

# WIGTOFT VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

## March / April 2024

Hopefully we are finally getting into Spring, fingers crossed it will start to warm up, although writing this it is raining. We definitely need some drier weather after all the rain we've had. For a small village there always seems to be an event or club being held. There's Garden Club, Scraps craft club, and bowls, why not give one of them ago.

There's been a lot of events in the hall recently, check inside for any upcoming events. Inside this edition there is gardening tips now we're moving into Spring, time to get your garden spruced up. No excuses because the brown bin collections start again in March. For those of you who gave up chocolate for lent (well done) not too long to wait for Easter to enjoy your eggs. Remember, clocks go forward at the end of March, we get an hour less in bed, but hopefully you'll think it's worth it for the nicer weather and lighter nights. Enjoy!

### National Grid Plans For Electricity Pylons Across Lincolnshire

As you are no doubt already aware National Grid are planning to build 87 miles of new overhead power lines on 50 metre high pylons from Grimsby to Walpole, some of these would come through parts of Wigtoft, close to some of our homes.

It is early days in the planning phase of this project and there is plenty of opposition to it.

Matt Warman, our local MP, held a public meeting in Sutterton Village Hall on Monday 12th February which was very well attended indeed. He made it clear that he and other MPs were opposed to the current plans as there are better alternatives possible. Many people voiced their opposition to the project and alternatives were suggested. The MP and others said that this particular route for the new infrastructure has been chosen so that it avoids tourist and wildlife areas, no consideration has been given to local residents who will be affected both by the spoiling of the landscape and possible health issues. Most people agreed that an off shore solution would be better and that the project was to benefit people in the south of England with very little benefit to those in our area. They wouldn't put an infrastructure like the one planned in , say, London.

A group called "No Pylons Lincolnshire" has been setup to oppose the plans, several members of the group attended the public meeting. They are very professional and determined to have the current plans changed. You can look at their website at [www.NoPylons.co.uk](http://www.NoPylons.co.uk) for more information such as meeting dates and updates to the plans. They say that we should all send emails objecting to the plans to National Grid, They suggest that you send an email with the subject "**Lincolnshire Pylons Objection**" and say in the email at least "**I strongly object to the proposed pylons in Lincolnshire**" adding any other comments you feel necessary and appropriate to [contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com) by the first phase deadline of March 13th.

Inside this issue of the newsletter you should find a free 3 day pass to the Princess Royal Sports Arena gym and pool, so please make use of it to get fit ready for the spring

## **Garden Waste Collections**

***Please remember to renew your Garden Waste Brown Bin Collection subscription for 2024/2025, this is due in April. This year the cost is £50***

You can sign up on line by going to the Boston Council website at [www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste/subscribe](http://www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste/subscribe) or by calling 01205 314200

## **Readers Letters and Items for Sale or Wanted**

*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.*

**Call 01205 461171 or email [wigtoftnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wigtoftnewsletter@gmail.com)**

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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

I told you in the last issue of the magazine that I would let you all know how much we made at the Christmas Tree Festival. Well when we got the money counted up we got a surprise, there was a grand total of £2,313.11.

There has been a meeting of the Friends Group to arrange the events for this year. The first of these events will be the Flower Festival. The dates for this event are April 27th & 28th and May 4th & 5th, the Church will be open from 10a.m till 3p.m.

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## THANK YOU'S

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported our Christmas Tree Festival. We had some new helpers to put the tree's up and decorate the Church which looked lovely. Also thanks for donations for the food, sponsors of tree's and those lovely cakes. Without this help we would not be able to do it.

*Many thanks to you all.*  
From Jean Knight

## BACON BUTTY MORNINGS

We start Bacon Butty Mornings again in April in Church. If you would like to help please come along we are a friendly group. you would be made most welcome.

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers for this event would you please contact either Jean Knight on 01205 460546 or Jane Barkham on 01205 460714. The donations can be in memory of a loved one and we will put there name up in the Church.

From Jean Knight and Jane Barkham

## Wigtoft Church Services

### March

10th Mothering Sunday Holy Communion 9-30a.m

24th Palm Sunday Morning Prayer 10-00a.m

31st Easter Sunday Holy Communion 9-30a.m

### April

14th Holy Communion 9-30a.m

28th Morning Prayer 10-00a.m

*As you will see from the list of services we have changed the week and time of the morning prayer service. It will now be on the forth Sunday each month at 10-00 am. This is for a trial period to see if we can get more people to the service.*

Please do come and join us, everyone is welcome.

## Wigtoft Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This meeting will be held in either April or May, we do not have a date yet but when we do I will put posters up around the village.

This is an important meeting and we need as many of the parish there as possible. This is your church and it needs your help to keep going, so please do come along. I will also get someone to put the date on Facebook. Please, Please do come along to this meeting.

**Jane Barkham**  
PCC Secretary

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### St Peter & St Paul's Monthly Church Lottery

It is that time again when we need to ask the people that are in the Church Lottery to renew their subscription. If anyone else would like to take part in the Church draw please contact a member of the PCC.

The subscription is £12 a year. Please get your subscription to the person that collected your money last year or to myself.

**Jane Barkham**  
PCC Secretary.

## Wigtoft Village Hall

### Wigtoft Village Hall Calendar For March & April

#### March 2024

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dog Training  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dog Training  
**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Brunch/ Full Breakfast 9am to noon**  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dog Training  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dog Training  
**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Brunch**  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Garden Club 7pm  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dog Training  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dog Training  
**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Last Saturday Brunch 10am to noon**  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 10am Scraps & 7pm Fashion Show  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Dog Training  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Dog Training

#### April 2024

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dog Training  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Dog Training  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dog Training  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dog Training  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Garden Club 7pm  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Councillor Cantwell Surgery 12 - 1pm  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Scraps 10am

### Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

The Village Hall is available for events and bookings

For further information, please contact Virna on 01205 460259

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

# Village Hall News & Events

Time has gone so quickly, and we are now in the last month of having Saturday Brunch at the Village Hall. The last one is Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and we will be serving the last Full Breakfast on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. After this you will be able to get refreshments at the church on Saturday mornings throughout the summer and we will back again on the 5<sup>th</sup> October.

We have had lots of events over the past year, from Fish & Chip Suppers to Curry Nights to Sunday Lunches, Fashion Shows and events with Pat Campbell singing and entertaining us. We thank you all for supporting us and hope that all of you that came along had a great time!!

Whilst we now have a rest and enjoy the summer we will be planning events for later on in the year, so keep watching this space to see what will be coming up.

We had a very ambitious target this year to raise enough money to carry out some major things in the Hall. Through hard work and enjoying ourselves we have managed to have a completely new heating system installed, had a new kitchen fitted, decorated it and bought new crockery and utensils. Updated the heaters in both the gents and the ladies and bought new table covers.

Without all of you supporting us we would not have been able to achieve so much, so a huge thank-you from all of the Village Hall Committee.

Our aim for this year is to continue updating the Hall and are hoping to achieve the following:- Decorating the Main Hall and the Entrance Hall. Decorating both the Ladies and the Gents toilets. Updating the ladies toilets with new modern toilets and boxing in all pipe work.

Our next event is the Fashion Show on the 26<sup>th</sup> March. Our last one was a huge success and everyone had a great time, so do come along and join us, all welcome, and there are some fantastic bargains to be had!

## FASHION SHOW & SALE

Get special reduced prices on your favorite brands! Including Fatface, Whitestuff, Hobbs, M & S, Next

Tuesday  
26th March  
6.30pm for  
7pm



Wigtoft Village Hall are hosting a Lincs Fashion Show- Clothes range from Smart to Casual, Age Ranges 16+ / Sizes 8-24 - All garments perfect, no seconds - **Spring & Summer range on sale**

Tickets £5 to include entrance, glass of fizz and a cupcake  
All proceeds going towards the decorating and maintenance of the Village Hall

For tickets contact Sandra on 01205 460536 or Sally on 01205 460117

## 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.*

## Some thoughts!

Well, I'm writing this well in advance of you reading your magazine. It's a cold day. Is there any other at this time of year!! The awful weather has caused much flooding, both to homes and fields. Watching the news it seems that many are suffering. Homes will take a long time to be repaired while Farmers cannot plant their crops. Our sympathy is with them all.

Why am I writing this early! Because I'm away soon, visiting my daughter in Kenya and I won't be around before the magazine goes to print.

I hear you say—lucky for her, going away in this dreadful weather!!-- And, yes, you are right. I am very fortunate. Kenya is a beautiful place. Although, socially it is much divided, but then I suppose most countries are. This time I am visiting the coast, Ukunda. Before, I have journeyed interior to visit the wonderful Masai Mara people.

It has to be said, I'm a bit of a stick-in-the-mud, and I love where I live. I don't do as much walking as once I did for various reasons. But, when I do I love to look around at the big skies and lovely fields. We have had a harsh winter but spring isn't far away. Lincolnshire is a beautiful county and certainly shouldn't be spoilt by the pylons, which the powers that be, are threatening to place along our countryside. Of course, it's a long way off and may never happen.

We hear an awful lot about climate change, being "green," and saving our planet. Conservation is a very big topic and so it should be. We need to preserve our wonderful planet for future generations. But we look, see and take in with our eyes, so why would we wish to see electricity pylons everywhere spoiling our lovely views. Yes, we do require clean energy, of course we do, but there are other more friendly ways of doing so.

We will all have different opinions of course, all are valued.

By the time I return from climates warm I live in hope that the snowdrops along the farmlands will be appearing, showing their lovely heads. A promise to us all that winter is almost over and spring isn't too far away.

There is much going on in the village at present, so lots to do. Don't stay at home; join in the odd coffee and bacon butty or perhaps lunch. The meals are delicious at the village hall with such good entertainment; you will receive a warm welcome. Remember also, our lovely eleventh century church is still open; thanks to those people who make lots of pennies at various fairs to keep it going. So, why not join in worship on a Sunday morning! We also have a Walker and a Litter Picking group, both good fun and exercise!

Whatever you do, enjoy! So, keep warm and safe.

I will try and bring some much needed sunshine back!

Let's look to the year ahead and hope that it's a good one for us all.

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## Something To Make You Smile

### **ROMANCE, SENIOR-STYLE**

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk.

She said: "You use to hold my hand when we were courting."

Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second, and tried to get back to sleep.

A few moments later she said: "Then you use to kiss me."

Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek, and settled down to sleep.

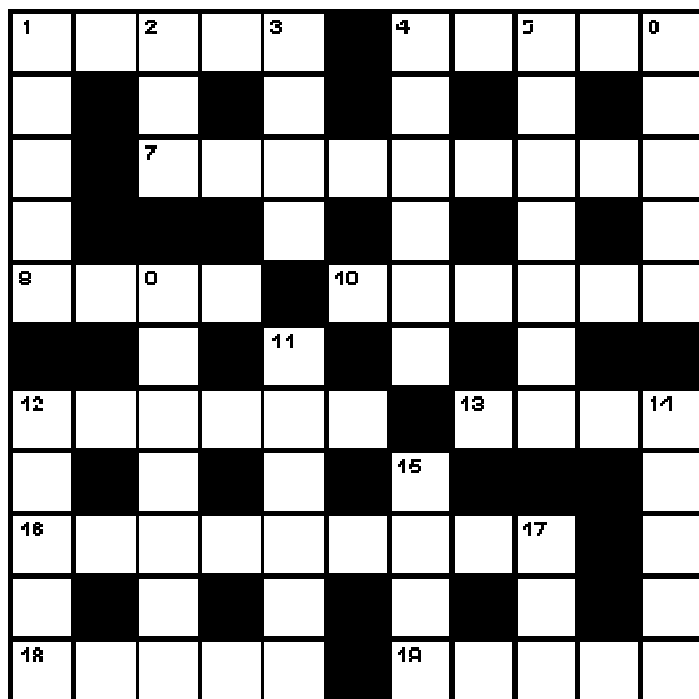
Thirty seconds later she said: "Then you use to bite my neck"

Angrily, he threw back the bedclothes and got out of bed.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

"To get my teeth!"

## PUZZLE PAGE



The solution can be found on page 10

### Down

1. Journal (5)
2. Menagerie (3)
3. World's longest river (4)
4. Secret or hidden (6)
5. Bustling (7)
6. Abated (5)
9. Placed a bet (7)
11. Thinner (6)
12. Consumed (5)
14. Proficient (5)
15. Female relative (4)
17. Part of a circle (3)

### Across

1. Twelve (5)
4. Hoard (5)
7. Unaware (9)
8. Gape (4)
10. Wore away (6)
12. Birds of prey (6)
13. Notion (4)
16. Large spider (9)
18. The lowest point of anything (5)
19. Implied ( 5)

## Something Different To Do In 2024

If you are looking for something different to do in 2024, why not get in touch with me, Helen Robinson, to discuss the many ways to volunteer in scouting.

Scouts can make you feel good and we'll guide you to an opportunity where you'll:

- Make friends and meet people
- Try new things and challenge yourself
- Get outdoors and get stuck in
- Positively impact your community
- Create vital opportunities for young people
- Make memories that'll last a lifetime

If you can only occasionally help, that's OK. Whether you'd like to be an activity planner, tea-maker or craft creator, we appreciate any time you can spare.

**Helen Robinson, Explorer Scout Leader**

**Text or WhatsApp 07967 806809 or email [helen.robinson@stamfordbournescouts.org.uk](mailto:helen.robinson@stamfordbournescouts.org.uk)**

### *Readers Letters And Comments*

We would like to thank all the people who organised the Pie and Mash night at the Village Hall on Saturday 27th of January. The entertainment was very good by Pat Campbell as usual. Having a sing along and bit of dancing. Atmosphere excellent.

**Eileen & Dave**

# Gardening Tips For March And April

## What to do in the garden in March



This month's timely tips are all about getting a head start in the garden.

Fertilise your beds. Once your soil is workable, dig a 5cm (or more) layer of compost or well-rotted manure into your beds to prepare for the growing season ahead. You can also work in a general-purpose fertiliser, such as pelleted chicken manure, or fish, blood and bone.

Put supports in. If any of your garden plants or **climbers** need supporting this year, put them in now, so plants can grow up through them. Adding supports afterwards is trickier and often looks unattractive.

Move deciduous trees or shrubs. Now is the time to do this task, provided the soil isn't frozen or waterlogged.

Resurface paths before plants start to grow and smother them.

### Here's how to look after your lawn this March:

Recut any lawn edges if necessary.

Install lawn edging to make future maintenance easier.

Mow your lawn if it needs it. Choose a dry day and set your blades higher than usual.

Lay new turf if the ground isn't frozen or waterlogged.

Prepare soil for growing new lawn from seed. Doing this now allows it time to settle before sowing.

## What to do in the garden in April

### Start with these four garden tasks this month:

Order annual plants like geraniums, begonias and petunias online now for summer bedding and hanging basket displays - it's your last chance!

Give your greenhouse a thorough scrub (if you haven't already) with hot soapy water. This will get rid of pests and diseases and let in more light.

Prepare beds for the growing season. Dig in a 5cm (or more) layer of compost or well-rotted manure. You can also work in a general-purpose fertiliser, such as pelleted chicken manure, or fish, blood and bone.

Check your patio plants aren't drying out. The warmer weather will quickly affect soil moisture levels - try mixing water storing granules with compost to improve water retention in containers.

### And here are some other jobs to be getting on with this month:

Check compost bins to see if you have any compost that's ready to use.

Improve the drainage of heavy soils by incorporating plenty of organic matter.

Top up raised beds with compost and good quality topsoil.

Top dress containers with fresh compost. If your containers are already full, replace the top 5 cm of old compost with fresh stuff.

Keep on top of weeding now that the weather is warming up. Run a hoe through beds and borders.

Apply weed killer to perennial weeds in paving and patios.

Look out for signs of pests and diseases, early prevention is easier than curing an infestation.

Remove dirt from your paths and paving before summer arrives. Use a pressure washer or special patio cleaner.

Buy fresh potting compost and store it in a cool, dry place in preparation for the season ahead.

Invest in water butts. Position them under a downpipe to make the most of rainfall.

Top up bird baths and bird feeding stations to encourage birds into your garden.





## Wigtoft Village Activities To Join In

### Wigtoft Walkers



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

**March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> Starting at 1.30pm (new time) 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.

**March 4<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**

*A coffee afterwards is usually a good reward!!*

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



## WIGTOFT GARDENING CLUB



**Garden Club resumes on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.**

As yet we haven't compiled our list of events and outings for the year but hopefully we will have some , possibly all, of the years events by then.

It is our AGM so we welcome any input from present and future members.

See you all in March .

Our April meeting will be at 7pm on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Rosemary ( Chairperson)**

**Contact number:- 01205 460902**

## SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

### The Church with the Yellow Door

#### SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Libby Craggs  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Geoff Carter  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Rev David Curran  
**Palm Sunday** 24<sup>th</sup> Darren Charlton  
**Good Friday** 29<sup>th</sup> Rev Luke Smith  
**Easter Sunday** 31<sup>st</sup> Rev Luke Smith

#### SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Darren Charlton  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> At Broad Street  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> At Kirton  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs Trish Hicken

*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  
**March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 12 noon.**

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

## Citizens Advice South Lincs new support service for people over 65

### We Can Support Older People To Find A Way Forward...

The cost of living crisis has had an impact on older people and presented barriers to accessing support. We are now able to offer home visits where one of our advisers will discuss your needs and provide you with advice or information on a range of issues such as:

- welfare payments
- home adaptations
- energy saving schemes
- form filling
- income maximisation and cost of living support

Please Call 0808 278 7996 to book an appointment



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**SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
(THE CHURCH WITH THE YELLOW DOOR)

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**  
**10 am to 4 pm**

**Tombola, Raffle and Cake Stall**

**Also serving light refreshments**  
**Soup will also be available between**  
**12 noon and 2 pm**

### Crossword Solution

D	O	Z	E	N		C	A	C	H	E
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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.*



## Boston Borough Council Bin Collection Dates for March \ April 2024



<u>March</u>		<u>April</u>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Purple / Brown Bin	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Bin / Brown
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Bin / Brown	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Green Bin	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Purple / Brown Bins
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Purple / Brown Bins		

***Don't forget to renew your Garden Waste Brown Bin collection subscription ready for April***

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Karen Fosdick, Sally Smith Virna Atkinson, John Craggs

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

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## Wigtoft Parish Council Annual General Meeting

Wigtoft Parish Council will be hosting the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday the 4th June 2024 in the Village Hall from 6.30pm to 7pm. All residents of the village are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the noticeboard, website and our Facebook page in due course. An invitation will be sent to all groups in the village. Please contact the clerk, Ann Fletcher, on 07383 276892 or [wigtoftpc@gmail.com](mailto:wigtoftpc@gmail.com) if you have any questions

Kind regards, Ann Fletcher Clerk to Wigtoft Parish Council  
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### 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](http://wigtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk)**

# Wigtoft Parish Council

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## SHORTENED FORM OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL CONDENSED FOR THE NEWSLETTER. A FULL VERSION OF THE MINUTES CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE [wigtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://wigtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk).

**Present:** Cllr S Bringham; Cllr S Baxter; Cllr B Leggott; Cllr I Mills; Cllr K Redhead. Also present County Councillor M Brookes and Boston Borough Councillor James Cantwell.

**Chairman's remarks** – The Parish Councillors do many things in the village. Yesterday a sausage and mash lunch was provided for pensioners who live in the village. It was an amazing afternoon and a lot of positive feedback has been received. I believe, as a Parish Council, we should continue to communicate with our residents and get to know them.

**To receive apologies and reasons for absence.** Cllr Smith sent her apologies and reason for absence. It was resolved to accept her apology and reason for absence. Cllr Collingwood sent his apologies and reason for absence which was not seen by the clerk until after the meeting. Boston Borough Councillor D Brown sent his apologies.

### 80/23 Financial matters: Accounts due for payment

<u>Date of invoice</u>	<u>Details of payment</u>	<u>Amount ex vat</u>	<u>Vat reclaimable</u>	<u>VAT not reclaimable</u>
15.11.23	Pay	263.53		
15.11.23	PAYE	65.80		
15.11.23	Clerk use of home as office	30.00		
31.10.23	Payroll Services	18.00		
5.11.23	Printer Ink	8.32	1.67	
5.12.23	Printer Ink	8.32	1.67	
17.11.23	Grass cutting	310.00	62.00	
28.11.23	Stationery	5.82	1.17	
9.11.23	Playing field annual inspection	112.20	22.44	
4.12.23	New gate and fencing for Wildlife Garden	728.80	145.76	
1.12.23	Interim internal audit	60.00		
6.11.23	Donation to the Village Hall Committee towards the cost of new heating	950.00		
11.12.23	Christmas Tree sponsorship	10.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2570.79</b>	<b>234.71</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
NONE				

It was resolved to agree the payments schedule and the budget. ACTION: Clerk to make payments and add budget to website

### 81/23 Planning: B/23/0324, erection of a proposed potato store at Mill Farm, Wigtoft Road Sutterton.

It was resolved that there were no comments or objections. ACTION: Clerk to advise Planning Department.

### 82/23 Correspondence received since the November Meeting.

10.11.23	LALC enews	Emailed to Councillors 10.11.23
15.11.23	Email from Borough Councillor James Cantwell about the road sweeper cleaning the path outside the chicken farm.	Emailed to Councillors 16.11.23
13.11.23	Information about the School Admissions Policy Consultations 2025/26	Emailed to Councillors 21.11.23. Link posted on Facebook.
17.11.23	LALC training bulletin	Emailed to Councillors 21.11.23.
24.11.2	LALC enews.	Emailed to Councillors 28.11.23.
29.11.23	Town & Parish Council update from LCC	Emailed to Councillors 5.12.23.
29.11.23	Update from Old Leake Parish Council about their meeting with BBC about the footway lighting costs.	Emailed to Councillors 5.12.23.
4.12.23	BBC invite to Parish Council Liaison meeting.	Emailed to Councillors 5.12.23.
4.12.23	Greater Lincs Council devolution launch details from LCC.	Emailed to Councillors 5.12.23.

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### **83/23 Councillors' Reports**

**Cllr Mills** – there are pot holes on Asperton Road outside Asperton Farm and Red Roofs bungalow. Cllr Mills will forward photos to the clerk so that this can be reported on Fix My Street.

**Cllr Redhead** – asked who maintains the culvert which goes under the Main Road. It was established that this falls within the boundary of Sutterton Parish so would need to be reported by them.

**Cllr Leggott** – the verges along Green Lane are collapsing due to the weather. He will report on Fix My Street.

**County Cllr Brookes** - There is an LCC consultation about Electric Vehicle charging needs. There is an on line link to enter your feedback. There is a similar LCC consultation about Devolution. Traffic Management is going through a scrutiny review. There will be some form of Public Engagement.

**General comment** - Thanks to Cllrs Leggott, Mills and Baxter for putting up the new Christmas Lights. They are looking good.

### **84/23 Clerk's report**

The new gate in the Wildlife Garden is now in situ. The new Christmas Lights are now installed. A donation of £950 to the Village Hall Committee has been sent. I will be on annual leave from the 29.12.23 to the 15.1.24. The bank reconciliation for the month of October 2023 balances.

### **85/23 To review the Annual play area inspection undertaken by Wicksteed Leisure and to agree any actions. To agree who will do the inspections due between this meeting and the next meeting on the 5.2.24.**

There were only two items from the report to discuss - the roundabout and the wetpour surface underneath. This has been categorised as very low risk. It was resolved to monitor carefully at each monthly check. Cllr Mills volunteered to undertake the January inspection. It was suggested the clerk prepare a rota for the monthly check in advance and circulate. **ACTION: Clerk to forward template and rota.**

### **86/23 To confirm the sponsorship of a Christmas Tree at a cost of £10.**

This item had been agreed by email. It was resolved to confirm the donation.

### **87/23 To discuss the clerk's annual review undertaken at 18.30 prior to this meeting.**

It was resolved to move into closed session to discuss the next two agenda items. Cllrs Brookes, Cantwell and the clerk left the room at 8pm.

The Chair and Vice Chair gave feedback and their recommendations to the Councillors. It was resolved that the clerk's salary to be increased in line with the publishes pay scales by £1 per hour, the monthly payment for use of home as office to be increased to £35 and the payment for any mileage claimed by the clerk (outside normal travelling) to be increased to 60p per mile. These increases are to take place with immediate effect.

### **89/23 An update on the discussion about speeding traffic in the village from the last meeting. To discuss the application to join the Community Speed Watch Scheme at a cost of £50. This agenda item was bought forward by the Chairperson.**

The clerk gave information about joining the Community Speed Watch scheme. County Councillor Brookes passed on information about the new Speed Indicator devices which Swineshead Parish Council have purchased and gave a comparison to the old devices which have been offered to Wigtoft and Bicker to share. Councillors thanked Cllr Brookes and resolved to discuss this option during as part of agenda item 15. Cllrs Brookes and Cantwell left the meeting at 8.25pm.

### **90/23 To complete the budget planning for 1.4.24 to 31.3.25.**

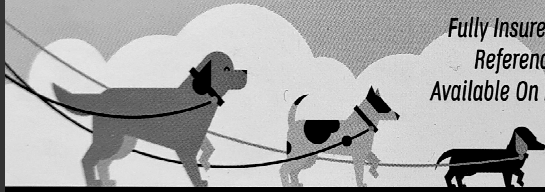
This was the second discussion about the budget planning. The budget was finalised and it was resolved to accept these figures apart from a decision on funding the replacement of the old footway lighting lamps with LED lamps on 9 lamps and whether to purchase a new Speed Indicator Device or stick with the offer of sharing Swineshead Parish Council's old device with Bicker. Following the information from Cllr Brookes, Councillors felt that a new device would be a better option and would decide once figures are to hand showing the impact on reserves and the amount of precept requested. It was resolved to suspend Financial Regulation 11.1h to accept the quotation from the existing grass cutting contractor without obtaining two further quotes as it is becoming increasingly difficult to find other contractors willing to quote and the Parish Council is very happy with the current contractors' work. Full details are on a separate document attached to the minutes. **ACTION: Clerk to send out details of the proposed budget including figures for the new Speed Indicator Device and the cost of replacing the footway lighting lamps. Councillors to confirm to the clerk their acceptance or rejection of the proposed budget by emails which will be ratified at the next meeting on the 5th of February.**

**Meeting closed at 20:45. Next meeting 5.2.24 at 19:00.**

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