

WIGTOFT VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

September / October 2026

Some of the Village events in the coming months

Saturday coffee mornings start again in the Village Hall on October 3th 10am until Noon
Flower and Craft weekend at the Church on the 5th & 6th of September
MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 18th September 10am until Noon in the Church
The Church Harvest Festival is on Sunday October 4th with a service at 3pm in the Church
followed by Harvest Tea at 4pm in the Village Hall then the Harvest Auction.
See page 3 for details of the Village Hall events and page 5 for the Church events

Lincolnshire Drought

Well, it's official, we are experiencing a season of drought!

In case you were not aware, the ground is as hard as iron. Garden plants are dying, if not dead and grass is practically non-existent. By the time you receive this of course we may (I live in hope) have had torrential rain! We are they say, experiencing climate change. Therefore, we are all now alerted to how precious water is and conserving it is paramount. Our poor Farmers have had a dreadful time, working with rock hard land, trying to harvest, plant and water.



It's a time to be grateful to all those who work so hard providing us with both water and food.

Changes To Waste Collections

As you may already be aware there will be changes to waste collections this year

Firstly Brown Bin garden waste collections, in the past the council have stopped brown bin collections at the end of November and restarted them again in the following February, however from this year collections will continue over the winter, but instead of being every two weeks they will go to every 4 weeks. The last 2 weekly collection will be on Friday 20th of November then from the 18th of December until the 12th of March they will be collected every 4 weeks then go back to every 2 weeks after that.

Very soon the council will be collecting food waste every week, you should have already received 2 food waste bin and we should hear soon when collections will start.

***Please remember that the clocks go back 1 hour
at 2am on Sunday October 25th***

Wigtoft Village Contact Details

Parish Council Members

Ian Mills (Chair) - Steve Baxter (Vice Chair)

Bruce Leggott, Simon Collingwood, Sandra Brigham, Kim Redhead, Linda Coomber

Clerk - A. Fletcher 07473 061278 email: clerk@wigtoft-pc.gov.uk

Website: wigtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Follow on Facebook (Wigtoft Parish Council)

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

Sutterton Methodist Church

Contact - Darren Charlton 07354 662522

Police

Boston Police Station ... 01523 532222

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

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 September / October



September

Friday 4 th	Green Bin
Friday 11 th	Purple / Brown Bin
Friday 18 th	Green Bin
Friday 25 th	Blue / Brown Bin

October

Friday 2 nd	Green Bin
Friday 9 th	Purple / Brown Bin
Friday 16 th	Green Bin
Friday 23 rd	Blue / Brown Bin
Friday 30 th	Green Bin

Wigtoft Village Hall News

Time has flown by and there are only a few weeks left now before we open up the village hall again on Saturday mornings for Coffee & Cake and lots of other delicious treats. Make sure to make a note in your diaries to come and join us starting from Saturday 3rd October. We will be open from 10am to 12 noon

Talking of making a note in your diaries there are a couple of other dates to make a note of:

Saturday November 14th will be our annual Christmas Fayre (I know, it's 28 degrees outside and I'm talking about Christmas !) We will have an array of people selling all sorts of lovely gift ideas and of course there will be refreshments available throughout the event.

We do have a couple of tables still available to book, so if you are a crafter and would like to join us do give either Sandra or Sally a call.

Saturday 5th December will be our Xmas Wreath making. Due to its continued popularity we will be having a morning and afternoon session, but don't hesitate to book this one as spaces are limited and sell out very quickly. The cost is just £20 which includes everything you need to make a beautiful wreath, including refreshments.

There will be other events which we will announce once they are confirmed, and we will let you all know what they are in here and notices will be put up on our notice board at the front of the Village Hall.

We continue to struggle in having enough people to help us in keeping the Hall open and fit for purpose. From washing up, to cleaning, to weeding the car park, to helping with events, there are many ways to give us a helping hand. We are not asking for set hours of commitment, or to be on a rota with a particular regular job (well of course unless that is what is preferred), but to just give any time convenient to the individual to do any task they choose to help with. We would be super grateful to anyone that would be good enough to come to our aid.

If you would like to book a space at an event or would like to talk to us about helping out, then give Sandra on 01205 460536 or Sally on 01205 460117 a call. They would be delighted to hear from you.

Or, if you would like to book the hall please call Virna on 01205 460259.

We very much look forward to seeing you all VERY soon 😊

Wigtoft Village Hall Calendar

September 2026

Mon 21st Garden Club 7pm

October 2026

Sat 3rd Coffee Morning 10 - Noon

Mon 5th Parish Council 7pm

Sat 10th Coffee Morning 10 - Noon

Sat 17th Coffee Morning 10 - Noon

Mon 19th Garden Club 7 pm

Sat 21st Coffee Morning 10 - Noon

Sat 31st Coffee Morning 10 - Noon

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 Activities and Events To Join In

Wigtoft Walkers

Walking is one of the ways we can keep healthy and fit.

Also it enables us to enjoy the wonderful Lincolnshire countryside

So why not join us.

Wednesday 23rd September and Wednesday 21st October

Starting at 10 am outside the Village Hall.

For further information contact Kim on 01205 460711



Litter Picking

Our lovely village of Wigtoft needs your help.

Please join with the litter pickers

10.30 am Monday 7th September and Monday 5th October

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



If you see any fly-tipping could you report it to Boston Borough Council using their
website boston.gov.uk/reportflytipping or telephone 01205 314200

SCRAPS R US

*A warm welcome awaits you at our monthly **Scraps R Us** get together.*

All are welcome.

We make various craft items and often sell our handiwork to give money to various organisations. You can bring your own craft work or start something new at club. We are happy to help you make something you would like.

Each meeting there is chat and light refreshments. So, why not come along and join us!

Our meetings are held in Wigtoft Church.

Tuesday 22nd September and Tuesday 27th October at 10am - 11.30am.

We look forward to seeing you!

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



Thank You for the Harvest

The fields are golden, ripe and bright,
Beneath the warm autumn light.
The farmers worked through sun,
To grow the crops upon the plain.

We thank you for the fruit and wheat,
For all the food we have to eat.
For vegetables fresh from the ground,
And nature's gifts all around.

We thank you for the birds that sing,
For changing seasons that each year bring.
For flowing rivers, skies so blue,
And all the wonders given anew.

At Harvest time we pause and share,
Showing kindness, love and care.
Remembering those who are in need,
And helping others with every good deed.

So let us gather, hearts full of praise,
Giving thanks for these autumn days.
For harvest blessings, great and small,
With grateful hearts, we thank You for all.

Happy Harvest Festival!



We need Help At Wigtoft Village Hall

We are a Charity & rely on donations and help
to raise funds and remain open

Here are some of the ways you could help:

Bake a Cake and donate it to be sold on our Cake & Coffee
Saturday Mornings From October to March
Bake just once or regularly its up to you!
You don't have to be professional baker, home made baking
is just what we need

Help with serving Coffee & Cake on a Saturday Morning
Choose when & how many mornings - It's up to you

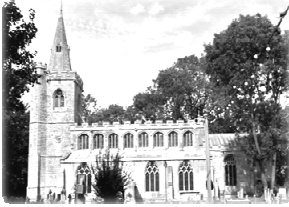
Help with washing up and clearing up on a Saturday Morning
Choose when & how many mornings - it's up to you

**Help out at Events such as Xmas Fayre, Wreath Making,
Quiz Afternoons, Social Events**

Help with the cleaning of the Hall and its upkeep
Choose when & how much you can help

**Or Come and Join our Team organising events, ideas for future
events, help keeping paperwork up to date, advertising etc.**
It's up to you how many hours you could spare

Contact Sandra 01205 460536 or Sally 01205 460117 for more
information or to arrange getting together to have a chat



St. Peter & St. Paul Church

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH

News From The Church

You may have heard that Revd. Mark Williams is moving on from our Group of Parishes. He will be taking his last service in the Group on Sunday 6th September 2026. This last Service will be held at Bicker.

Revd. Mark will be missed very much but we wish him well in his new post.

You will see that the Community Payback Team are back at the church. They will be coming back every few weeks until the end of the season. Without this team we would be getting more complaints about the state of the churchyard. These people do a really good job and work very hard while they are at the church, thank you goes to this team from the PCC.

Coming Events At The Church

There is a Flower & Craft Weekend on the 5th & 6th September 2026 from 10a.m to 3p.m each day. There will be Stalls, a Raffle and Refreshments each day. A warm welcome awaits everyone, do come and join us.

We are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 18th September 2026 This event starts at 10a.m and finishes at 12noon. There will be Tea, Coffee, Cakes and a Raffle. Please do come and help us to raise funds for MacMillan's.

The church Harvest Event will be held on Sunday 4th October 2026. The Harvest Service is at 3p.m in church followed by the Harvest Tea at 4p.m in the Village Hall. The Harvest Auction will follow the meal. Tickets for the Harvest Meal are £8.00 each. Tickets can be obtained from Jean Knight or Jane Barkham. Please book in advance so that we know how many to cater for.

Because Revd. Mark will have left by this event he has arranged for Father David from Boston Stump to come and take the service and do the Auction.

From the PCC

St Peter & St Paul Church Services

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| Sept. | Sunday 6 th | Rev Mark's Leaving service at Bicker - |
| | Sunday 13 th | Holy Communion 9:30 am - Rev Sue Hentley |
| Oct. | Sunday 4 th | Harvest Service 3p.m Father David Stephenson |
| | Sunday 11 th | Holy Communion 9:30 am - Rev Sue Hentley |

Please do come and join us, all are welcome.

Because we do not know about what services will be held in the church Please keep an eye on the church noticeboard

Church Lottery Winners

July 2026

- 1 Jean Knight
- 2 Ann Dawkins
- 3 Trevor Jackson

August 2026

- 1 Daisy Sketchley
- 2 Sally Smith
- 3 J Stothard

A Message From Reverend Mark Williams, Vicar Of Wigtoft

Dear All at Wigtoft,

Firstly, and most importantly, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to say a farewell to you in your magazine. It has been a privilege to write the few contributions I have given to this publication.

However secondly, and perhaps a little self-indulgently, as all farewells tend to be, a huge thank you to everyone at the church here for their kindness to me during my brief sojourn with you. Thank you to the faithful band that have kept the services going, you have always made me welcome and appreciated my eccentricities.

The regular crowd at coffee on a Saturday is a group I shall certainly miss and will look forward to updates as to how you are getting on until a new Vicar arrives. I also will never forget the enthusiasm at Christmas, with everyone joining in with all kinds of things on Christmas Eve especially, as well as the bidding at the Harvest Auction, and the cleverness of the displays at the flower festivals. The kind gift too on the occasion of my silver jubilee of priestly ordination.

My last service in the benefice is on the 6th September at Bicker, at 11:00 and you are very welcome indeed to attend that. My licensing is at Long Sutton church on Monday 21st September, and it's a big place, so there's plenty of room for lots of people, so do come along.

I do wish you all well at Wigtoft, a church I will certainly remember, and pray for you, as you seek the way forward.

**With my very best wishes,
Fr Mark**

Saturday Coffee Mornings In The Church

Coffee mornings continue in the Church until the end of September when they move to the Village Hall for the winter months. These are every Saturday from 10am until noon. Come along and enjoy a bacon butty, plenty of delicious cakes and meet friends for a chat.



Blisbury Charity Student Grants

It is that time of year again when we ask all students that are staying in higher education to apply for grants.

If you are going to college or university you are eligible to apply for a grant. Also if you are staying on at school to do your A levels and you have to pay for a years bus pass then you can also apply.

We will need your full name and address, where you are going to carry on with your education, if you will be living at home or going away from home. Also what course you will be doing and how long the course will last.

If you are applying for help with your bus pass we would like to know how much it will cost.

Please apply either by post to: - Vinland, Boston Road, Sutterton, Boston, Lincs. PE20 2HD or by email to: - wbarkham@btinternet.com

**Jane Barkham
Clerk to The Blisbury Trust**

Wigtoft Bowls Club

What seemed only a couple of weeks ago we stated bowling for this season, and now it is at an end already! This year, sadly we did not have as much success as last year and came within the bottom half of the leagues. Also, like all other bowls greens unfortunately ours wasn't at its best this year due to the dry sunny weather and prolonged lack of rain. However, it didn't dampen our enthusiasm or our enjoyment of bowling.



Our attention is now focussed on making repairs and carrying out general maintenance.

If anyone would like to help us it would be greatly appreciated, you don't need to be a bowler but would be happy to support the club by helping out with things such as cutting/rolling the green, painting, weed killing and all sorts of other jobs.

We are a small, but friendly club and always welcome new members and anyone that would help out. Everyone Welcome.

Peter Brigham Club Secretary Tel: 07919991429

*A husband and wife are setting a new password for their computer
The husband thinking he would be funny types "mypenis"
The wife falls on the floor laughing hysterically because across the screen it reads,
"ERROR" not long enough*

Fire In Asperton Road, Wigtoft in July

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue were called to a large fire on Asperton Road, Wigtoft, on Monday 13 July, with 12 fire crews from across Lincolnshire mobilised to bring the incident under control.

The scale of the response saw eight fire appliances, an aerial ladder platform, a water carrier, a high-volume pump and a hose layer deployed to the scene, supported by specialist resources and command vehicles. An air ambulance was also at the scene.

Fire crews attended from Donington, Boston, Kirton, Spalding, Sleaford, Long Sutton, Grantham, Lincoln South, Market Rasen and Gainsborough. As the incident continued into the evening, relief crews from Wragby, Horncastle and Billingham took over operations from around 8pm.

During the incident, Lincolnshire Police closed roads between Sutterton and Wigtoft while firefighters tackled the blaze. Residents in the surrounding area were advised to keep doors and windows closed due to heavy smoke, and members of the public were urged to avoid the area.

A spokesperson for Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue said: "Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue urge residents not to burn any items in these dry conditions. The risk of fires spreading and growing out of control is significantly heightened."

The incident highlights the dangers posed by outdoor burning during prolonged dry weather, with even small, controlled fires capable of spreading rapidly and requiring significant emergency resources to contain. Firefighters are urging residents to dispose of garden waste safely and avoid lighting fires until conditions improve.

The emergency services all did a great job, responding very quickly and preventing the fire spreading much further than it did in the very dry conditions at the time.

Autumn Harvest Vegetable Soup

This warming soup is perfect for autumn when fresh seasonal vegetables are at their best. It's easy to make, nutritious, and ideal for chilly evenings.

Ingredients (Serves 4-6)

1 tbsp olive oil	1 onion, diced	2 carrots, peeled and chopped
1 parsnip, peeled and chopped	1 small swede, diced	1 leek, sliced
1 medium potato, diced	1 litre vegetable stock	1 tsp fresh thyme leaves
Salt and black pepper to taste	Fresh parsley, chopped, to garnish	

Method

Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over a medium heat.
Add the onion and leek and cook gently for 5 minutes until softened.
Add the carrots, parsnip, swede and potato. Stir well and cook for a further 3 minutes.
Pour in the vegetable stock and add the thyme.
Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 25-30 minutes until all the vegetables are tender.
Blend part or all of the soup, depending on whether you prefer a chunky or smooth texture.
Season with salt and pepper to taste.
Serve hot, garnished with fresh parsley and accompanied by crusty bread.

Why It's a Great Autumn Dish

This soup makes use of traditional autumn produce harvested in the UK, including:

Carrots, Parsnips, Swede, Leeks, Potatoes, Fresh herbs

These vegetables are packed with vitamins, fibre, and flavour, making them ideal for a hearty seasonal meal.

Serving Suggestion

For a Harvest Festival lunch or community event, serve the soup with:

Fresh crusty bread rolls
Local cheese
Buttered oatcakes
Homemade apple crumble for dessert

"Autumn in a bowl – simple ingredients, fresh from the field, bringing warmth and comfort to every table."

Yesterday a woman called for an ambulance

The operator asked "How may I help you"?

The woman said "I just banged my big toe against the coffee table and it really hurts."

The operator replied, "and you want an ambulance for that"?

The woman said "No...."

"It's for my husband"

"What happened to him" asked the Operator

"He really shouldn't have laughed !!"

Gosberton Croquet Club

This is a new club welcoming all ages and skills offering friendship, social activity and conversation; staying active and enjoying the outdoors.

There is a club house offering free refreshment i.e. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits and cold drinks can be purchased from the main club.

Further details can be obtained from: gosbertoncroquet@outlook.com tel:07522616695 (Tim)

This club has just been opened at the rear of Gosberton Public Hall where Gosberton Bowls & Snooker club are situated.

Croquet is a low impact sport played on lawns where players use mallets to hit balls through a sequence of hoops. It's very easy to learn; yet offers deep strategy, making it a game you can enjoy casually or competitively.

Croquet welcomes all ages and skill levels and is a fantastic social activity for those looking to enjoy a friendly game.

So whether you have played before or are completely new to the game why not give it a go.

Croquet can help you to stay active, engage the mind, enjoy the outdoors and meet different people.

After taking up croquet, you can feel more energised, mentally refreshed, and socially connected.

It's a game that fosters confidence, resilience, and great enjoyment.

Croquet provides an option for people looking for ways to engage in a new activity that can help reinvigorate their personal life and feeling of wellbeing whether trying to overcome isolation;

needing to get a better work life balance; needing to find a new activity that gives the same challenges of a sport or activity that they find hard to play due to injury or illness, or of course can be played just for fun.

So whether you have played before or are completely new to the game why not give it a go.

CROQUET times are as follows:

Monday Morning 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Thursday Morning 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. by arrangement

Membership per annum £50.00 which also includes membership of the social club giving access to the bowls and snooker facilities. Members £3.00 Non Members £5.00

Mallets and Balls are provided but flat shoes must be worn. Coaching given free of charge.



SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH INFORMATION WANTED



Next year will be the 100th anniversary of our Chapel on our present site.

We are looking for any information on the history of the Chapel from 1927 to present day.

Old photos, memories of events you have attended or visits you may have made.

You might have attended the Sunday School, got baptised, married or had a memorial service there

Any information would be greatly appreciated as we are trying to put together a history of the life of the Chapel.

Any photographs or documents received will be returned in due course.

Contact: Janice on 01775 820524/Rosemary on 01205 460902/Sue on 01205 460651



SUTTERTON CRAFT CLUB

1st Tuesday of the month
10am – 12pm

At Park Lodge, Park Avenue,
Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2LE

Free to attend and
free tea and coffee

Come and join us!

A different craft every month
or bring your own, and
craft with company!

Laughing Matters

Lawyers don't lie

A lawyer had a wife and 12 children
and needed to move.

When he said he had 12 children,
no one would rent a home to him
because they thought that the children
would destroy the home.

He could not say that he had no
children, He could not lie, after all,
lawyers cannot and do not lie.

So, he sent his wife for a walk to
the cemetery with 11 children.

He took the remaining one with
him to see homes with the Real
Estate agent.

He liked one of the homes and the
agent asked :

"How many children do you have?"

He answered : "12 children."

The agent asked "Where are the
others?"

The Lawyer answered, with a sad
look, "They are in the cemetery with
their Mother."

And that's the way he was able to
rent a home for his family without lying.

SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

The Church with the Yellow Door

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6 th	Own Arrangement
Sunday 13 th	Barry Richardson (WL)
Sunday 20 th	At Kirton
Sunday 27 th	Darren Charlton (HC)

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 4 th	Own Arrangement
Sunday 11 th	Darren Charlton (HC)
Sunday 18 th	Jim Stobart
Sunday 25 th	Own Arrangement

All services are at 10.30am followed by tea and biscuits

COFFEE MORNINGS The First And Third Wednesday Of The Month

September 2nd & 18th and October 7th & 21st at 10 a.m. to 12 noon

All Are Welcome

Contact: Darren Charlton Mobile: 07354 662522

Wigtoft Parish Council

PHONE: 07473 061278

EMAIL: clerk@wigtoft-pc.gov.uk

Website: www.wigtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

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, MINUTES FOR 6.7.26

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th July 2026.

Present: Cllr I Mills; Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Brigham and the clerk. Not present, Cllrs Baxter, Redhead and Collingwood. Also: Borough Councillor J Cantwell; County Councillor P Lock; prospective new Parish Councillor, Linda Coomber and one member of the public.

Financial matters:

- a) To resolve to accept the accounts for payment for May and June 2026, to be checked against the invoices and signed by two Councillors at this meeting.
 - b) To review the budget figures for the year to date.
 - c) Bank balance £13941.31 as at 30.6.26.
 - d) To resolve to pay the annual fee of £49.99 + vat to Cloud Next for the Home Hosting of our gov.uk emails and the gov.uk domain annual fee of £50 + vat (first year free).
 - e) HMRC have revised the mileage rates for the first time since 2011. (The tax-free amount at which mileage can be reimbursed for the first 10,000 mileage claimed, has increased from 45p per mile to 55p per mile). To be eligible for mileage, this should be stated in the employee's contract and the council will need to resolve to pay the new rate (backdated as required).
- a) The accounts for payment were checked against the invoices to the lists, confirmed as correct and signed by Cllrs Leggott and Brigham for both months. It was resolved to agree the payments. b) The clerk had circulated the budget figures up to date for the current financial year to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The clerk advised that there was nothing new to comment on or explain for the current year to date. It was resolved to accept the budget figures year to date as an accurate copy of the Parish Council's receipts and payments along with item
- c) The balance of the bank account at 30.6.26, £13941.31.
- d) It was resolved to agree to make the payments of £49.99 + vat and £50 + vat for the gov.uk email addresses annual fees.
- e) It was resolved to pay the new mileage rate of 55p per mile and to advise the clerk in writing.

Date	Details of Payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable
15.5.26	Pay	305.13	
15.5.26	PAYE	76.20	
31.5.26	Payroll services	18.00	
15.5.26	Clerk use of home as office	35.00	
31.5.26	HP Instant Ink	11.24	2.25
13.5.26	Grass cutting	320.00	64.00
12.5.26	Mobile phone monthly cost	6.00	
10.4.26	Bank charges	4.25	
5.5.26	Printer Paper	4.17	0.83
29.5.26	IT support	30.00	6.00
TOTAL		809.99	73.08
RECEIPTS		NIL	

Date	Details of Payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	VAT not reclaimable
15.6.26	Pay	305.13		
15.6.26	PAYE	76.20		
30.6.26	Payroll services	18.00		
15.6.26	Clerk use of home as office	35.00		
12.6.26	Mobile phone monthly cost	6.00		
11.5.26	Bank charges	4.25		
30.6.26	gov.uk domain annual fee	50.00	10.00	
27.6.26	Home hosting wigtoft-pc.gov.uk annual fee	49.99	9.99	
TOTAL		544.57	19.99	0.00
RECEIPTS		NIL		

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Mills – Asperton Road is a rat run at the moment due to the road works on the A17. Heavy lorries using the road from as early as 3am. This road is not suitable for HGV's. The surface of this road is terrible. County Cllr Lock advised that the A17 road works should be finished in about 3 weeks. He also commented that, if a "no HGVs" sign were to be placed at each end of Asperton Road, it would be difficult to enforce. Clerk to report issues with the road surface via Fix My Street.

Borough and County Councillor's reports:

County Cllr Lock – LCC is working on producing an app which will give live info on progress with items raised. The new County Councillor grant scheme will be live soon. I will have £3k to distribute between 3 parishes. There is no further news on Local Government reorganisation. LCC have linked the Minerals and Waste policy to the plans for the building of pylons. I am looking to set up a Facebook page to share relevant information.

Borough Councillor Cantwell – I reiterate the comments about Asperton Road and the water leak. Boston Borough Council funding "Pride of Place applications are now open.

Clerk's report.

Insurance policy renewed 25.5.26. Confirmation received. Certificates will be uploaded to the website and posted on the noticeboard.

Official confirmation of receipt of certificate of exemption for the external audit received from PKF Littlejohn 17.6.26. A resolution was passed to acknowledge receipt of this document. Clerk added to website.

Confirmation of receipt of the £200 donation to Wigtoft Newsletter received 15.6.26.

Cllr Brigham has been added to the bank mandate as a signatory but with the wrong access level. I am in the process of amending this. Ex Cllr Smith has been removed from the bank account. Once Cllr Brigham has the required level, I will arrange for read-only access to online banking and Scribe for all signatories as agreed at the last meeting.

Mr. Smart from Smart Gardens has informed me that he is unable to quote for the bench repairs and painting.

I have sent out an update to Councillors from LCC about the overhanging trees in Church Road.

I have prepared but not yet sent a letter about the overgrown hedge on the corner of the Market Place and Asperton Road. Further enquiries are to be made to obtain correspondence details of the owner.

An update on any activities in the Playing field/play area and Wildlife Garden (fence repair, installation of sign in Wildlife Garden. cleaning of both gates and other items in the playing field, application of green mould and algae killer and repairs and painting of all benches in the village). An update about the flyer sent out in respect of scooters being driven in the playing field. To arrange the next playing field/play area inspection by Cllr Redhead in conjunction with the annual inspection report.

The “no dog fouling” sign has not yet been erected. The hole in the wire fence has not been repaired yet. The new sign for the playing field has been secured to the gate. The mould and algae will be treated when the weather conditions are right. The large sign just inside the gate has been cleaned. The area around the 3 benches in the Wildlife Garden has been strimmed. Thanks to Cllr Collingwood for putting the sign on the gate and to Cllr Brigham for cleaning the sign and strimming around the benches. It was resolved that the clerk should try and obtain a quote to erect the sign, the work on the benches and ask the contractor to strim around the 3 benches in the Wildlife Garden when the paths are cut. The clerk will send out the playing field inspection forms to Cllr Redhead.

To discuss the litter accumulating in the dyke on Church Road reported by Cllr Redhead and a member of the Litter Picking Group.

Cllr Redhead met with a member of the Litter Picking Group. Concerns about the amount of litter accumulating in the dyke were raised. This was discussed by the Councillors. It was noted that this issue was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting in March 25 and the Parish Council’s response has not changed. The issue will be reported on Fix My Street. The group has been advised of this and the clerk will update them in due course. Although the Litter Picking Group are independent of the Parish Council, the Parish Council strongly reiterate that the Litter Pickers should not be attempting to retrieve rubbish where it would be a Health and Safety risk to individuals. As Cllr Redhead was not at the meeting, the clerk will ensure she is kept fully informed.

Meeting closed at 20:30. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 3.8.26 at 19.30.

Improvements to Household Waste Recycling Centres approved to benefit Lincolnshire residents

Lincolnshire County Council’s Executive has approved a package of improvements to modernise the county’s 11 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and improve the experience for residents.

The changes include introducing a booking system and investing in site improvements to help reduce queues, improve safety, increase recycling rates and ensure the service remains sustainable for the future. The decision follows a detailed review which found visitor numbers and waste volumes have risen significantly in recent years, placing increasing pressure on existing sites.

Lincolnshire’s HWRCs now receive around 1.2 million visits each year and handle approximately 66,700 tonnes of household waste annually. Feedback from more than 2,000 residents highlighted reducing queues, better traffic management and improving the overall customer experience as key priorities.

The booking system will help spread visits more evenly throughout the day, improving access to sites and reducing congestion. Residents without internet access will still be able to book by telephone, and same-day bookings will be available where capacity allows.

The new system will not be introduced immediately. The council will now begin procurement and infrastructure work, alongside a communications and engagement programme to ensure residents are well informed before any changes are implemented.

Pothole Pro proves its worth on Lincolnshire roads

Lincolnshire County Council's use of the JCB Pothole Pro is delivering results, helping repair roads faster, safer and more efficiently.

After a year-long trial, the machine exceeded its target, averaging 64m² of repairs per day against a goal of 60m². Its standout performance came on Bardney Causeway, where it helped deliver 376m² of repairs in a single day.

Monthly peak outputs averaged 121m² per day, with the best days throughout the trial covering a combined area equivalent to 101 parking spaces – all in just eight working days.

The machine was recently showcased at the county council's stand at the Lincolnshire Show with lots of interest from local residents.

With more than 5,500 miles of roads to maintain across Lincolnshire, the Pothole Pro has shown it can help tackle repairs quickly and effectively. Following the successful trial, it is now a permanent part of the county's highways fleet.

Don't forget that potholes and other highways faults can be reported online through Fix My Street.

Riparian Ownership

A Guide for Homeowners and Dykes and Watercourses.

Many homeowners are unaware that if their property, borders a dyke, ditch, drain, beck, stream, or other watercourse, they may have legal responsibilities as a Riparian owner. Understanding these responsibilities is important to help prevent flooding, protect the environment, and comply with the relevant legislation.

A Riparian owner is a person whose land borders, contains, or is crossed by a natural or man-made watercourse.

With ownership comes certain rights but also important responsibilities.

- Keeping the Watercourse Clear.
- Maintaining Culverts and Structures.
- Allowing water to Flow Naturally.
- Controlling Vegetation.

Home Owners Should look Out for

- Blockages, Bank erosion, Excessive vegetation, Invasive species,
- Damage to culverts, Flood Prevention.

Reporting problems to The Environment Agency. Local Council. Lead Flood Authority.

Remember .Owning land next to a dyke or watercourse does not simply provide a view of water, it may also bring legal responsibilities for its upkeep and maintenance.

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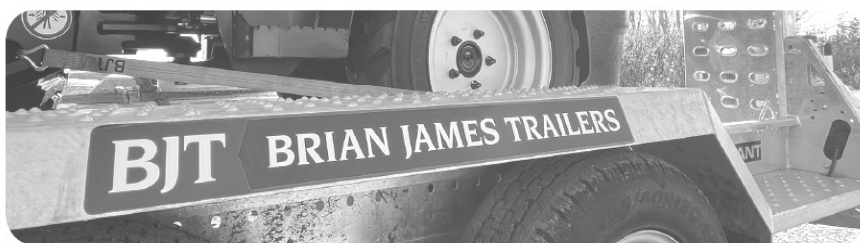
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