

WIGTOFT VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

May / June 2024

Wigtoft has many places of interest for you to visit for recreation and relaxation. It offers an opportunity for you to meet neighbours and make new friends.

The Church is open daily for quiet reflection, and on Saturdays for Bacon Butties and delicious cakes through the spring and summer

Our Village Hall, although having a quieter time during the summer, is still open to various groups like the Gardening Club. If you wish to get involved and help out in any way in the Autumn and Winter months then please contact one of the Village Hall committee.

The Village Play area is kept to a high standard and welcomes families.

For those who like walking, either alone, with friends or with a dog, the Wild Flower Garden is a must.

The Bowls Club continues and always welcomes new members

Enjoy the next few months as we hope the weather improves



Village Hall



Wild Flower Garden



St Peter & St Paul Church



Play Area



Wigtoft Bowls Club

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.

We could do with some help at Wigtoft Village Hall!!

If you have some spare time, whether it be an odd hour here or there, or more, we have a wide range of things you could help out with, from helping to put events together, serving teas, helping us to come up with new events/ ideas, organising raffles, helping with promotional ads, to small maintenance jobs, painting, decorating etc.

Please call
Sandra on 01205 460536
or Sally on 01205 460117

Help us to keep the heart of our village beating.

Wigtoft Village Contact Details

Parish Council Members

Sandra Brigham (Chair) - Steve Baxter (Vice Chair)
Bruce Leggott, Simon Collingwood, Sally Smith, Ian Mills, Kim Redhead
Clerk - A. Fletcher 07383 276892 email: wigtoftpc@gmail.com
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Village Hall Committee

Virna Atkinson ... 01205 460259 Janet Sargeant ... 01205 460017
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St Peter & St Paul Parish Church

PCC Contact Jane Barkham 01205 460714

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Minister - Rev. Luke Smith 07376248147

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BBC Refuse Department .. 01205 311112 Anglian Water Emergency ... 03457 145145
Western Power Distribution ... 0800 6783105 or just 105 (to report a power cut)



St. Peter & St. Paul WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

From the 22nd April we have a new priest, his name is Revd. Mark Williams. We are lucky that a new priest was appointed so soon. Revd. Mark will be taking the services for us on the first Sunday each month.

The Friends of the Church have arranged fund raising events for this year they are as follow.

Flower Festival 27th & 28th April and 4th & 5th May 10a.m to 3p.m

Strawberry Tea 15th June 2p.m to 5p.m

Craft Weekend 14th & 15th September 10a.m to 3p.m

MacMillan Coffee Morning 27th September 10a.m to 12 noon

Harvest Event 6th October starts at 3p.m and finishes when the auction ends.

Christmas Tree Festival 30th November & 1st December and 7th & 8th December 10a.m to 3p.m

Bacon Butty mornings will be held in church every Saturday until the end of September from 10a.m to 12noon.

There will be Coffee and Craft on the third Thursday each month from 10a.m to 12noon.

Do come and join us at as many of these events as possible.

PCC Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the church will be in church on Monday 13th May 2024. It will start at 6p.m. Do please come along to this meeting to find out how we spend the Church's money. Also it is at the AGM that you can have your say. This is your village church and we do need you to come along to tell us what you want of your church and hopefully to offer your help. This will be the first meeting that the new priest will chair and he will be pleased to see as many people from the village as possible.

Thank You`s from the Church

We at the church would like to thank Stephen Craven for donating flowers for our Mothering Sunday Service.

Because of the amount Stephen gave us we were able to send flowers to people that could not get to the service. It is very kind of you Stephen to donate the daffodils, Thank you.

We would also like to thank Tony Ladds and Kev Hall for cutting a pathway around the Church for us. These two do not live in the parish but they both think of everyone who need to walk on the grass to get to graves, and the ones that need to open the Church for services and so that the Church can be open each day.

Without people like Tony and Kev we would be wading through long grass to open the Church.

Wigtoft Church Services

May Sunday 5th Holy Communion 9:30a.m
Sunday 12th Holy Communion 9:30a.m

June Sunday 2nd Holy Communion 9:30a.m
Sunday 9th Holy Communion 9:30a.m

Please do come and join us, all are welcome.

Church Lottery Winners

January

- 1 Sue Tunnard
- 2 Pete Smith
- 3 Mrs J Stothard

February

- 1 Mr Sharp
- 2 James Craven
- 3 Rosemary King

March

- 1 Sue Franklin
- 2 Michael Core
- 3 Rachel Batterham

April

- 1 Ann Dawkins
- 2 James Craven
- 3 James Batterham

Wigtoft Village Hall News

The 23rd March was the last of the Saturday Brunches at the Village Hall until October, but the good news is that as we stop serving butties and breakfasts the clocks have changed and we are now into lighter nights and hopefully sunnier and warmer days. A huge thank you to all of those that came and joined us for breakfasts, butties, cake and endless cups of tea and coffee. We raised over £2,000 over the months which will go towards re-decoration and continued upkeep of the Hall.

Over 50 ladies joined us when we hosted a fashion show in March. A delicious cup cake made by Sage Bakery and a glass of Prosecco was followed by Janet, Harley and Tracy who did an amazing job of modelling all the clothes. Many of us went home with something new for our wardrobes and some were also lucky enough to win one of the lovely prizes in our raffle. A total of £288 was raised which will go as always the upkeep of the Hall.

Maurice Cowling has resigned as our Treasurer. We would like to thank him for his work over the past 5 years in keeping all our finances in order and wish him well. We hope that he will continue to join us at some of our events.

We therefore now have a vacancy for the role of Treasurer on the Village Hall Committee. If you are interested in joining us please contact the Secretary, Sandra Brigham, on 01205 460536.

In addition to the Treasurers position we would welcome anyone that would be happy to join us to help with all sorts of things, from keeping the hall in good order to washing up at events. Come and help us to keep the village hall a place for everyone to come to.

After a busy winter we are now taking the summer off but there are already 3 events planned later in the year for you to make a note of the dates:

22nd October will be our next Fashion Show

2nd November will be the Christmas Fayre

6th December will be our Wreath Making

I'm sure there will be other events that we will also hold, so keep watching this space !!

We wish you all a great summer and see you all again soon !

Wigtoft Village Hall Calendar For May & June

May 2024

Thurs 2nd Local Elections 7am - 10pm
Mon 13th Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Mon 20th Garden Club 7pm
Tues 28th 10am Scraps R Us

June 2024

Mon 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Mon 24th Garden Club 7pm
Tues 25th Scraps R Us 10am

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

The Village Hall is available for hire at a cost of just £9 per hour.

This includes use of all the facilities including all crockery, cutlery etc.

For further information or to check the booking diary contact Virna on 01205 460259



WIGTOFT & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



GARDEN CLUB EVENTS 2024

April 22nd - Paint A Pot

June 20th - Coach Trip

August 19th - Plant Swaps

October 21st - Tom Holland Autumn Colours

May 20th - Tom Holland, Plants

July 15th - Rosemary's Garden

Sept 16th - Gardener's Questions

Nov. 18th - Christmas Party

**All the meetings are on Mondays at 7pm except the
coach trip which is on a Thursday**

Above are the events for this year's garden club. We try to have an entertaining programme with a lovely trip included in the programme. We are a friendly bunch so come and join us.

This year's trip is to Trentham gardens, not just gardens there is also a shopping mall and a garden centre to explore.

COST £33 per person inclusive of entrance

The trip is open to everyone, if you are interested, please call one of the numbers below.

01205 460902

01205 460546

01205 460400

01205 461228

Gardening jobs for May

May is here, so it's time to mow the lawn, put out tender plants and get those weeds under control.

Mow your lawn

The grass will be growing strongly by now, so if you want a neat-looking lawn you'll need to cut at least once a week.

Water anything newly planted

Any veg or flowers planted this spring will need regular watering while it settles in and puts down roots into the soil, especially during dry weather. This also applies to any new turf you may have laid.

Hoeing weeds

A dry day is the perfect opportunity to kill weeds by hoeing them. Sharpen the blade of the hoe beforehand so that it will efficiently cut through thick stems. Hoe regularly, even if you can't see any weeds, as it will disturb even tiny weed seedlings and stop them in their tracks.

Sow beans

It's best to wait until May before sowing French or runner beans, so they're ready for planting at the end of the month. Plants sown too early will turn yellow if planted out early in May and will struggle.

Plant tomatoes

Tomatoes for the greenhouse can be planted at the start of May; ones for outdoors can go out later in the month when the danger of frost has passed.

Plant leeks

Leeks that were sown last month can be planted outdoors. Allow around 30cm between rows to make weeding easier, and space plants at 15cm-intervals for full-sized leeks.

Plant maincrop potatoes

Finish planting maincrop varieties, such as 'King Edward', by early May for crops in late summer/early autumn. Plant the tubers 40cm apart in rows that are 60-75cm apart.

Sow veg

This month, sow: courgette; dwarf and climbing beans; leaf beet; chard; beetroot; lettuce; basil; winter brassicas, such as Brussels sprouts; and spring onions. Sow leeks and winter squash, and cucumber for outdoors by early May; and swede at the end of the month.

Get more colour in May

If your borders are looking a little dull at the moment, try planting any of the following: Geranium pratense; Galega officinalis; Ceanothus 'Concha'; astrantia; geum. Make sure to water them in well and keep watered during dry spells over the coming months.

Gardening jobs for June

Start trimming hedges - Keep box, hornbeam, leylandii and beech hedges looking neat by trimming the new growth with hedge shears or a hedge trimmer.

Harvest early potatoes

Early varieties of potatoes will be ready to dig up in late June. Wait until the leaves start to turn yellow and then feel under the ground to check how large the tubers are, then lift your early potatoes as and when you need them. Don't be in too much of a rush, as you'll get bigger tubers the longer you wait. Second-early potato varieties will follow in July and maincrop varieties can stay in the ground until September to have time to get big.

Remove tomato sideshoots

Tomatoes are growing strongly and plants grown as cordons on one stem will need to have the side-shoots (which grow between the main stem and the leaf) removed regularly to channel the plant's energy into flowering and making fruit. Once you see the first truss of fruit forming, it's time to start feeding too.

Plant tender veg

Tender veg, such as runner beans, sweetcorn and courgettes, can be planted outdoors now that the danger of frost has passed. Keep them well watered during dry spells as they put down new roots into the ground.

Dead head roses

June is traditionally the month when roses are at their peak.

Snap off just below the head - this is thought to make new blooms appear more quickly than the classic method of cutting just above a leaf.

Could This Be You ???

Would you have a little time available when needed to help do maintenance jobs within the village for the Parish Council?

We occasionally have maintenance jobs such as painting of equipment, benches etc and also the cleaning of them. The making good of anything broken and completing a park inspection.

This is not regular work, rather just when needed and will be paid for on an hourly rate.



If you are interested, please give Ann, the Parish Clerk a call on 07791 218022 or email atwigtoftpc@gmail.com

Wigtoft Village Activities To Join In

Wigtoft Walkers



We spend some great time together as a local group doing a variety of local walks. Please feel free to come and join us for some good exercise and chats.

Wednesday May 22nd and Monday June 17th Starting at 10 am outside the Village Hall.

For further information contact Kim on 01205 460711

Litter Picking



Let's keep Wigtoft clean and tidy, please come and join in.

Monday May 6th and Monday June 3rd at 10am.

A coffee afterwards is usually a good reward!!

For further details please contact Kim on Tel:- 01205 460711.

Items for sale

Baby budgies for sale £15 each. Please call Jane on 01205 460399

County Events and Shows to look forward to in 2024

Lincolnshire Show on 19th to 20th June at Lincolnshire Showground

Winterton Show on 6th & 7th July at Cemetery Road, Winterton DN15 9UF

Crowle Show on 21st July at Scunthorpe DN17 4EE

Heckington Show on 27th to 28th July at Heckington

Revesby Country Fair on 4th August at Revesby



Gardening Club Coach Trip



A day out to

TRENTHAM GARDEN AND SHOPPING VILLAGE

Stoke on Trent

THURSDAY 20th JUNE

£33 including entrance

Pick Up starting at 7:45am from Kirton, Sutterton, Wigtoft, Bicker

**Please Call Norman on 01205 460400 or Jean on 01205 460546
for further details or to book**



SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

(THE CHURCH WITH THE YELLOW DOOR)

FLOWER FESTIVAL

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 3rd and 4th MAY 2024

10 am to 4 pm

Tombola, Raffle and Cake Stall

Also serving light refreshments, Soup will also be available

SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

The Church with the Yellow Door

SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday 5th Rev. Luke Smith
Sunday 12th Barry Richardson (WL)
Sunday 19th Odell Springer
Sunday 26th Rev David Curran (HC)

SERVICES FOR JUNE

Sunday 2nd Darren Charlton
Sunday 9th Mrs Libby Craggs
Sunday 16st At Kirton
Sunday 23rd Jim Stobart
Sunday 30st Own Arrangement

All services are at 10.30am followed by tea and biscuits

COFFEE MORNINGS will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month
May 1st & 15th and June 5th & 19th - 10am to 12 noon.

Minister: Revd. Luke Smith Tel: 01406 704489 Mobile: 07376 248147

Something to Make You Laugh

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

An elderly couple was driving across the country. While the woman was behind the wheel, the couple was pulled over by the highway patrol.

"Madam, did you know you were speeding?" the officer said.

The woman, hard of hearing, turned to her husband and asked, "What did he say?"

"He said you were speeding!" the old man yelled.

The patrolman then asked, "May I see your license?"

The woman turned to her husband again, "What did he say?"

The old man yelled back, "He wants to see your license!" The woman then gave the officer her license.

"I see you are from Gloucester," the policeman said. "I spent some time there once and went on a blind date with the ugliest woman I've ever seen."

The woman turned to her husband again and asked, "What did he say?"

The old man replied, "He said he knows you!"



Boston Borough Council Bin Collection Dates for MAY \ JUNE 2024



<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
Friday 3 rd	Green Bin	Friday 7 th	Blue Bin / Brown
Friday 10 th	Blue Bin / Brown	Friday 14 th	Green Bin
Friday 17 nd	Green Bin	Friday 21 st	Purple / Brown Bins
Friday 24 th	Purple / Brown Bins	Friday 28 th	Green Bin
Friday 31 nd	Green Bin		

WIGTOFT NEWS AND VIEWS NEWSLETTER

The Wigtoft News and Views team are:
Karen Fosdick, Sally Smith Virna Atkinson, John Craggs

The Newsletter is always very grateful for any contribution towards the running cost of printing the magazine.

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Deadlines for adverts, letters to the editor and event information is the 12th of the month prior to publication

(unfortunately anything received after this date will not go into the Newsletter)

If you would like to get involved with helping with the Wigtoft Village newsletter in any way please contact one of the Newsletter Team, or email wigtoftnewsletter@gmail.com. Your help would be appreciated.

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Your village magazine would love to receive any letters, article or views on anything pertaining to the village of Wigtoft and surrounding area. We are happy to print your thoughts. Also, if you have any spare time to help distribute the newsletter we would be very happy to hear from you.

If you have any items that you would like to advertise for sale or to give away, or if there are any items or help around the home you are looking for you can advertise or free in the magazine.

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON the 4th of March 2024.

Present: Cllr S Brigham; Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Smith; Cllr I Mills;
Cllr S Collingwood (arrived at 19.12) and Cllr K Redhead.

Chairman's remarks - none.

Public Forum - none.

To receive apologies and reasons for absence. None from Parish Councillors. County Cllr Brookes and Borough Councillors Brown and Cantwell sent their apologies.

To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 - being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest not previously recorded on Member's Register of Interests

None.

Notes of the meeting held on 5.2.24 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.

Financial matters: Accounts due for payment.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details of Payment</u>	<u>Amount ex vat</u>	<u>Vat reclaimable</u>	<u>VAT not reclaimable</u>
15.2.24	Pay	581.26		
15.2.24	PAYE	145.40		
15.2.24	Clerk use of home as office	35.00		
28.2.24	Payroll Services	18.00		
5.2.24	HP Instant Ink	8.32	1.67	
27.12.23	Annual cost for Accounting Software Package	276.00	55.20	
TOTAL		1063.98	56.87	
RECEIPTS				
NONE				
TOTAL		0.00		

It was resolved to agree the payments in the schedule and the up to date budget figures.

ACTION: Clerk to make payments and add budget to website

Planning:

B/24/0062, Proposed new cabins, storage containers and polytunnels at land adjacent to The Cottage, Washdike Drove, Wigtoft, PE20 2QA.

It was resolved that there were no comments to make on this application.

ACTION: Clerk to advise planning department at BBC.

Correspondence received since the February Meeting.

6.2.24 Information from LCC about changes to the planning consultation process.

6.2.24 Information about the public meeting being held by Matt Warman.
Emailed to Councillors. Posted on Facebook and website 7.2.24.

13.2.24 Police & Crime Commissioner about Fraud Packs
Emailed to Councillors, posted on Facebook and website. Fraud Pack ordered.

- 15.2.24 Information from Matt Warman about attending a National Grid Consultation Event on
16.2.24. Emailed to Councillors 15.2.24.
- 23.2.24 LALC enews. Emailed to Councillors 26.2.24.
- 22.2.24 Bishop of Lincoln Social Justice Fund Emailed to Councillors 26.2.24.
- 21.2.24 Mayor's Charity Fundraising evening. Emailed to Councillors 26.2.24.

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Councillors' Reports

Cllr Smith – there is a large pothole on Burtoft Lane North, 80m from the junction with Main Road.
ACTION: Clerk to report via Fix My Street.

Cllr Leggott – I have seen work being done on the footpaths on the other side of Spalding (Sidings work) using a fantastic machine. Will ring County Cllr Brookes to see if Wigtoft will get the same machine.

Cllr Mills – Potholes have been reported on Fix My Street.

County and Borough Councillors Reports

None.

Clerk's report

The precept request for £14084 has been submitted.

The interim bank reconciliation agrees as at 9.2.24.

D Day celebrations – the PCC have agreed to contact the bellringers to ask them to partake in Ringing Out for Peace on the 6.6.24 at 6.30pm.

To review the February play area inspection undertaken by Cllr Smith and to agree any actions.

Cllr Smith reported that there are a lot of branches on the floor. It was resolved that she will get a quote to remove them. The small slide has a wobbly handle. This was noted in the annual inspection as Low Risk. This will be monitored on a monthly basis. Regarding the algae on the wetpour and play equipment, Cllr Collingwood confirmed that there is half of a 5 litre container of Wet and Forget left. It was resolved to purchase another 5 litres at a maximum cost of £40. Cllr Leggott will undertake the March inspection.

ACTION: Clerk to order 5 litres of Wet and Forget.

To review the Asset Register and discuss the annual check of the assets.

The register was reviewed and Councillors were able to confirm the check of all assets except for the chairs in the church. Cllr Smith offered to do a visual inspection. It was resolved to accept the Asset Register as being correct.

ACTION: Cllr Smith to complete visual check of the chairs in the church and advise the clerk.

To review the Equal Opportunities Policy and the Sickness and Absence Policy

The policies were reviewed and it was resolved that no changes were needed.

ACTION: Clerk to update the website.

To discuss the options available for the Speed Indicator Device and costs.

It had previously been agreed to apply for a grant to fund purchasing a Speed Indicator Device. The clerk had circulated details of the costs and options available. Following a discussion, it was resolved to apply for a grant for 80% of the cost of an Elan City solar powered device and 3 poles at a cost of £3268 with the remaining 20% being funded from Parish Council reserves.

ACTION: Clerk to complete grant application.

Meeting closed at 20:25. Next meeting 8.4.24 at 7.30pm.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON the 5th of February 2024

Present: Cllr S Brigham; Cllr S Baxter; Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Smith; Cllr I Mills and Cllr K Redhead. Also present County Councillor M Brookes and Boston Borough Councillors David Brown and James Cantwell.

To receive apologies and reasons for absence. Cllr Collingwood sent his apologies and reason for absence. It was resolved to accept his apology and reason for absence.

To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest not previously recorded on Member's Register of Interests

None.

Financial matters: Accounts due for payment.

<u>Date of invoice</u>	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	VAT not reclaimable
15.12.23	Pay	277.26		
15.12.23	PAYE	69.40		
15.12.23	Clerk use of home as office	35.00		
31.12.23	Payroll Services	18.00		
7.12.23	Pest Control annual fee	450.00	90.00	
TOTAL		849.66	90.00	
RECEIPTS				
NONE				
TOTAL		0.00		

<u>Date of invoice</u>	Details of Payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	VAT not reclaimable
15.1.24	Pay	277.46		
15.1.24	PAYE	69.20		
15.1.24	Clerk use of home as office	35.00		
31.1.24	Payroll Services	18.00		
5.1.24	HP Instant Ink	8.32	1.67	
4.1.24	Replace lantern in footway light 2, Asperton Road	350.00	70.00	
17.1.24	Remove fallen tree in playing field	450.00	90.00	
TOTAL		1207.98	161.67	
RECEIPTS				
NONE				
TOTAL		0.00		

It was resolved to agree the payments schedule and the budget.

ACTION: Clerk to make payments and add budget to website

Planning:

To confirm comments submitted on 3 planning applications. B/23/0432, variation of Condition 2 to allow for changes to the drainage design and surface water runoff at Llewelyn House, Main Road, Wigtoft; B/23/0426, to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house at Asperton Lodge, Asperton Road, Wigtoft; B/23/0424, Conversion and

extension of barn to holiday let at land adjacent to Asperton Lodge, Asperton Road, Wigtoft. These applications were circulated to Councillors for comments. The clerk submitted the response of “no comments” on all three applications to the planning department at Boston Borough Council. It was resolved to confirm the above comments.

Correspondence received since the December Meeting.

15.12.23	Christmas Greetings from Matt Warman MP	Emailed to Councillors 16.12.23
11.12.23	Electric Vehicle Needs Consultation	Emailed to Councillors. 16.12.23. Posted on FB and Website.
11.12.23	Letter of thanks from the Village Hall for the £950 donation.	Emailed to Councillors 16.12.23
22.12.23	Air Ambulance newsletter	Emailed to Councillors 23.12.23
15.1.24	Email from National Grid about proposals to upgrade the high voltage electricity transmission network between Grimsby West in North East Lincolnshire and Walpole in West Norfolk.	Emailed to Councillors 16.1.24
12.1.24	LALC enews	Emailed to Councillors 16.1.24
12.1.24	Email from LCC about Greater Lincolnshire Devolution Consultation	Emailed to Councillors 16.1.24
23.1.24	LCC Budget & Council Tax Proposals – Councillor comments	Emailed to Councillors 29.1.24
25.1.24	Lincs Community Foundation funding flash	Emailed to Councillors 29.1.24
26.1.24	LALC newsletter and training bulletin	Emailed to Councillors 29.1.24
26.1.24	Lincs Environmental Crime Partnership information	Emailed to Councillors 29.1.24

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Cllr Brigham – there are national plans to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D Day on the 6.6.24. The suggestions are: Light a Beacon; a Lamp light of Peace; Ringing out for Peace (Bellringing) at 6.30pm. It was resolved that the clerk should contact the PCC to find out if the Bellringer would be prepared to get involved.

Cllr Leggott – Burtoft Lane to the A17 was flooded but is now in great condition thanks to work done by Staples Bros.

Clerk’s report - None

To review the monthly play area inspection undertaken by Cllr Mills and to agree any actions. To receive the rota for checking the play area monthly.

Cllr Mills reported that the wetpour and odd bits of play equipment need jet washing due to algae growth. He had also noticed some molehills in the playing field. Cllr Mills had sent some photos of the algae to the clerk who will forward to everyone.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Cllr Collingwood if there is any Wet and Forget left and to check with the contractor if the playing field is being checked regularly for mole hills.

To receive information from Cllr Redhead following her attendance at the Parish Liaison meeting hosted by Boston Borough Council on 25.1.24.

Topics covered were: Grassroots funding for Parish Councils; Community Lottery; other funding opportunities; Newsletter for Parish Councils will be circulated; Scrutiny Panel regarding services and Council Tax Support Scheme currently under review; Report fly tipping to Boston Borough Council; Boston Borough Council will lend funds to Parish Councils for streetlights at 4.5% interest; Planning Team are short staffed at the moment. County Cllr M B commented that he will forward an email about the Lincs Community Foundation.

To receive information from Cllr Brigham following her attendance on Microsoft Teams call about the National Grid Electricity Transmission Grimsby to Walpole early stage proposal.

Representatives talked about the why the pylons need to be upgraded. This project is looking 10 years ahead. 2 substations planned, suggested corridor is shown on the map; They will avoid Areas of

Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are other sessions planned, face to face public consultation events.

County Cllr MB and Borough Cllrs DB and JC left the meeting at 19.45.

To agree the final two budget lines, Footway Lighting replacement lamps and a new Speed Indicator Device, to complete the budget planning for 1.4.24 to 31.3.25 (email sent 27.12.23, deadline 6.2.24).

It was resolved by a majority vote **not** to fund the purchase of a Speed indicator Device at a maximum cost of £3000 by increasing the precept or use of reserve funds as it was felt that to increase the precept would place an additional burden on residents by increasing their Council Tax and to use some of the reserves would deplete the reserves to an unacceptable level. It was unanimously resolved to fund the cost of replacing the 9 existing footway lamps with LED lamps from reserves at a cost of £3150 and earmark £2000 for any other repairs that may occur on the footway lighting in the budget for 1.4.24 to 31.3.25.

ACTION: Clerk to update the budget and add to the website.

A further discussion was held about other ways to reduce the speed of traffic driving through the village such as new passive speed signs, is it possible to have the mobile speed camera in the village more often, 30 or 40mph stickers for wheelie bins and investigate any funding which may be available to purchase a Speed Indicator Device.

ACTION: Clerk to find out what options are available and how much they would cost.

Meeting closed at 20:25. Next meeting 4.3.24 at 19:00.

Upcoming road works in the village

Temporary traffic restriction: Burtoft

Please note it will be necessary to impose a temporary restriction as detailed below.

Organisation responsible for restriction: Sunbelt Rentals Ltd

Reason for restriction: Access to overhead Openreach structure to provide service

Road closure Order -

Burtoft Lane (Between 100m North & 100m Southeast of Green Lane)

Green Lane (Between Burtoft Lane & a point 100m Southwest)

Period of restriction: 02/05/2023 - 02/05/2023 09:30 to 15:30

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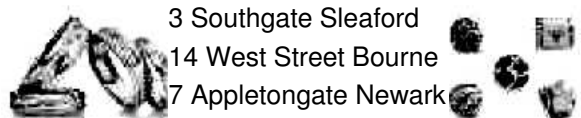
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