

WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

April / May 2022



Dates to Remember over the coming months

Sponsored Walk - Saturday 23rd April (see page 8)

Flower Festival - 23rd, 24th, 30th April & 1st May (see page 12)

Bowls Club Open Day - Sunday 24th April (see page 9)

Queen's Jubilee Celebration - Sunday 5th June (see page 10)

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(to report a power cut)

From The Parish Council

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT TRAFFIC SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE? WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO VOLUNTEER TO RECEIVE TRAINING AND CARRY OUT SPEED CHECKS?

The Parish Council is considering joining the Lincolnshire Community Speedwatch scheme through the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. As Community Speedwatch members, this would allow registration for volunteers from the village to be trained to carry out speed checks in a controlled and authorised manner.

If you would like to express an interest in undertaking the training and the speed checks, please email the clerk on wigtoftpc@gmail.com or leave your name and contact number on the Parish Council mobile phone, 07383 276892. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/6051/community-speed-watch-guidance-booklet>

The Parish Council has also arranged for the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to conduct a traffic flow and speed survey in the village

From The Editorial Team

April / May 2022

Spring has Sprung!

We have experienced some mixed weather of late but the gardens are full of spring flowers and wonderful they look!

Easter is just around the corner.

The Editorial team send Easter Greetings and hope you have lots of Easter Eggs.

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Wigtoft Church Services for April and May

April

Sunday April 3rd 9.30

Sunday April 10th 9.30

Sunday April 10th 9.30

Group Service at Swineshead Church Sunday May 28th at 10.30

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

May

Sunday May 1st 9.30

Sunday May 8th 9.30

Come and Join Us!!

Do you like fresh air and exercise? Socialising with good company? Enjoying coffee and chat?

Then why not join our group of volunteers in keeping the churchyard tidy.

You just need to bring a trowel and gardening gloves and a will to help.

It is coming to that time of year when grass and weeds flourish. We need all the help we can to make the churchyard a neat and colourful place for people to visit.

Not all graves are able to be attended so that's where we can help. The people buried here and further burials deserve a pleasant setting.

Please come and join us on 5th April 10am - midday. Also 3rd May at the same time. You will be made very welcome.

For information phone Jackie Tel:- 01205 460 294. Or just turn up!

Monthly Coffee Mornings

We plan to hold a coffee morning every 3rd Thursday of the month from 10am - Noon in the Church to help raise funds for the Churchyard maintenance.



Please come along and join us, and if you are able to help with any work in the churchyard then please speak to one of the Church PCC members

The Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

Chairman - Rev. Charles Robertson

Jane Barkham - Secretary

Virna Atkinson

Jackie Core

Jean Knight

Ann Dawkins

Wendy McCombie

Colin Scrupps

Malcolm Franklin

Village Hall News

The Village Hall AGM was held in February with all committee members being re-elected and Mrs Sandra Brigham joining the committee and taking on the role of secretary. Minutes of the meeting are available for anyone to see along with the accounts for the year.

Chairperson Mrs Virna Atkinson came up with a 4 year plan of maintenance for the hall, this includes new chairs, replace the kitchen, heating and decorating. The new chairs have already been purchased, the hall had some very generous donations towards the cost, so thank you to those who donated. The kitchen is hopefully being replaced in the next few months. That's a good start to the list.

Bacon Butties have come to an end for the Hall for the summer, although the church will continue with them until October.

The committee have come up with a few fund raising ideas and a questionnaire was put out at the Butty morning to see what people wanted to happen in the hall. Keep a look out in the newsletter for any upcoming events.

The committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who's given up their time to help at the Butty mornings and for everyone who continues to support them.

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

The Village Hall is available 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.

Blisbury Charity Student Grants

Every year the Blisbury Charity has a small sum of money which is available to help students to buy books, equipment, travel etc. Students eligible to apply for this grant must be continuing in Further Education, eg Sixth Form, College or University and residing in Wigtoft. If your application is successful the grant will be paid towards the end of September.

Please apply by letter giving full particulars by the 31st August 2022 and send to:

**Blisbury Charity, c/o Mrs Jane Barkham,
Vinland, Boston Road, Sutterton, Boston Lincs. PE20 2HD**

In Memory

Margaret Rudkin aged 96

Margaret (Maggie) lived in Asperton Road, Wigtoft. She died in Whitegables Nursing Home at Kirton on 8th February 2022. She had lived there for 18 months.

At home she was a busy person even though she could not hear very well and her sight was very poor.

She leaves a son, John and his wife Maggie and a daughter Judy and her husband Keith. Also her grandson Simon and his wife Kelly and great grandchildren Owen and Jessica who she loved.

Rest in peace.

Spring 2022

Avis M Padley

Can we forget the seriousness of the Russian conflict and the problems brought by the Covid outbreak for a short while? Spring and Easter should lift our spirits for a time.

In March we have had sudden changes from the blue sky to purple clouds. I hope the sun didn't awaken the winter sleepers too early.

"March many-weathers" may give us snow and frost, warm sunshine and mild showers of rain or even wet days and nights.

Flowers are opening and most of us have sheaths of golden yellow daffodils in our gardens. While we welcome the hellebores, chickweed and groundsel are not so welcome!

The fieldfares and redwings leave us for their northern homes but hopefully they will return in the autumn.

As country children we awaited the arrive of lambs, chicks, ducklings and calves in the spring, but factory farming has changed some of this. We don't often see a mad March hare now and few rabbit grace the fields. We don't often see the underground moles but hills are still found in our gardens.

The odd brightly coloured butterfly can already be seen and early bumble bees are searching for pollen.

Village Activities For You To Join In

Walking Group

This event just gets better and better. Not only do we walk for exercise but for fun, companionship and a coffee!!!

Last month we battled the elements and walked around Swineshead, resting half way at the Ivy for a coffee. If you wish to join us then please do so. We accommodate all walkers, slow, or those who travel a little quicker. We meet again on Monday April 11th and Monday 23rd May. At 10am outside the village Hall.



If you are interested then please contact Kim, Tel: 01205 460711.



Litter Picking

So, we continue to Litter Pick once a month. We try to alternate between going towards the A17 and going towards Sutterton, as far as the lay by. We do it with a good heart and hope that one day we won't find anything!!!



In the meantime, we continue. Thank you to all those who help by picking up "bits and bobs" as they walk alone or with their dogs, it's much appreciated.

We will meet outside the Village hall on Monday April 4th and Monday May 16th at 10am.

If you would like further information please contact Kim, Tel: 012065 460711.

All help gratefully received.



Scraps - Open Day!

We are having an Open Day on **Tuesday May 10th 10am - midday** in Wigtoft Village Hall.

We started scraps in 2011 and have given almost six thousand pounds to local charities, mostly to the Village Hall and the Church.

We missed meeting up during Covid but are now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month.

Please come and join us for a coffee. Everyone is welcome.

Hope to see you on 10th May.

Jean Knight

Sponsored Walk

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Wigtoft

We are holding a sponsored walk to raise funds
for Wigtoft Church

Saturday 23rd April starting at 9.30am. Meeting at the Church

The walk will accommodate all as it is in two halves.

The first part is towards Sutterton turning left down Blows Lane then left onto Fishmere End Road then left again onto Asperton Road, heading back into Wigtoft to the Church.

Others may wish to continue the second part. We will turn right at the end of Fishmere End Road onto Asperton Road and then turn left into Golden Grove. Taking another left at Clover Lane and back to the Church.

The Ladies who work so hard for the church are kindly offering all those who have taken part some light refreshments.

If you are happy to join this walk then sponsor forms are now available from **Libby on 01205 460430.**

If you are unable to participate please, if you are able, sponsor one of the Walkers .

Every penny counts. Thank you.

What do you call the Easter bunny the Monday after Easter?

Eggs-haunted



WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



The Gardening Club meetings planned over the next months are
Monday April 18th, 7pm - A talk by Annie from the Fire Service
Monday May 16th, 7pm - Tom Holland

In the Village Hall. If you would like to join then please come along
Come along and have an evening of interest and fun.

Wigtoft Bowls Club

Free Fun Afternoon Out

Did you know we have a Bowls Club in Wigtoft?? It would seem that, as we are quite hidden away in the centre of the village, some people are not even aware that we are here!!

Time to put that right !

There has actually been a Bowls Club in Wigtoft since May 1939! It can be accessed via the pathway to the left of Stanhope Cottage, Main Road, which is on the left going through the village from Sutterton, opposite the parking area next to the Church.



Over the years, through the dedication of the members, a club house has been erected and facilities have constantly been improved for both the members and visitors, including working on the green to bring it up to great playing conditions. We have many long time members, but are always looking for new people to join the club.

Bowls really is a pastime for all ages, not just an older generation. These days there are some very talented younger players enjoying the game.

So, we would like to invite all age groups to come along (you don't even have to live in Wigtoft) and have a go, bring your family, friends, neighbours to our open day on Sunday April 24th at 1.30 for 2pm

Light refreshments will be available



You do not have to play like a professional or indeed have played before, some of our members will be happy to show you how to play and we also have spare sets of bowls for you to use.

Come and join us for a fun afternoon, and do something different !

Any enquiries to Peter Brigham on 01205 460536

Come and join us to celebrate
The Queens Jubilee
on Sunday 5th June 2022

Midday to 4pm at the Village Hall
Bring a Picnic

Fun & Games for all the family
Including a glass of fizz and cake

If you have any memorabilia of previous Jubilees
contact Sally 01205 460117 to include it in our
display

Event is in carpark – limited numbers allowed
inside Hall if it rains

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?

It might crack up

Interesting Facts About Lincolnshire FIRST POLICEWOMAN

The first policewoman to be granted full powers of arrest in Great Britain 100 years ago was Lincolnshire woman Edith Smith who patrolled the streets of Grantham.

The former midwife worked seven days a week for two years from 1915-17, when her main duties were to deal with the frivolous girls who sold their bodies on the streets.



Events Planned for Wigtoft by the Friends Of The Church for 2022

Flower Festival, April 23rd and 24th and April 30th and May 1st

Cream Tea, Saturday 11th June 3-5pm

Craft and Harvest weekend, 16th, 17th and 18th September,
10am - 3.30pm

Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, 8th October

Christmas Tree Festival, 25th, 26th & 27th of November and
3rd & 4th December, with a Carol Service on the 25th November

Regular Bacon Butties Every Saturday morning from
10am - noon in the Church from May to September

Coffee mornings the 3rd Thursday in the month from
10am - Noon in the Church from May to September



Wigtoft Church



Bacon Butty Mornings

Bacon Butty Mornings, in aid of the Church, start again
in the Village Hall on Saturday mornings in April

They then move to the Church for the summer months,
starting with the Flower Festival weekend on April 23rd

*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 money raised go towards the Church funds.

St Peter & St Paul Church

WIGTOFT



FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th April

Saturday 30th April & Sunday 1st May

10am until 4pm each day



**Fantastic displays of flowers &
plants throughout the Church
so come along and enjoy**

**Stalls, books, raffle, Tombola,
Plants for sale
Homemade cakes & Refreshments**

For further information please call

Virna - 01205 460259

or Jean - 01205 460546

All proceeds towards Church funds



Topical Talk

There has been a “grave” problem in the churchyard at Horbling. Kevin Ward's father was buried there in 2020 and Kevin thought he had reserved the next two plots for himself and his mother. He returned last year only to find that a stranger had been buried next to his father. He applied for permission to have his father’s remains exhumed and moved to a row of empty plots adjacent to where his father was buried, but unfortunately, this was refused by the Church. Church teaching states that “burial is final following the committal of the deceased” and permission is almost always denied.

Kevin had asked to reserve the two neighbouring plots for himself and his mother and a priest gave permission, but the formal procedure for reservation was not followed: as his father’s remains were buried in the intended plot his burial, in that location, was not considered an error that would warrant an exhumation.

However, the problem has been solved; a trench is to be dug from his father’s grave to the next row of plots that are all vacant and the remains will be moved, via the trench, to its new location, thereby ensuring that the remains are not “exhumed” but will, at all times, remain at the same level.

This appears to have been the brainchild of a professional grave digger who lives near Melton Mowbray – he says that he has used this method 20 or 30 times in his grave digging career that started when he was 12 years old – he is now 57. This has been approved by the Church, but the procedure must be carried out behind screens.

Once this removal has been completed Kevin will be able to apply to reserve the adjacent plots for himself and his mother.

Your “tears of joy” you get when peeling onions may soon be at an end! A plant breeder working for the German chemical company BASF has come up with a “tearless” onion. He started working on this innovation in the late 1980's using natural techniques rather than genetic modification to create the unique variety.

The onions were first grown in the US and trials are now under way in France and Italy to see if they can be grown in different climates.

Onions make people cry because when they are peeled they release synpropanethial-S-oxide, which irritates glands in the eye. This new variety will be called “Sunions” and they will be available in Waitrose in packs of three but, of course, they will be more expensive than the traditional variety; they are suitable for either hot meals or salads. These were first marketed in the US in 2018 and a taste test conducted by the “Washington Post” stated that they were sweet enough to be eaten like an apple, but critics claim that they are tasteless.

I have come across another “doggy” story recently: a cocker spaniel spent two days trapped in a badger sett without food or water – he became trapped in the sett when his owners, Heather and Alex Peake were out for a walk with him on a forest walk near Normanton Le Heath in Leicestershire. The owners were told that if they tried to dig him out they would be prosecuted under the badger protection laws that ban the disturbance of badger setts.

The dog, named Winston, was finally rescued by the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue after they had employed listening devices to establish that there were no badgers in the area.

A happy ending for all.

Colin Scrapps

Recipe of the Month

Recipe for Eccles Cakes

My dear friend makes Eccles Cakes. When she comes to visit she brings some as a gift, which we thoroughly enjoy. Here is the recipe if you wish to try them for yourself. I am always happy to be a taster!!!!

You will need 8ozs of flaky Pastry - homemade or bought.

Filling

75g (3oz) Butter.	175g (6oz) Currants.
50g (2oz) Brown Sugar.	50g (2oz) Mixed Peel.
1tsp Ground Cinnamon.	Freshly grated nutmeg.
Milk and caster sugar for glazing.	

1. Preheat oven to fan 180C, conventional 220C. Gas 6.
2. Melt the butter in a pan; add currants, sugar, peel, cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix together.
3. Turn mixture into a basin and allow to cool.
4. Roll out the pastry 5mm (quarter of an inch) thick, cut into large rounds, using a tea plate as a guide.
5. Place a spoonful of filling on each round, dampen the edges of the pastry and draw them together to enclose filling.
6. Turn smooth side up and roll lightly to flatten.
7. Slash tops to show filling, brush with milk and sprinkle with caster sugar.
8. Bake for 20mins.

Can be frozen before baking and then used as required.

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					1 Purple/Brown Bin	2 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
3 9.30am Communion <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	4 10am Litter Picking 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	5 10am - Noon Churchyard Weeding <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	6	7	8 Green Bin Collection	9 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
10 Palm Sunday	11 10am Wigtoft Walkers <i>Meet at Village Hall</i>	12 10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	13 10am - Noon Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Church</i> 6pm PCC AGM <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	14	15 Bank Holiday Blue / Brown Bin	16 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
17 Easter Sunday 9.30am Communion <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	18 Bank Holiday	19	20	21 Queen Elizabeth Birthday	22 Green Bin Collection	23 Sponsored Walk 10am - 3pm Flower Festival <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
24 10am - 3pm Flower Festival <i>Wigtoft Church</i> Bowls Club Open Day	25 7pm Garden Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	26 10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	27	28	29 Purple/Brown Bin	30 10am - 3pm Flower Festival <i>Wigtoft Church</i>

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29	30	31				

This name is derived from “Wear” – a lake or pond and “Hangel”, a reed, making it Wear-Hangel, a reedy or rushy lake.

The village is situated just off the A52 adjacent to the Wash. The spelling in the Domesday Book was Weranghe and in the 15th century Wranghill. The church is dedicated to St Mary and St Nicholas.



Wrangle was quite an important village or small town in the 13th and 14th centuries with a thriving market which served the surrounding area – this was held on Saturdays. The area around the village was an important centre for salt production for hundreds of years.

Salt making in Wrangle.

In 1982 – 1983 excavations were carried out at Wrangle Tofts, just over a mile to the east of the village to investigate the ancient salt workings that were thought to be there. These had come to light when a new ditch had been cut on land in the area; these workings consisted of clay structures and rectangular floors.

The signs of salt production in the area were the large mounds of earth that appear to make the fields “hilly”, but these are the “left overs” from ancient salt production – they consist entirely of silt soil that was dumped in large spoil heaps.

Until the beginning of the 19th century Wrangle Tofts were exposed to the sea and remained largely undrained and supported a largely marshland environment. Also, documentary evidence from the middle ages give detailed accounts of salt workings along the coast: very little archaeological research has been carried out into salt production in Lincolnshire – only one excavation has been undertaken and this was in Quadring in 1969 when a salt boiling house had under gone intensive study.

During the summer of 1983 two trenches were opened up on farmland at the Tofts and two structures were revealed, made of puddled clay: it has been worked out that these salt workings date from the late middle ages.

How was the salt made?

The most obvious source was from the sea water and during the Iron Age and the Roman period that is how the salt was produced; but during the Middle Ages a much richer source was tapped – this was found to be the salt-saturated tidal silt that built up along the coastline; the salt content of this was many times

more concentrated than sea water. It is from this that the medieval salt maker made his salt.

The method was to rake up the silty mud after each spring tide and store it under cover; when it was required the method used at Wrangle was to filter it through turf sods and the mounds we see in the fields is the waste silt from this filtering process. The brine that was left over after the filtering process was stored in a temporary cistern and, when needed, was bucketed out and evaporated over heat by boiling in shallow lead pans. The salt that was left after this process was collected by the Master Salter and went through a drying process.

Right from the Bronze Age salt was produced along the Lincolnshire coast – it was a valuable commodity because of its use as a food preservative and was widely traded; the road from the coast in this area, going to Grantham was known as Salters Way.

In 1086 the Domesday Book recorded 231 salt pans along the Lincolnshire coast.

The site at the Tofts was located in the estuary of Wrangle Haven which existed during the Middle Ages: the port at Boston was a very important site for the export of this salt production. It would appear that this method of salt production probably came to an end when the use of rock salt worked in Cheshire came in during the 17th century.

To be continued

Colin Scrupps

Sutterton Methodist Church

Services for April and May are as follows



Coffee mornings are held at Sutterton Methodist Church every Wednesday morning at 10am. Please feel free to come along and enjoy a coffee and friendly chat.

April

Sunday 3rd 10.30 Darren Charlton
Sunday 10th 10.30 Local Arrangement
Sunday 17th 10.30 Rev. Bob Prichard
Sunday 24th 10.30 Rev Luke Smith

May

Sunday 1st 10.30 Pat Gooding
Sunday 8th 10.30 Rev. David Curran
Sunday 15th 10.30 Broad Street Methodist Church
Sunday 22nd 10.30 Libby Craggs
Sunday 29th 10.30 Darren Charlton

All are welcome at our Church

Local Worthies Richard Bellingham (1592 - 1672)

He was born in Boston and was the son of William and Frances Amcotts Bellingham. They were a well-to-do family; Richard studied law at Brasenose College at Oxford, qualifying in December 1609. In 1625 he was elected Recorder (the highest community legal post) of Boston. He held this position until 1633; he also represented Boston as a MP in 1628 and 1629. His first wife was Elizabeth Backhouse of Swallowfield, Berkshire and they had a number of children. But only one, Samuel survived to adulthood.

In 1628 he invested money in the Massachusetts Bay Co – this company had been granted land in New England and he was a signatory.

In 1633 he resigned as the Boston Recorder and began selling off his properties; the next year he sailed for the New World, leaving Boston, England and landing in Boston America, with his wife and his son, but Elizabeth died not long after their arrival in America.

Bellingham quickly assumed a prominent role in the colony, sitting on the committee that oversaw the affairs of the new Boston. He soon enveloped himself in the business world – he purchased a ferry service which operated between Boston and present day Chelsea and also tracts of land. He also established a country home as well as his mansion house in Boston.

In 1642 Bellingham became involved in a scandal involving his second marriage; this was to Penelope Pelham, aged only twenty, at the which he was a widower of fifty. It seems that she was being courted by a friend of Bellingham's and he “stole” her away from him and then, without waiting for the formalities of “Bans of Marriage”, officiated at his own wedding – this was challenged but he refused to step down to face the charges.

He died on December 7th 1672 – he was survived by his son Samuel (from his first marriage) and his second wife Penelope who outlived him by 30 years. His land holdings in the colony became tied up in legal actions which lasted for more than 100 years and involved court proceedings on both sides of the Atlantic .

Colin Scrapps

Wigtoft Church Lottery Winners

January 2022

February 2022

March 2022

1st (£20) Ann Mulgbrett
2nd (£10) Sandra Smith
3rd (£5) Mr T Jackson

Avis Padley
Joy Howell
Simon Knight

Mick Core
Daisy Sketchley
Malc Armstrong

So often we say “Good morning” to others on our way to work or shop. In some Eastern countries there is a special greeting for Eastertide. Sometimes people greet one another by saying “Christ is risen!” The reply should be “He is risen indeed”. One psalm says “This is the day the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in”. Which was the greatest day in our Lord’s life? Was it Christmas Day, Good Friday or Easter Day?

After the deep sorrow of Good Friday the disciples were filled with joy. Perhaps special services will be held in the churches again and will be able at least partially, to dispel the gloom of this unhappy world. Perhaps we too can share the gladness of a new beginning.

Happy Easter

How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket?
Only one, after that it's not empty anymore.

Walking In England

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

“Walking in Lincolnshire” (<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lincs>) has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said “There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lincolnshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th December 2021

SHORTENED 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 S Baxter; Cllr S Collingwood and Cllr S Brigham.

Also Present: County Cllr M Brookes and Borough Cllr M Cooper.

Public forum: None.

Chairman's remarks: Vice-chair, Cllr Brigham, chaired the meeting due to the absence of the Chairman.

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllrs BL and SS sent their apologies and reasons for absence. It was resolved to accept their apologies and reasons for absence.

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

None

Police Report. None

Notes of the meeting held on 1.11.21 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.

<u>Date of invoice</u>	<u>Details of payment</u>	<u>Amount ex vat</u>	<u>Vat reclaimable</u>	<u>Overall total</u>
15.11.21	Pay	208.00		
15.11.21	PAYE	52.00		
15.11.21	Clerk use of home as office	20.00		
30.11.21	Clerk travel claim	25.20		
30.11.21	Payroll services	18.00		
5.11.21	HP Instant Ink for printer	8.32	1.67	
15.11.21	Internal audit	50.00		
24.11.21	Annual Playground Inspection	86.00	17.20	
TOTAL		467.52	18.87	486.39
RECEIPTS				
	None	0.00		

Planning: none.

Clerk's report

The clerk did not attend the training day due to unforeseen circumstances.

The new email addresses have not yet been set up but will be done as soon as possible.

The annual tree inspection in the playing field has been requested.

The clerk contacted the Road Safety Partnership about the possibility of having parking restrictions by the village hall. They have referred me to Highways. No further information at this time.

To present the report from the Internal Auditor

The auditor reported that all documentation was found to be in order, very clear and well organised. It was resolved to accept the Internal Auditor's report.

To continue with the budget preparation for 2022-23

The budget was finalised. It was resolved to request a precept amount of £11091.50 from Boston Borough Council for the financial year 1.4.22 to 31.3.23. See separate paper for proposed budget and quotes accepted. It was resolved to earmark £4000 from reserves held as at 31.3.22 for potential replacement and repairs to the Footway Lighting.

ACTION: Clerk to forward precept request to Boston Borough Council and add the budget to the website.

To review the annual play area/playing field inspection undertaken by Wicksteed and to decide what action to take with the repairs to the wetpour surface and any other actions required.
To receive feedback on the inspection by Cllr Brigham. agree who will complete the January inspection.

Cllr Brigham gave feedback from the annual inspection as she had accompanied the Inspector from Wicksteed Leisure. She produced a report. Following the review, it was resolved to accept the quote from Wicksteed Leisure for repair to the wetpour underneath the 2 seat swings and replacement of the bearing on the spinning pole at a cost of £533.95. It was resolved to obtain a quote for a replacement roundabout. Cllr Brigham volunteered to undertake the January inspection.

ACTION: Clerk to place order and obtain quote.

To confirm the date for the Parish meeting for 2022.

It was resolved to hold the Annual Parish meeting at 18.30 prior to the March meeting on 7.3.22

Meeting closed at 20.15

Next meeting 7.2.22.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th February 2022

SHORTENED 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 Collingwood; Cllr S Brigham; Cllr S Smith.
Also Present: Borough Cllr M Cooper.

Public forum: None. **Chairman's remarks:** The Chairman, Cllr Leggott, thanked Cllr Brigham for chairing the last meeting on his behalf.

Apologies for absence and reasons given Cllrs Craven and Baxter sent their apologies and reasons for absence. It was resolved to accept their apologies and reasons for absence. County Councillors, Mike Brookes, sent his apologies.

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

None

Police Report.

An email had been received from PCSO Williams advising that senior management of Lincs Police have decided that monthly crime stats will no longer be provided to Parish Councils as this information is available on their website www.police.uk. It was resolved to remove the regular agenda item "Police Report".

Financial matters: Accounts for payment; budget figures and financial report. FOR JAN AND FEB 22

<u>Date of invoice</u>	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	Overall total
15.12.21	Pay	236.00		
15.12.21	HMRC	59.00		
15.12.21	Clerk use of home as office	25.00		
31.12.21	Payroll services	18.00		
5.12.21	HP Instant Ink for printer	8.32	1.67	
5.1.22	HP Instant Ink for printer	8.32	1.67	
TOTAL		354.64	3.34	357.98
RECEIPTS				
	None	0.00		

<u>Date of invoice</u>	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	Overall total
15.1.22	Pay	236.00		
15.1.22	HMRC	59.00		
15.1.22	Clerk use of home as office	25.00		
31.1.22	Payroll services	18.00		
11.1.22	Wet & Forget product to clean Wetpour surfaces in play area	29.99	6.00	
31.1.22	3 mobile phone top up	10.00		
23.1.22	Grass cutting	140.00		
13.1.21	Mole control in play area, annual cost	450.00		
TOTAL		967.99	6.00	973.99

Planning: none.

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Brigham – thank you to those who helped at the Sausage and Mash event. £80 was raised from the raffle which will go towards future events. The bin near the church is broken. There is some fly tipping at the top of Clover Lane. The grass at the side of the path by the chicken farm needs cutting back as it is encroaching onto the path. There is also mud on the path. The street lighting from Burtoft Lane to the Council Houses is not in use. This path is used by pedestrians walking into the village.

ACTION: Clerk to report the fly tipping, footpath and bin. Clerk to investigate the possibility of the Parish Council adopting the lights and having them switched back on.

Cllr Collingwood – there is a large hole, about 4 foot wide, on the road at the top of Asperton Road.

ACTION: Clerk to report.

The clerk advised Council that the mobile phone loses its battery charge rapidly. The phone is nearly four years old. Cllr Brigham suggested quotes are sourced for a replacement. Cllr SC said he may have an unused phone that the clerk can use.

ACTION: Agenda item for the next meeting.

To discuss whether to organise an event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee

Cllr BL suggested that the Parish Council plant a tree in the Wildlife Garden. Cllr SS shared ideas such as a village picnic, bring your own food, old photos, have a big Jubilee cake. The date suggested is 5th June 2022. It was resolved to obtain a quote for the tree and donate up to £200 towards any costs in putting on the event. Agenda item for the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quote for an Oak Tree and to check if the Parish Council has the legal powers to make this donation.

To plan the Annual Parish meeting to be held at 18.30 on the 7.3.22

It was resolved to invite all residents of the village, the Village Hall Committee, the News and Views team, the Parochial Church Council, Trustees of the Blisbury Charity, representatives of the Litter Picking group, representatives of the Bowls Club, representatives of the Scraps group and representatives of the Gardening Club.

ACTION: Clerk to send out invitations and publish the agenda on the website, Facebook page and the Notice board.

To discuss the quote received for the new roundabout for the play area, to review the January play area/playing field inspection undertaken by Cllr Brigham, to discuss the application of Wet and Forget product to the wetpour areas and to discuss the frequency of grass cutting in the Wildlife Garden.

The quote received from Wicksteed Leisure was for £6288.95. It was resolved to investigate the possibility of obtaining funding toward this. The January play area inspection was reviewed. No new areas of concern were noted. The clerk had not been able to get a quote to apply the Wet and Forget product to the moss-covered Wet Pour areas. Cllr Collingwood offered to do this. It was resolved to ask the contractors to cut the grass in the Wildlife Garden every other time the grass in the playing field is cut. It was resolved to buy the Wet and Forget product at a cost of £29.99.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate funding options for the new roundabout and let the contractor know about the grass cutting schedule in the Wildlife Garden.

To discuss an email received from a resident about vehicles exceeding the speed limit through the village and a second email from a resident about the damaged village sign.

The resident had been advised that, although the Parish Council does not have any powers to deal with speed limits and speeding traffic, it is possible to liaise with the local police and Lincolnshire Highways. It was resolved that the clerk should contact the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to ask about having the

traffic flow and speed monitored and also contact the local police to ascertain if they could help. The clerk advised Councillors that a further email had been received from a resident about the “Wigtoft” sign at the entrance to the village from the direction of Sutterton advising that it was damaged. It was resolved to report this via “Fix my Street”.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and the local police. Clerk to report damaged sign through Fix my Street.

Meeting closed at 20.15.

Next meeting 7.3.22 at 7 pm. Annual Parish Meeting 7.3.22 at 6.30 pm.

Parish Council News

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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.

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.parish.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.

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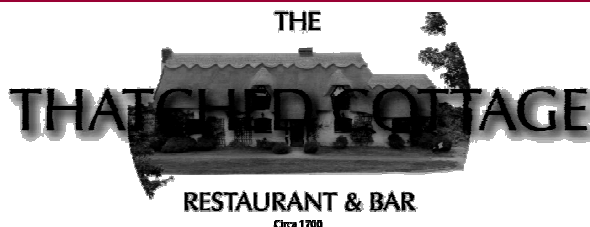
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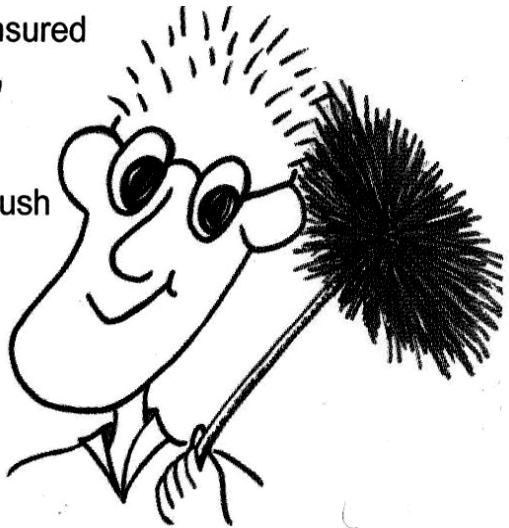
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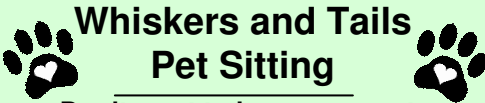
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