved church, and one where for many generations to come will be able to worship God.

With thanks from the group.
Rev'd David Woods

A Wigtoft Poem

Bacon butties, Winter walks, Christmas shopping, Corner talks...
Friends and family, Gardening club, Village fairs, The magazine sub.
Sunday Church, tractors picking, Raking leaves, Treat or tricking...
Friendship... care, Evenings dark, Misty fields, A morning lark
Farmers' work. Stars aloft, Village life, In our Wigtoft!



Christmas Word Search

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| MISTLETOE | CRACKERS | CANDY CANE | FROSTY |
| REINDEER | WREATH | WIGTOFT | CHRISTMAS |
| TREE | JOLLY | HOLIDAY | BAUBLE |
| SLEDGE | GINGER | STOCKING | ELVES |

Can you spot the two words that are **not** in the grid

Top Gardening Tips For December



- 1) While the garden's quiet, get building! Construct fences, paths and raised beds. Fix your bench. Paint your shed.
- 2) Harvest your kale, leeks, cabbages and Brussels sprouts.
- 3) If you love digging, on a dry day when the ground's not frozen get out and turn the veg patch to let the frost in.
- 4) Turn your compost heap to let fresh air in, which will help the beasties inside turn your waste to compost. Then you can cover your heap with newspapers or carpet to keep it warm. Try our compost aeration tool.
- 5) Fancy planting spuds next year? Find out about your local National Potato Day event and put the date in your diary.
- 6) If you have stored spuds or pumpkins from the garden, check they are cool but frost free. Make sure you remove any rotting ones.
- 7) If you've got any veg that needs eating, check out some seasonal food recipes to inspire you.
- 8) Try making seasonal decorations from natural materials with the kids. Tie sparkly string or ribbon to cones or twigs and gently paint on PVA glue before rolling them in white glitterlovely!
- 9) It's time to order and enjoy seed catalogues, and also do some online Christmas shopping.
- 10) Finally, don't pinch all the holly with berries for your Christmas decorations – leave some for the birds!



Recipe of the Month

Clementine and Cranberry Mince Pies

Ingredients

- butter, for greasing
- flour, for dusting
- 1 x 500g block shortcrust pastry
- 1 x 411g jar mincemeat
- 2 clementines, zested, peeled, segmented, each segment chopped into 3 pieces
- 100g cranberries
- 1 medium egg, lightly beaten
- 1 tbsp granulated sugar



Method

1. Preheat the oven to gas 6, 200°C, fan 180°C. Grease a 12-hole cupcake tin. Lightly dust a clean surface with flour and roll out the pastry to 3mm thick.
2. Using a 10cm cutter, stamp out 12 rounds for the bases and gently press into the holes of the prepared cupcake tin. Using a 7cm cutter, stamp out 12 more rounds for the lids and set aside.
3. Decant the mincemeat into a large bowl and stir through the clementine zest and fruit, until well dispersed. Add a heaped tbsp of the mincemeat mixture to each pastry base. Brush the edges with a little beaten egg, then top each with a lid and press down to seal. Prick the lids with the prongs of a fork.
4. Lightly brush the pies with the remaining egg and sprinkle over the sugar. Bake for 15 mins, or until lightly golden. Leave to cool in the tin for 10 mins, before gently releasing with a knife.

Enjoy warm or at room temperature.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Green Bin Collection	10am-3pm Christmas Tree Festival <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
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10am-3pm Christmas Tree Festival	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	9.30am Churchyard Weeding			Purple Bin	10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10.30am Group Service <i>Swineshaed</i>	10am Litter Picking 7pm Garden Club Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>			Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				10am Wigtoft Walkers Meet at the Village Hall	Blue Bin	Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					Green Bin Collection	New Year's Eve

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					1 New Year's Day
2 9.30am Communion <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	3	4	5 10am - Noon Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	6	7 Purple Bin	8 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
9 9.30am Communion <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	10 10am Litter Picking	11 10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	12	13 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	14 Green Bin Collection	15 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
16	17 7pm Garden Club Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	18	19	20	21 Blue Bin	22 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
23	24 10am Wigtoft Walkers Meet at the Village Hall	25	26	27	28 Green Bin Collection	29 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>

Chapels

A Methodist chapel, which stood in the High Street dated from 1845 but was replaced in 1908 by another building which stood next to the old one. This new chapel cost £1650 to build. In 1986 this was demolished by Tony Johnson who built himself a bungalow with the salvaged materials.

The Wesleyan Chapel stood in South Street where the fish and chip now stands and was demolished early in the 20th century.

The Baptist Chapel stood on Station Road and there was a fourth chapel in the Fenhouses.

The old, local story that an underground passage ran from the Mainwarings to the Abbey must be just a fairy tale as all local people are aware that the high water table of the area would make this impossible – there may have been a road between the two.

At the junction of South Street and Stump Cross Lane is a 14th century cross known as Stump Cross, but all that remains is a truncated shaft on top of a stepped base.



Swineshead People

Herbert Ingram

Herbert Ingram was born in Boston and is probably best known as the founder of the Illustrated London News. His father was a butcher in the town. In 1846 he acquired Swineshead Abbey which was the lost early seat of the family and which had been one of his youthful ambitions to regain. One of his local projects was the Boston Waterworks (opened 1849) and which he put money into. He also invested in various local railway schemes. He was also the Liberal MP for the area, serving this role from 1856 until his death; he died in a boating accident on Lake Michigan in America in 1860. A statue of him was later erected in the Market Place in Boston.

Chris Woods

Chris was born in Swineshead in 1959 and went to school in Kirton. He proved to be a competent goalkeeper and signed for Notts Forest as an apprentice in 1976. In 1979 he was bought by Queens Park Rangers for £250,000, even though he was not yet 20 years old. He made 63 appearances for his new club: in 1981 he was sold to Norwich City where he firmly established himself as a top

class goalkeeper – in 1985 he picked up a winners medal when they beat Sunderland at Wembley in the Cup Final.

In 1987 he left Norwich for Rangers and in his first season he won a title medal and a Scottish League Cup medal.

In 1991 Rangers accepted an offer of £1.2 million from Sheffield Wednesday and Woods was on the move again. In the 1995/6 season he found himself out of favour at Wednesday and he had a short loan spell at Reading. After this he moved to the US to play for Colorado Rapid.

In 1996 he was on loan to Southampton with a view to a permanent transfer, but in his fourth appearance he broke his leg and returned to the US to recuperate. He later returned to England and had spells at Sunderland and Burnley before retiring from playing in 1998. He earned 43 caps for his appearances for England and he was part of the squads for two World Cups, Mexico 86 and Italia 1990.

Gilbert of Hoyland

He was a 12th century abbot of Swineshead Abbey between 1147 and his death in 1172. He was sent to Swineshead to help the Cistercian monks. He is remembered because of his spirited writings and letters and some 47 sermons. He is believed to have died at the French Cistercian monastery of Larrivour.

Colin Scrapps

Sutterton Methodist Church



We welcome to our Chapel Rev. Luke Smith

Services for December and January are as follows

December

Sunday 5 th	10.30	Rev. Luke Smith
Sunday 12 th	3pm	Carol Service
Wednesday 15 th	10.30	D Charlton
Friday 24 th	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	3pm Rev. Luke Smith

January

Sunday 2 nd	10.30	Covenant Service, Gosberton Clough
Sunday 9 th	10.30	Libby Craggs
Wednesday 12 th		Rev. Luke Smith
Sunday 23 rd	10.30	Rev. D Curren
Wednesday 26 th		D Charlton

The above Wednesday services include coffee mornings.

All are very welcome.

Sir Richard was born in Long Sutton and came from a well known local family. The family name is remembered in Winfrey Park in Long Sutton and Winfrey Av in Spalding.

He was a politician, the owner of the Spalding Guardian and a big campaigner for agricultural rights. As a junior Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, he worked with the Government to prevent hunger and poverty during the first world war: this was by promoting the reclamation of grassland for the growing of wheat and potato crops and the enclosure of marshland, such as that at Sutton Bridge, for wheat growing. He also personally gave £25,000 to help to provide smallholdings for the unemployed and lived to see the tenants play their part in food production during world war two.

Sir Richard first trained as a pharmacist at chemists shops in Kings Lynn, Stamford and Grantham and, after qualifying, moved to London to pursue his career and he progressed rapidly.

But he had his sights set on becoming a politician and at that time the newspapers were an important part of being able to do that; so in 1886 he purchased the Spalding Guardian for a nominal £100. He ran his own column in the paper in which he attacked his political opponents: later he was to purchase the Lynn News and started the North Cams Echo.

An interesting story about his personal life is the one about he and his friend Harry Millhouse – they had both fallen for the same girl, Annie Pattinson and on the toss of a coin it was decided that Harry would court her and later Richard was best man at their wedding. When, six years later Harry died the still single Richard was at last able to court and marry Annie.

Sir Richard wrote a number of books.

During his remarkable life he was a MP for South West Norfolk from 1906 – 1923 and for Gainsborough from 1923 – 1924: he also spearheaded getting the Corn Production Act of 1917 drawn up and championed Agricultural Wages Boards to ensure minimum wages. He was for a time the Mayor of Peterborough and in 1914 he was awarded his knighthood and served as a JP.

Sir Richard invested some of his wealth in his home town of Long Sutton; he gifted a pair of entrance gates to the recreation ground, today called Winfrey Park, in commemoration of the coronation of King George V1.

During the second world war Sir Richard's newspaper business was passed on to his son Richard Pattinson Winfrey (known as Pat). He grouped together his fathers newspapers in Eastern England to form EMAP (East Midlands Allied

Press). The company was carried on by Pat's two sons Richard and Charles and became one of the top FTSE 100 companies in the UK.

By 1952 the company owned 17 local newspapers and also owned magazines and radio stations. In 1996 it sold 69 newspapers, including the Spalding Guardian and Lincs Free Press to Johnson Press.

Colin Scrapps

Lincolnshire County Views

We want to ensure that people, groups and organisations can have their say about their local area. This helps us to improve people's experiences and realise where we're getting things right.

To make that easier, we have established a residents' panel known as County Views. We are looking to expand the panel with people across Greater Lincolnshire of all ages and backgrounds.

There are different ways you can take part:

- **Surveys** - panel members are asked to complete a short online survey three times a year. Each survey has a specific theme and also includes regular questions about what is important to residents and what their priorities are. There may also be other surveys where you can share your views on different topics.
- **Focus groups** - we will contact panel members to take part in focus groups to look at specific issues. These could be in person or via online video calls. These will help us to explore people's views in more detail.
- **Telephone** - panel members can be invited to participate in an in-depth interview.

You can view the results of the previous County Views surveys online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/download/157/have-your-say>

Would you like to join us? Go to the website below for more information. <https://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/hub-page/county-views>

Items For Sale

If you have any items that you would like to advertise (free of charge) for sale or find a new home for please contact one of the newsletter team or email wigtoftnewsletter@gmail.com

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2nd August 2021

Present: Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Smith; Cllr P Craven; Cllr S Baxter.

Also Present: County Councillors, Michael Brookes.

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllrs Brigham and Collingwood sent their apologies. It was resolved to accept their apologies and reasons for absence.

Borough Councillor M Cooper sent his apologies.

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

None.

Notes of the meeting held on 5th July 2021 and the annual meeting held on 4.5.21 to be confirmed and signed as minutes.

The above notes were agreed and signed as minutes. It was resolved to accept the notes as minutes. **ACTION: Clerk to post minutes on website.**

Financial matters: Accounts for payment; budget figures and financial report.

Date of invoice	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	VAT not reclaimable	Overall total
15.7.21	Pay	208.00			
15.6.21	PAYE	52.00			
15.7.21	Clerk use of home as office	20.00			
31.7.21	Payroll services	18.00			
5.7.21	Hand gel for meeting	6.25	1.25		
5.7.21	Blu tac and wipes for meeting	2.98			
5.7.21	HP Instant Ink	8.32	1.67		
TOTAL		315.55	2.92		318.47
RECEIPTS					
	None				
TOTAL		0.00			

Finance report – None.

It was resolved to authorise the above payments and budget figures.

ACTION: Clerk to make payments and add budget to website.

Planning

None

Councillors' Reports.

Cllr SS – confirmed the donation from the Parish Council to the Village Hall has been received with thanks.

County Cllr MB – confirmed repairs to Green Lane are on the Highways list for repair next year.

Clerk's report

(036/21) - Letter sent to business about lorries parking on both sides of the road near the village hall. No response received to date.

(039/21) – Order placed for the painting and treatment of the wood and preparation and painting of the metal work on the benches in the village. This work will start as soon as possible.

To discuss the July monthly play area inspection undertaken by Cllr SS. An update on the loose fittings on the small embankment slide and on the additional quote for the wetpour repairs. To agree the type of annual inspection to be undertaken by Wicksteed.

Cllr PC confirmed he had greased the moving parts of the roundabout. It was resolved to send out an email to all Councillors asking if anyone has the tools to repair the fixings on the small embankment slide. Everyone present was willing to help with the repair. Cllr SS mentioned the weeds that are growing up the fencing, seats and some equipment. She has spoken to the contractor who cuts the grass who has now strimmed them off. It was resolved to order the annual accompanied play area inspection at a cost of £86. It was resolved to wait for the annual play area inspection report before discussing the wetpour repairs.

ACTION: Clerk to send out email about the small embankment slide repair and to process an order for the annual inspection.

To discuss the proposed village Christmas Meal.

As Cllr Brigham was not at the meeting, it was resolved to defer the discussion to the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting. Cllrs SS to include information about the proposed event in the Newsletter. Cllr SS to approach local charities about possible funding.

An update on the maintenance of the wildflower garden and the path leading to it (PC).

Cllr PC confirmed that the grass had been cut and that he will arrange the next cut. Cllrs Brigham and Smith had drawn up a plan where they felt the pathways through the garden should be mown. Clerk to contact grass cutting contractor about quotes for regular cutting of the grass next season. Quote to be included in the budget planning discussion for the next financial year. Darren Rush has offered some bark chippings for the path once it has been cut. Cllr PC offered to donate 3 bird boxes.

ACTIONS: Clerk to arrange quote and add to budget planning agenda for October.

Meeting closed 20:55. Next meeting on 1.11.21 at 7.00 pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th October 2021

CONDENSED VERSION FOR THE NEWSLETTER. A FULL VERSION OF THE MINUTES CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE
wigtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Present: Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Smith; Cllr P Craven; Cllr S Baxter; Cllr S Collingwood and Cllr S Brigham.

Also Present: County Councillors, Michael Brookes.
Borough Councillor Mike Cooper.

Public forum: None

Apologies for absence and reasons given None.

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

Cllr PC declared an interest in agenda item number 8.

Police Report. Nothing to report.

Notes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2021 to be confirmed and signed as minutes.

The above notes were agreed and signed as minutes. It was resolved to accept the notes as minutes. **ACTION: Clerk to post minutes on website.**

Financial matters: Accounts for payment; budget figures and financial report

<u>Date of invoice</u>	<u>Details of payment</u>	<u>Amount ex vat</u>	<u>Vat reclaimable</u>	<u>Overall total</u>
15.8.21	Pay	208.00		
15.8.21	PAYE	52.00		
15.8.21	Clerk use of home as office	20.00		
31.8.21	Payroll services	18.00		
17.8.21	Website maintenance to 31.3.21	105.00	21.00	
5.8.21	HP Instant Ink	8.32	1.67	
5.9.21	HP Instant Ink	8.32	1.67	
14.8.21	Clean, treat/paint benches in village	340.00		
21.8.21	Grass cutting	420.00		
6.8.21	Postage	1.29		
TOTAL		1180.93	24.34	1205.27
RECEIPTS				
	None			
TOTAL		0.00		

<u>Date of invoice</u>	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	VAT not reclaimable	Overall total
15.9.21	Pay	208.00		
15.9.21	PAYE	52.00		
15.9.21	Clerk use of home as office	20.00		
30.9.21	Payroll services	18.00		
TOTAL		298.00		298.00
RECEIPTS				
	None			
TOTAL		0.00		

Finance report – None.

It was resolved to authorise the above payments and budget figures. **ACTION: Clerk to make payments and add budget to website.**

ClIr PC left the meeting at 19:42.

Planning.

Outline planning permission for 20 dwellings with access, appearance, layout and scale reserved for later approval at land adjacent to Millgate Lodge, Asperton Road, Wigtoft, PE20 2PJ.

A lengthy discussion was held about the above application. It was resolved to submit the following comments to planning department at Boston Borough Council.

The Parish Council share concerns about surface water, drainage and sewerage disposal.

The Parish Council have concerns about the effect on Sutterton Fourfields school which needs investigating.

The planning application is for 20 houses. The South Lincs Local Plan says 19.

The Parish Council share concerns about the proximity of the access to and exit from the site in relation to the blind bend to the north of the location.

ACTION: Clerk to submit above comments to planning department.

ClIr PC rejoined the meeting at 20:07.

Councillors' Reports.

ClIr SS – had been asked if anyone could help at the Christmas Tree Festival, and/or read a lesson or help with putting up the lights. ClIr BL offered to read a lesson. ClIr PC offered to help with the lights. Also asked if the Parish Council wish to sponsor a Christmas Tree this year. It was resolved to sponsor a tree at a cost of £10.

County Cllr MB advised Council that LCC would be emailing Parishes shortly with an offer of a 1 tonne bag of salt for use in icy conditions on the paths and roads in the village. It was suggested that perhaps the bag could be delivered to Cllr SC who could move the bag to the required position. Clerk to monitor for receipt of the email. The County Views panel are still asking for people to join. Clerk to readvertise of Facebook and ask if it can be included in the next News and Views.

To review the rent for the allotment land at the two-year anniversary (to give the tenant one year's notice of review)

It was resolved to increase the rent to £175 per acre per annum with effect from 1.11.22.

ACTION: Clerk to write to tenant.

To discuss the proposed village Christmas Meal and "Bacon Buttie morning" visits by Councillors (Cllr Brigham)

Cllrs Brigham and Smith advised the Council that tickets for the meal have sold out. The date is set for the 12th of December from 1 to 4 pm. Help with various tasks was requested. It was resolved to donate £100 towards the event.

ACTION: Clerk to make payment to Cllr SS.

Cllrs Brigham and Smith asked if one Councillor would attend one Bacon Butty morning per month. It was resolved to agree a rota up to February 22.

ACTION: Clerk to send email to Councillors confirming details.

To discuss the proposed cutting of designated paths in the Wildflower Garden.

It was resolved to obtain quotes for the cutting of the access track, the perimeter pathway and four paths through the garden.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotes.

Meeting closed at 20.55

Next meeting will be on 1.11.21 at 19:00.

Wigtoft Parish Council

You can find details from Wigtoft Parish Council, including members, meeting agendas, full meeting minutes etc, plus other information about the village on the Parish Council website at:

wigtoft.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk

There is lots of details there including previous meeting minutes going back to 2018 and details of how to contact the parish council.

Parish Council Vacancy

A vacancy for a Parish Councillor still exists. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council to get involved in the village then please contact the Parish Council Clerk by email at wigtoftpc@gmail.com or by calling 07383 276892.

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Grass Cutting Contractor

The Parish Council are looking for contractors interested in quoting for grass cutting in the village for the 2022 season.

Any contractors who would like to provide a quote are asked to contact Parish Council Clerk by email at wigtoftpc@gmail.com or by calling 07383 276892.

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Local Transport Consultation

Our County Councillor, Mike Brookes, has asked that Wigtoft residents are informed that the Lincolnshire County Council are holding a Local Transport Plan Consultation. An online survey is available for people to give their views on the subject. It can be accessed via the internet using the link

<https://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/local-transport-plan>

Please take the time to complete the survey as it could affect the future of our local public transport.

Boston Borough Council Bin Collection Dates for December/January



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Friday December 31 st	Green Bin
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Friday January 28 th	Green Bin



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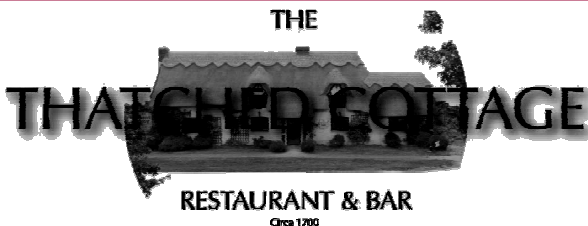
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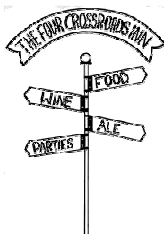
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