

# WIGTOFT VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

March / April 2025

## Bus Service From Wigtoft to Boston and Spalding

From January there has been a bus service running to Boston and Spalding every hour from about 9.30 until 6.30 Monday to Friday, leaving for Boston at half past the hour and to Spalding at about 20 minutes past the hour. The bus stops on the road outside the car park in the middle of the village outside the church. This is a useful service which will hopefully continue if it is used sufficiently.

The bus number is B3 and you will find a copy of the bus timetable in the newsletter on page 11



*This was possibly the last bus before this year to come through Wigtoft, on the side it says The Wigtoft Omnibus*

## WIGTOFT CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

THEME - WIGTOFT PAST & PRESENT

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL ALSO 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 10am TO 3pm EACH DAY

STALLS, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, REFRESHMENTS

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS EVERYONE,

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US**



## Councillor James Cantwell Meeting at Wigtoft Village Hall

Cllr James Cantwell who is Councillor for Five Villages Ward which includes Wigtoft, will be holding a surgery at Wigtoft Village Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 12pm to 1pm.

Everyone is welcome. James will be more than happy to discuss any topics arising within our area and answer questions or queries, such as council services etc.



## Wigtoft Village Contact Details

### **Parish Council Members**

Sandra Brigham (Chair) - Steve Baxter (Vice Chair)  
Bruce Leggott, Simon Collingwood, Sally Smith, Ian Mills, Kim Redhead  
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### **Village Hall Committee**

Virna Atkinson ... 01205 460259 Janet Sargeant ... 01205 460017  
Sandra Brigham ... 01205 460536 Sally Smith ... 01205 460117  
Wendy McCombie ... 01205 461005

### **St Peter & St Paul Parish Church**

PCC Contact Jane Barkham ..... 01205 460714  
Vicar Revd. Mark Williams .....07572 888998 Email [vicarhavengroup@gmail.com](mailto:vicarhavengroup@gmail.com)

### **Sutterton Methodist Church**

Minister - Rev. Luke Smith ... 07376248147

### **Police**

Boston Police Station ... 01205 366222 Kirton Police Station ... 01205 722002  
Community Liaison Officer ... 01205 312735

**Police Non Emergency ... 101**

**Medical Non Emergency ... 111**

### **General Contacts**

Sutterton Doctors Surgery ... 01205 460254 Boston Pilgrim Hospital ... 01205 364801  
Boston Borough Council ... 01205 314200 BBC out of hours emergency .01205 360300  
BBC Refuse Department .. 01205 311112 Anglian Water Emergency ... 03457 145145  
Western Power Distribution ... 0800 6783105 or just 105 (to report a power cut)

## **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)**

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



## **Boston Borough Council Bin Collection Dates for March \ April 2025**



<u>March</u>		<u>April</u>	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Blue / Brown Bins	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Blue / Brown Bins
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Green Bin	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bin
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Purple / Brown Bins	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Purple / Brown Bins



# St. Peter & St. Paul WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

As you will see from the list of events for 2025 the friends are going to be busy again this year. The Bacon Butties will start again at the Church on Saturday 29th March 10a.m to 12noon. The Coffee & Craft morning will start on 20th March 10a.m to 12noon and will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

We are applying for the Community Pay Back Team to come again this year to help keep the Churchyard tidy. But in the meantime, we will be looking for people to help us to keep on top of the grass cutting. If anyone has some spare time and could help, we do have 3 lawn mowers and a strimmer at the Church. If you can help, then please contact a member of the PCC.

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## RENEWAL OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years we have to renew our electoral roll, and this is the year that this has to be done. If you are presently on the Church electoral roll and wish to stay on it, then please contact me for a renewal form.

If at this time you are not on the electoral roll and wish to go onto it, then you will need to fill in a form also. To be on the Church electoral roll you need to be 16 or over and have been baptised. Being on the Church electoral roll gives you a vote at the AGM and also means if you wish to you can apply to join the Parochial Church Council.

For a form, please contact Jane Barkham on 01205 460714.

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## CHURCH EVENTS FOR 2025

The following is a list of events for 2025 Please make a note of them. We hope to see you all at some or all of them.

Flower Festival 26th & 27th April and 3rd & 4th May 10a.m to 3p.m

Cream Teas 21st June 2p.m to 4p.m

Craft Weekend 13th & 14th September 10a.m to 3p.m

Harvest Event 5th October (Service 3p.m, Harvest Tea & Auction 4p.m)

MacMillan Coffee Morning 16th October 10a.m to 12noon

Carol Service 28th November 6p.m

Christmas Tree Festival 29th & 30th November and 6th & 7th December 10a.m to 3p.m

If anyone would like to help at any of these events, then please contact either Jean on 01205 460546 or Jane on 01205 460714.

**PCC Of Wigtoft Parish**

### Wigtoft Church Services

**March**      Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>    Holy Communion 9:30a.m - Rev. Mark Williams  
                  Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>    Holy Communion 9:30a.m - Rev. Sue Hentley  
                  Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am

**April**        Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>    Holy Communion 9:30a.m - Rev. Mark Williams  
                  Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>    Holy Communion 9:30a.m - Rev. Sue Hentley

**Please do come and join us, all are welcome.**

# Wigtoft Village Hall News

By the time you read this we will soon be coming to the end of Saturday morning butties at the Village Hall, the last one will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. A special thanks to all those that have baked cakes, made donations and given their time to ensure that we have all been able to get together to enjoy bacon butties, home baked cake and have a good catch up with neighbours every Saturday throughout the winter, and for all those that came for the first time this year, it was great to meet you, and we hope to catch up and see you all again when we come back in October. In the meantime, the Church will be doing butties and cakes until then.

We haven't held many events in the hall recently due to the refurbishments but we are having an Easter Wreath Making afternoon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2pm to 4pm. Everything will be provided to make the wreath and the ticket price will also include lots of tea and hot cross buns. Places are limited, so, if you wish to come along contact Sandra 01205 460536 or Sally 01205 460117. Tickets are just £20 each. Come and join us for a fun crafting afternoon.

The refurbishment of the hall is now complete and we are lucky to have such a lovely facility in the village available to all, and at just £10 per hour to hire too!! Leaflets with full details are available from the dispenser under the notice board in the car park or you can contact Virna on 01205 460259.

Once again, thank you for all your continued support and we hope to see you all soon.

**Have a great summer,**

**The Village Hall Committee**

## **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.***

## **Booking Wigtoft Village Hall**

The Village Hall is available for hire at a cost of just £10 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 Village Hall Calendar For March & April

### March 2025

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Brunch 10am - 12  
Mom 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7pm  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Sat 8<sup>st</sup> Saturday Brunch 10am - 12  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday Brunch 10am - 12  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Brunch 10am - 12  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Scraps  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm

### April 2025

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting - 7pm  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Easter Wreath Making 1 - 4pm  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Dog Training 6pm - 9pm  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Cllr James Cantwell - Surgery  
12 - 1pm  
Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Scraps

A black and white poster for an Easter Wreath Making event. At the top, it says 'WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL' in a simple font. Below that, 'Easter Wreath Making' is written in a large, elegant cursive script. The text is framed by a decorative wreath of leaves and flowers. In the center, the date 'FRIDAY 11 APRIL' is displayed with the number '11' being significantly larger than the other text. Below the date, the time '2PM - 4PM' is written. Further down, there are three lines of text: 'JOIN US TO MAKE A BEAUTIFUL EASTER WREATH. TICKET PRICE INCLUDES EVERYTHING TO MAKE YOUR WREATH, INC TEA AND HOT CROSS BUNS', 'TICKETS ARE JUST £20', and 'CONTACT SANDRA 01205 460536 OR SALLY 01205 460117'. At the bottom, it says 'COME & JOIN US FOR A FUN CREATIVE AFTERNOON'.

## **Village Hall Quiz and Buffet**

Courtesy of the Wigtoft Village Hall we all thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful Sunday afternoon of entertainment on February 17th.

Thirty plus people had great a time with quizzes and games of bingo with fun prizes.

It was made all the better with delicious refreshments of sandwiches, pies etc. plus home made cakes.

None of this would have been possible without the efforts of Sally and Sandra and their team of hard working helpers who work tirelessly for the village hall and the village. We are so fortunate to have them.

Please come along to the Village Hall events. It has been recently refurbished and looks amazing.

*From one of the happy attendees.*

## **Wigtoft Village Hall**

**Your perfect space  
for gatherings,  
events & meetings**



## **HALL FOR HIRE: BOOK TODAY!**

Our refurbished village hall is available for all types of events, from business meetings to weddings. With ample space and amenities, your experience will be enjoyable and memorable for everyone.

Available for one-off, occasional or regular hire, we can accommodate up to 50 people seated, with a total capacity of 70.

Included in the hire price of just £10 per hour is the use of a well-equipped kitchen, modern toilets, including disabled toilet and baby changing facilities.

The building is fully accessible, has car parking facilities, air-conditioning and full fibre free wi-fi. A PA system can also be hired.

**An ideal place to hold your business meeting/conference**

To book or for more details contact Virna on 01205 460259

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Wigtoft Village Hall, Main Road, Wigtoft PE20 2NX



## **Newsletter Puzzles**

Many of our readers enjoy doing the puzzles that we sometimes include in the newsletter, One reader particularly enjoys them and generously sends a donation to our printing costs every year, many thanks from the newsletter team to that person

This month the puzzles are a bit different, on page 8 You will find some Sudoku puzzles to try, someone gave me a Sudoku book for Christmas with over 250 puzzles in it which has kept me very busy over the last couple of months, good luck

## **GARDENER / HANDYMAN**

Wanted in Wigtoft once a fortnight, approximately, to mainly cut lawns with a ride on mower and other gardening jobs throughout the summer.

Please call 01205 460506 or 07818 407727

## A Farming Roundup from Casterton House Farm

As we get into the new year and Christmas is a fading memory, I thought I would let you know what is happening on the farm.

January is never that exciting on an arable farm, most days are taken up with either servicing machinery or drainage work to ensure water can get off the land. So instead of boring you with all that I thought I would tell you about the food that is produced on the farm and how you might find it in the shops.

We farm approximately 600 acres here at Casterton House Farm, growing a variety of arable crops. The biggest area, about 250 acres, is growing winter wheat. Not that exciting you would think but some of it does find its way into your food. For example, we grow some special varieties that end up in Weetabix or as an ingredient in biscuits, e.g. McVitie's Digestives! The rest of the wheat will end up in the feed ration for either pigs or chickens.

We grow about 100 acres of spring barley and if the quality is good enough it will be sold as malting barley and could end up being made into one of your favourite lagers!

The 80 acres of vining peas that we grow are frozen at Boston and will end up in the freezer section of the supermarket, usually packed under their own label, e.g. Tesco Finest Petit Pois.

Sugar Beet is another important crop grown, this is transported to Wissington in Norfolk and either ends up as sugar molasses in food ingredients or is made into 'Silver Spoon' granulated Sugar, always look out for this brand as opposed to Tate and Lyle as this is made from imported sugar cane.

Oil Seed Rape is still grown although on a much smaller scale as it is becoming an increasingly difficult crop to grow due to changing weather patterns. The oil from it is used a lot in paints, plastics or sold as rape seed oil for cooking.

Other crops produced on this farm are a range of vegetables such as broccoli and cabbage, these being sold in the veg aisle but also a lot of the cabbage is sold as the main ingredient for coleslaw.

Potatoes are also grown here, not by us as the capital involved is extremely high, so this is usually done by specialised growers, interestingly a lot of the potatoes grown on the farm are Salad Potatoes, a smaller waxy variety often used in potato salad.

I hope this gives you more of an insight as to how some of your food is produced and hopefully when you are next shopping you can buy some of the fantastic British produce that the UK farmers grow.



## WIGTOFT & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS 2025



**The first meeting of the year is on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**All meetings are on Mondays at 7pm**

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

## SUDOKU Puzzles

Each puzzle starts with a grid in which some numbers are already placed.

You need to work out where the other numbers between 1 and 9 will fit. A completed puzzle is one where every horizontal and every vertical row contain all nine numbers only once, the larger boxes also need contain the numbers from 1 to 9.

Alongside this is an example of a completed puzzle,

You will find the solutions on page 15

7	9	6	5	1	8	2	3	4
3	8	1	9	4	2	7	5	6
5	2	4	6	7	3	8	1	9
4	6	7	1	2	5	9	8	3
9	1	8	7	3	6	5	4	2
2	5	3	8	9	4	6	7	1
8	7	2	4	6	1	3	9	5
6	4	9	3	5	7	1	2	8
1	3	5	2	8	9	4	6	7

Row →

Box ↑ Column ↑

**Puzzle 1**

7				6	4		8	
3	2	6	1			5		7
		5		9	3		6	
6			1		3	4		
2			9		7			5
	9	1		6				2
	3		2	7		9		
9		2			8	1	5	4
1		8						3

**Puzzle 2**

				3	5	4		1
8		3			4			9
9			8		7			
	3		4	1			5	
4	1						7	8
	2			5	8			1
		4	5		9			2
5			6			8		3
1		6	2	4				

**Puzzle 3**

2			8	3	1			5
		9			5		1	
5		3		2	4	7		6
		8	3		2		9	
9		1		8		5		3
	4		1		9	6		
8		2	5	1		4		7
	6		2			8		
7			6	9	8			1

## Wigtoft Bowls Club

Wigtoft club is a small lawn bowls club that is currently competing in the Boston and Conningsby bowls leagues. We need new members so anyone interested in joining our club please get in touch. We recently had a grant to improve the area's around the green including releveling all the paving around the green and stoning all other area's in order to minimise maintenance. We will be having an open day on Sunday 27th April at 13.30 where you will be able to try lawn bowls and also enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. If you are interested please contact

**Peter Brigham Tel 07919 991429**

## **Scraps R Us**

Our next meetings are March 25<sup>th</sup> @10am, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @10am., the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in each month, at Wigtoft Village Hall. Join us for coffee and biscuits and a chat. We are a friendly group, bring your own crafts.

*We look forward to seeing you there.*

## **WIGTOFT CHURCH LOTTERY**

It is time to renew your membership of the Church Draw.

If you wish to stay in the Church Draw, then pay your £12.00 to your usual collector or a member of the PCC. If you are not in the Draw yet then you can join it by contacting a member of the PCC



## Wigtoft Wombles

Every month you will see us picking up litter from our lovely village of Wigtoft. I'm sure it is much appreciated by many of you. We do this because we wish the village to be well presented and to keep it clean for all.

Of late we have been very surprised by not just litter but by the "fly tipping" we have come across. It ranges from empty cans to bags of disused paper cups and plates. We do not think for one moment that this is down to those who live within the village. We are aware that many of you pick up litter as you walk alone or with your dogs. It is our belief that people enter the village and just throw bags out of car window or doors.

We are asking for your help. If you see anyone doing this please would you be so kind as to let either a "litter picker" know or a member of the Parish Council. We do not wish this to escalate.

**Thank You.**

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## Wigtoft Walkers Sponsored Walk

The Wigtoft Walkers have decided to put their feet to good use this year. We wish to raise money for **The Butterfly Hospice** which is a charity based in Boston that does so much good for those who are terminally ill and their families.

But, we cannot do this without your help.

Our aim is that on **Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am to do a sponsored walk or cycle ride from St Peter and St Pauls Wigtoft to St Botolph's Church (the Stump) in Boston, this is just under 8 miles.**

There will be stops along the way and some transport available for those who may find the distance too far. But every little helps. We will then gather at the Stump before returning home.

Sponsor forms are obtainable from the Village Hall and Wigtoft Church during Bacon Butty mornings. Further details will be available very soon.

In the meantime why not just walk and enjoy!! You can always meet up with the Walkers and have some fun!

**For further details chat with a Wigtoft Walker.**

## 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 March 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> Starting at 10 am outside the Village Hall.**

For further information contact Kim on 01205 460711

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### Litter Picking

*Help to keep our village tidy, come and join us.*

**Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**

Everyone very welcome. For Further information please contact Kim on 01205 460711.



# SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

(THE CHURCH WITH THE YELLOW DOOR)

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

Theme: Farming

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2025

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PLANT AND CAKE STALLS

TOMBOLA AND A RAFFLE

ALSO

SERVING LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

### SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

The Church with the Yellow Door

#### SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Own Arrangement  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Paul Cockburn (HC)  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> At Kirton  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Darren Charlton  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Pat Gooding

#### SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Rev. David Curran  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Rev Luke Smith (HC)  
Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm Rev Luke Smith (HC)  
Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Jim Stobart  
Sunday 27<sup>rd</sup> Libby Craggs

*All services are at 10.30am followed by tea and biscuits*

#### MARCH and APRIL COFFEE MORNINGS

Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
(5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of March & 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April)

10 a.m. to 12 noon

**All Are Welcome**

Contact: Darren Charlton Mobile: 07904 188065



# Wigtoft Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON the 2<sup>ns</sup> of December 2024.

**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 Brigham; Cllr S Baxter; Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Collingwood; Cllr K Redhead and Cllr I Mills.

**Public Forum. (The Public Forum does not form part of the meeting of the Parish Council)**  
– none.

Cllr Brigham opened the meeting at 19.02.

**To receive apologies and reasons for absence.** Apologies and reason for absence received from Cllr Leggott due to sickness and Cllr Collingwood due to other commitments. It was resolved to accept their apologies and reasons for absence.

**Notes of the meetings held on 4.11.24 to be confirmed and signed as minutes.**

The above notes were agreed and signed as minutes by Cllr Brigham. It was resolved to accept the notes as minutes.

**Financial matters: Accounts due for payment for November and budget figures ytd. To hand over the bank reconciliation from 1.7.24 to 30.9.24 to Cllr Leggott.**

<u>Date</u>	Details of Payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	VAT not reclaimable
15.11.24	Pay	382.86		
15.11.24	PAYE	95.80		
15.11.24	Clerk use of home as office	35.00		
9.11.24	Stationery	3.96	0.79	
30.11.24	Payroll Services	18.00		
5.11.24	Printer Ink	9.99	2.00	
18.11.24	Mid year internal audit	60.00		
13.11.24	Postage	1.95		
21.11.24	Replacement LED lights for 9 lamps	3150.00	630.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3757.56</b>	<b>632.79</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
14.11.24	vat refund	293.80		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>293.80</b>		

## **Councillors' Reports**

**Cllr Baxter** – The area between the centre islands on the A17 is overgrown with grass. County Cllr MB comment that this work may be done with the planned roadworks.

**Cllr Smith** – residents have mentioned their concern about lorries parked on the roadside. The over 65 lunch on the 1.12.24 went well. This will probably be the last one. The money left over was used for the raffle prizes.

## **Borough and County Councillors reports.**

County Councillor Brookes – There is an article about Fairer Funding in the latest Town and Parish Council Newsletter from LCC. It would help if it was possible to raise awareness about this initiative. There is a link to a template for a letter to your MP about this. Lincolnshire is £120m short each year. There is also a survey about the pylons and solar farms in the same newsletter and in the County News. Could you circulate to residents please.

Borough Councillor Cantwell – myself and Cllr Brown have produced a Christmas postcard which has been delivered to some residents and the Village Hall. Boston Borough Council Neighbourhood Services Team have advised me that they will clean up the mud by the curbs on Asperton Road as soon as possible. Two residents have asked me about a sign to advise “keep litter out of our village” and also a flashing speed sign. Councillors commented that the Parish Council have applied for funding for such a speed sign which was refused. Lincs County Council have advised that the overgrown areas on and near the building site on Asperton Road is not within their remit. The Borough Council Enforcement Officer has advised that it is not bad enough to require any action. James suggested that maybe the Wyberton Wombles might help.

## **Clerk's report**

Replacement LED lamps for streetlights – I have been advised by Eon that they were fitted in October and the invoice was sent to BBC. UPDATE 26.11.24 – INVOICE RECEIVED BY POST.

The tenant of the land has accepted the rent increase from 1.11.25. I have sent out the new agreement and received it back. It has been countersigned by the clerk and a copy will be sent to the tenant.

I am in the process of getting quotes for the replacement noticeboard and roundabout.

## **To review the quotes for the Parish Council replacement noticeboard.**

One quote has been received. It was resolved to wait until a second quote is received.

## **An update on the offer from “I dig trees” for further free trees for the community.**

It was resolved that the clerk should seek advice from Cllr Leggott re the siting of any new trees and date for delivery.

## **To discuss the email received from Richard Tice MP offering to attend a Parish Council meeting.**

It was resolved to accept the offer.

County Cllr Mike Brookes and Borough Councillor James Cantwell left the meeting at 19:52

## **To continue the budget planning process**

The clerk had sent out a budget planning spreadsheet which had been partly prepopulated with known figures. Further lines of the budget were agreed. The other budget lines which are yet to be agreed will be completed at the next meeting and the precept request will be sent to Boston Borough Council. Full details of the precept and the budget for 2025-26 will be reported in the minutes of the minutes of the next meeting and on the Parish Council website.

**Meeting closed at 20.40. Next meeting 20.1.25 at 7pm.**

## WIGTOFT NEWS AND VIEWS NEWSLETTER

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Puzzle 1

7	1	9	5	2	6	4	3	8
3	2	6	1	8	4	5	9	7
8	4	5	7	9	3	2	6	1
6	5	7	8	1	2	3	4	9
2	8	3	9	4	7	6	1	5
4	9	1	3	6	5	8	7	2
5	3	4	2	7	1	9	8	6
9	7	2	6	3	8	1	5	4
1	6	8	4	5	9	7	2	3

Puzzle 2

2	6	7	9	3	5	4	8	1
8	5	3	1	6	4	7	2	9
9	4	1	8	2	7	6	3	5
7	3	8	4	1	2	9	5	6
4	1	5	3	9	6	2	7	8
6	2	9	7	5	8	3	1	4
3	7	4	5	8	9	1	6	2
5	9	2	6	7	1	8	4	3
1	8	6	2	4	3	5	9	7

Puzzle 3

2	7	6	8	3	1	9	4	5
4	8	9	7	6	5	3	1	2
5	1	3	9	2	4	7	8	6
6	5	8	3	7	2	1	9	4
9	2	1	4	8	6	5	7	3
3	4	7	1	5	9	6	2	8
8	9	2	5	1	3	4	6	7
1	6	5	2	4	7	8	3	9
7	3	4	6	9	8	2	5	1



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