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Dates for your Diary

Sunday 9 February, 12.30 pm - Edenham Regional House, Pre-Lent Lunch.

The Friends of Edenham Regional House invite you to a fund-raising pre-Lent Sunday lunch to celebrate Fr Ed and his wife, Lesley, moving into the Vicarage and the anniversary of Fr Ed's Induction. Tickets are £10 per person. Bring your own drinks. Raffle and quiz. Casseroles including vegetarian option plus puddings. Contact Peter Knight at the Regional House for tickets on 01778 591358 or edenhamoffice@gmail.com

Monday 10 February, 7.30 pm - Swinstead Village Hall, Church Bingo

Saturday 15 February, 8.30-10.30am - St Andrew's Parish Hall, BIG BREKKIE. Donations to Christian Aid.

Thursday 27 February and 19 March, 10.15am - St Andrew's Church, FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Eucharist in St Andrew's Church, 11am Bible study in the Parish Hall, followed by a simple lunch at noon. All welcome to one or all. Donations to Christian Aid.

Monday 9 March, 7.30 pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Witham-on-the-Hill Historical Society members' meeting. There will be a social session with refreshments after the meeting. Please bring an interesting article or topic to discuss.

Friday 3 April, 7 pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Race Night with a fish & chip supper. Proceeds to Parish Hall funds.

Wednesday 29 April, 7.30 pm, Edenham Village Hall - AGM. All villagers are welcome.

Friday 8 May, 1.30- 6 pm, Edenham Village Hall - VE Day Street Party, SAVE THE DATE! Free community event to commemorate the 75th anniversary there will be a 1940s fancy dress competition, vintage tea, 40s singer, games. More details to follow.

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The Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council would like to receive the thoughts from residents of the parish with regard to this celebratory event. We also ask for volunteers to identify themselves - help to organise such an event is always required.

An event could be held on any of the three days of this weekend. Do you have a preference ? Please contact the Parish Council Chair, Richard Stephenson, on e-mail: richardstephenson17@gmail.com or at Stonehaven, Manthorpe by 29th February 2020.

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Parish News

CAROL SINGING in Manthorpe and Witham on the Hill raised record sums from donations in aid of St Andrew's church this Christmas.

The Manthorpe singers raised £218.10 and the Witham singers raised £214.74 reaching **a magnificent joint total of £432.84!** Thank you to everyone who gave so generously and for the refreshments – it was greatly appreciated. Well done to all our singers.

BAPTISM Rafferty Emmanuel Hawes, son of Clarissa and David Hawes at St Michael and All Angels, Edenham on 29 December 2019. Baptised by his grandfather, Canon Rev Andy Hawes.

CONDOLENCES to family and friends on the loss of John Atkinson (formerly of Edenham) who passed away in December 2019.

SHERLOCK HOMES & THE BLUE CARBUNCLE AND CURSE OF THE MUMMY.

These were 2 plays performed by "Last Chance Saloon" in St Andrew's Parish Hall on 6 December. The visiting players provided an evening of excellent entertainment to an audience of 60 people. The Sherlock Holmes play was a spoof of ridiculous characters, adapted pop songs and more slapstick comedy than a Butlin's holiday camp! The Curse of the Mummy was a spoof of The Raiders of the Lost Ark, with the star being Montana Jones! But the unexpected star of the show was Deb Mcmillan who ended up getting married to the mummy, with other members of the audience as best man and bridesmaid! The whole show was witty and whacky, very reminiscent of Monty Python, 'Allo 'Allo, and the Goons! Thank you to Richard Burbidge for organising this event – we look forward to the next one. Thanks also to the sponsors, South Kesteven District Council and the Live and Local Rural Community Touring Network. Grateful thanks to the Six Bells and Mill Farm Butchers for providing raffle prizes.

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SWINSTEAD CHURCH BINGO Thanks to all who supported and helped out at the last event when £130 was raised.

HELPERS WANTED - Edenham Church cleaning rota - Do you want to release your inner 'Mrs Hinch' and help with the cleaning of Edenham Church? We are looking for approximately an hour of your time approximately four times a year to 'spark joy' in this beautiful building. All materials are provided and for more information please contact Marion Marshall on manddmarshall@greenbee.net.

THANK YOU - To all who came and helped with planting daffodil bulbs around Witham on the Hill before Christmas. These were kindly donated to us to add to those which already grace the green.

Also a big thank you to Andy Cordial once again for sorting out the Christmas tree in the Witham on the Hill village green, so we could enjoy the Christmas lights.

BT KIOSK MANTHORPE - The Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council is purchasing the red telephone kiosk in Manthorpe for £1. Your Parish Council seeks ideas from all residents of the parish for the potential future use of this iconic asset. Also volunteers to help manage this asset going forward would be welcomed. Please contact the Parish Council Chair, Richard Stephenson, on email: richardstephenson17@gmail.com or at Stonehaven, Manthorpe by 29th February 2020.



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The Vicar Writes

Hidden away in most family photo albums you'll find the baby and childhood pictures (the photos your children pray will never be on display when a boyfriend or girlfriend pops round!). Of course, it's fun to look through old pictures and to re-live some of those memories – wedding photos showing how much hair your father once had and the days when your mother was a natural blond! Then there's the photos of new-born babies arriving home from hospital, early family Christmases, school photos, sports days etc – they're all there – special times, special places and special people.

The second chapter St Luke's Gospel is not unlike a photo album of Jesus' childhood and brief look back to easier and more straightforward times. Obviously, there are no pictures but we do get glimpses of his early life; from his birth through to the time when he was twelve years old and went missing in the Temple. Not much else is known about those years. It's almost as if an important volume in the family photo album has been left behind or lost.

The memories that we do see are

chiefly those of his mother Mary. It could be that she shared them with St Luke or that others remembered her speaking of them. Whatever the case was, they were remembered by someone and St Luke, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote them down so that we can read and know them today.

These memories aren't your average memories either!

There are no birthday parties, first words spoken or visits from the Tooth Fairy. But there is a growing sense that the child at the centre of it all would prove to be someone exceedingly special. What we see unfolding before us is the life of the man who, from his birth onwards, was (and is) the Saviour of the world.

Looking back into his childhood we see, first of all, parents who were loving and God-fearing. Mary and Joseph were Jews who believed in God and practiced the religion of the Old Testament. In keeping with the Law they brought Jesus to the Temple when he was about forty days old, to offer the sacrifice prescribed for a mother and her new born child.

Earlier, Luke had described Mary as being "favoured" by God and that

the Spirit of the Lord was with her. Mary was favoured by God because God was a vibrant part of her life; she believed in him, obeyed him, and lived her life in response to him. We might even go as far as to say that Jesus was fortunate to have had such a good and God-fearing Mother.

But something happened that day in the Temple, something that remained fixed within the heart and mind of Mary; an old man, a stranger, would suddenly become an important figure in her childhood memories of Jesus. Although he was unknown to Mary, the elderly prophet Simeon was someone who, like Mary, had allowed the Spirit of God to shape and direct his life. And now, as he neared the end of his life, the only thing that was missing (the only thing that he was holding on for) was the promise of glimpsing God's salvation, of actually seeing the one who would be the Saviour of Israel and of the world.

God fulfilled his promise to Simeon. When he saw Jesus, when he saw that pink, wriggly, bundle of fluff, he knew that it was nothing less than the pinnacle of his life! *“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;*

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.”

Simeon knew that his life was now complete because God had done everything that he'd promised he would do and, just as Mary was full of grace, so Simeon was full of trust, trust in God. And, having given thanks to God for the privilege of seeing Jesus, Simeon then turns his attention to Mary... Simeon wants to talk to Mary about her child but not of how beautiful he is or how he has her nose or chin. Rather, Simeon speaks of all that her son will one day bring about. Simeon tells Mary that her child will be responsible for the falling and rising of many – that those who look not to Jesus but believe that their own righteousness can justify them before God, will inevitably fall and fail. But those who, like him, see in Jesus the grace and loving forgiveness that God is offering would (through him), quite literally, be lifted-up to heaven!

How would this come about? Simeon was again on hand to hint at how it would be opposition to Jesus (culminating with his death upon the cross) that would pay for the sins of the world. But that wasn't all, for

Simeon warned Mary that *“a sword will pierce your own soul too.”* Those words must have caused Mary’s heart to miss a beat. Her baby, this perfect child, the one who she’d brought into the world, was going to cause her extraordinary grief and pain – words that must surely have come back to her the day she stood at the foot of the cross.

It was some time after Jesus died that St Luke composed the memoir of memories that we have today, and when you read them, you get the impression that Mary was looking back over those memories to see how, from the very beginning, the life of her son spoke of how God would bring salvation to all who believed in him. He came to live a life with one primary purpose; to give up his life as a ransom for many and to bring us back into relationship with God.

This collection of memories; memories of the childhood of Jesus ends with these words: *“And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.”*

The favour of God was upon Jesus and, through Jesus, God’s favour now rests upon all who turn to him. That same Jesus may well have been part of your childhood memories (there may be Baptism or Confirmation photos in your family album). Why not take the time this year to reacquaint yourself with Him at the beginning of this New Year? Details in the usual places – we’d love to welcome you!

Fr Edward

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(From entries made by the Rev L H Cooley into the Parish Magazine—reproduced by kind permission of The Witham on the Hill Historical Society)

There are no entries for February 1920 in Rev Cooley's notes. I have used those from 1915 instead (editor)

February 1915

Lent, a call from God - Year after year this precious season of grace comes to us and we pass it by. This year however, which is likely to prove the most momentous in our lives, the call of Lent is one to which we must listen. We must try and put away our indifference and our apathy, and turn to God, who alone can help us in this hour of our country's peril. Many of us seem to have lapsed into indifference, which in a small scattered community like ours is the most deadly enemy which we have to fight. There has been a sad falling away lately of several who once were regular worshippers, regular communicants. Since the outbreak of war there have actually been more

empty places in the House of God than before. Well then, let us all begin afresh this Lent. Let every reader of these words ask himself or herself: "how can I best answer God's call this Lent?" Make a resolution to pray daily, to come to church with regularity, to begin afresh to be a frequent communicant, to put our duty to God before our own convenience and inclination, and thus to help ourselves and others to serve God better.

Two further Recruits - Alfred Pick and Richard Carr, Royal Field Artillery.

The Day of Intercession - Last month was unfortunately very wet, preventing the attendance of many from a distance. Our offerings of £1 4s. 6d. were given to the Red Cross Society.

New-laid eggs for the wounded. - Several friends have kindly promised a few eggs weekly for the wounded sailors and soldiers in hospital. We hope later on that others will be able to spare some also. They will be sent to the receiving house at Stamford every Friday, and should arrive at the

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Swinstead Parish Council Meeting - Clerk's Notes

Thursday 14th November 2019

Present: Chairman, Paul Cunningham, Vice Chair Cllr M Dermody, Cllr C Lunn, Cllr B Lynch, Cllr D Darling, C Hatch (Clerk), Visiting County Councillor, Bob Adams.

Public Forum: No members of the public attended the forum.

Apologies: None

Receive declarations of interest

under the Localism Act 2011: None

Financial report was presented and accepted; a copy can be obtained from the Clerk.

Croake Hill - Muir Housing has agreed a maintenance programme for grass cutting and shrub maintenance on the green at Croake Hill. This will include 16 cuts from March 2020 until the end of November.

Speed Sign - Data was presented to the Councillors for September (Creeton Road) and October (High Street). While located in Creeton Road, the speed sign registered 81 vehicles breaking the 30mph limit.

The figure for the High Street is more alarming, 984 vehicles travelling in excess of 35mph. This is an increase of 455 speeding vehicles in the High Street since the sign was located there in July. The Chairman will repeat his call for volunteers to support the Community Speed Watch campaign.

Correspondence - Letters of thanks were received from Mrs P Wright (Secretary to the PCC) thanking the Parish Council for their donation to St Mary's Church. Also, a letter from Cancer Research thanking Mr N Hawkins for his donation to them. Mr Hawkins requested the funds the Parish Council were going to give him to cover his costs for cutting the grass at the Bourne Road entrance to the village should go to the charity.

Parish Cleaner - The Councillors were advised that the Parish Cleaner will be moving out of the village in the early New Year and has requested we advertise for a replacement. This will take place in the coming weeks. If this is of interest to you, please contact the Clerk for details. 01476552053.



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Orchard Gate - A new sleeve has been purchased to enable the gate post at the Jubilee Orchard to become removable, allowing larger hedge cutting machinery into the Orchard.

Chairman's Report:

Residents Concerns:

At the September meeting one local resident raised concerns about the footpath outside his property. This was reported to Highways who after inspection confirmed "No Action" would be taken at this time.

At the same meeting another resident raised concerns about the large Ash tree just outside her garden. The Clerk confirmed he has written to this resident confirming the action taken with SKDC and Lincoln County Council Highways department. Now awaiting a response from Highways.

The Chairman advised of the continuing flooding problems in New Estate. Cllr Adams said that having visited the site, he would speak with Highways and advise on progress.

The Chairman confirmed the

purchase of new Flower/Bulb Planters which will be located at the three entrances to the village. The Big Plant will take place at 10am, November 23rd & 24th all volunteers will be welcome to come and help with the locating and planting up of the new planters. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Chairman for more information. 01476550896.

Quotes are being requested for "Welcome to Swinstead" signs.

The Chairman told the councillors, he had contacted several haulage companies via email suggesting working together to make sure speed limits are being observed and lorries are properly covered. To date he has had no response.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Muir Housing to gain approval to site a Christmas Tree on the Green at Croake Hill. If approved, the Clerk to purchase a tree and lights for the Festive season.

He also let the Councillors know Grimsthorpe Estate is happy for the Jubilee Orchard to become a

Memorial Orchard. This will enable local residents to donate a tree or a bench in memory of a loved one. More on this in the near future.

Councillors Reports:

Cllr Lunn: Confirmed the cost of a final grass cut and the cutting back of the hedge inside the Orchard, this was approved and will take place as soon as possible, weather permitting.

He also asked the Clerk to contact a local resident regarding trees/hedging that was overhanging the boundary causing some problems for pedestrians on the foot path. This has now been actioned.

Raised the question of the War time Airfield Memorial Plaque location.

The Chairman confirmed this is on his agenda and will confirm the location once he has spoken with the landowner.

Cllr Dermody: Confirmed his attendance at the LALC AGM. He attended a talk on Neighbourhood Development Plans for smaller local villages. Cllr Bob Adams extolled the virtues and the benefits of the NDP and recommended speaking with

other smaller local Parish Councils to produce a combined Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr Dermody will contact the Neighbourhood Planning Office for more detail. Cllr Dermody highlighted the fact that the Parish Council was not represented at the Village Hall. It was agreed that the appointed trustees from the Parish Council to the Village Hall will be Cllr P Cunningham, Cllr M Dermody and Cllr D Darling. Cllr Dermody also raised the issue of the Village Hall accounts. The Clerk was asked to contact the secretary of the Village Hall to request a copy of the full accounts, copies of the last two sets of minutes and the date of the next Village Hall meeting.

Cllr Darling: Requested information regarding the Poor's Land Fund. Cllr Lynch advised her that 21 acres of land were passed to the village in the 1700's to benefit the poor in the village. The rental income is made available to those who qualify at or near to Christmas time. You can contact the charity by email - bl7lynch@outlook.com or by ringing 07773031526.

Road Water Gullies: Cllr Lynch raised the issue of parking on the pavement, advising the Chairman this is still causing a problem for pedestrians.

Cllr Lynch highlighted the fact that is the time of year to clean out the roadside gullies and prevent or reduce the possibility of the roads flooding. The Parish Council would like some volunteers, good strong men and women to help with this annual task. A date has not been set but, obviously, the sooner this work can be done the better, so please make yourself known to the

Councillors. We will advertise the date as soon as possible.

Any Other Business: None

Date of the next meeting 9th January 2020, 18.30 Swinstead Village Hall.

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15 - 22 February: Dorothy Pell

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EDENHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS



The 'Wonderful Villages' photo competition has been running for one month and they have had a wonderful response so far, with villages entering into the competitive spirit and entering photos which really capture the idea of rural 'community'. The competition is designed to coincide with Village Halls Week, which is an ideal opportunity to get snapping and champion the vital contribution that village halls make to their communities. They'd like all villagers to appreciate that their hall is indispensable at a time when halls are under increasing financial strain and hope that this will encourage some villagers to become trustees. If you are a village hall trustee why not enter your hall and be in with a chance of winning prize money of up to £1,000!

The focus of the theme is 'Village Life - a photo which characterises the value of community in your village'. This isn't about beautiful pictures of dazzling sunsets or picturesque

buildings at dawn, but rather photos which display the value of 'community' within rural village life. Winning photos are likely to feature recognisable people doing recognisable things that distil the essence of village community spirit.

Entry is simple and completely free. Entrants have only to submit a photo and nominate a hall as beneficiary. If they win first prize, the hall gets £1,000 and the photographer gets £500. They can enter at <https://villagehallsurvey.com/survey/photo-competition> Village hall member votes can be cast anonymously, for your local hall or another, at this link and there is no registration necessary: <https://villagehallsurvey.com/survey/photo-competition/photo-gallery> When the competition ends, public votes will be one of the criteria used for judging, so their votes really are valuable.

To support Edenham Village Hall Committee in funding raising for village hall refurbishment, and your chance to win 1 of 5 FITBIT & Google Nest Mini Bundles, log on to support us www.lotterysk.co.uk . Thank you for your support.

Edenham Village Hall AGM- 29th April 2020 7.30pm. All welcome.

SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 18.30
on Thursday 9th January 2020

Present: Chairman, Paul Cunningham, Vice Chair Cllr M Dermody, Cllr C Lunn, Cllr B Lynch, Cllr D Darling, C Hatch (Clerk). Visiting County Councillor B Adams.

Public Forum: The Chairman welcomed four members of the public who attended the forum and were most welcome.

During the 15-minute forum one resident asked why the Agenda for the January meeting had not been posted on the village noticeboard. The Clerk advised, this was an oversight on his part and offered his apologies. Other residents mentioned their concerns that the Parish Council were considering the Jubilee Orchard becoming a Memorial garden/area. There was a short discussion, The Chairman assured those concerned, the Parish Council would abide by the wishes of the Swinstead residents.

The Treasurer from the Village Hall

presented their accounts to the Council and explained them, they were then signed by The Chairman.

Apologies: None

Receive Declarations of Interest

under the Localism Act 2011: None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th November 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and signed.

Clerks Report:

The Clerk presented the Financial report which was accepted. (Copy at the end of these minutes)

The Clerk circulated the LALC training programme of 2020/21. He encouraged all Councillors to attend appropriate training days during the forthcoming year.

The Parish Litter Picker will shortly be moving from the area; therefore, we require a new Parish Litter Picker. Please see Recruitment Advertisement at the end of these minutes.

The Clerk is to request quotes for work on the Swinstead Cross. Work to the Jubilee Orchard gates and for signage for the new planters

Figures from the 30 mph speed sign were circulated. There was a noticeable decrease in the volume of traffic during December due to the road closure at Creton. While the sign was in Bourne Road during November, 1614 vehicles entered the village at speeds between 35 and 50 mph.

Correspondence was received by the Clerk from one resident, Text below.

“I would like to congratulate the Parish Council on their first month’s activities.

It is rewarding to be informed of progress on the various issues involving the community.

In the absence of enough volunteers to go ahead with the Speed Watch Campaign what do the Council propose if anything?

The Christmas Tree was a delight and hopefully this will now be a regular event.

The Planters, although in their first couple of months, promise to look splendid in the spring and throughout the year. Well done everyone involved.

Lastly, would the Council consider entering The Best Kept Village competition which I understand is run by SKDC”.

Chairman’s Report:

The Chairman advised: Highways have confirmed work planned as follows:

Pothole repairs in Park Road, side of 6 Macham Close & Irnham Road.

Kerb work to take place at New Estate to alleviate the localised flooding.

Chairman thanked all those involved in providing and decorating the Village Christmas tree and looks forward to providing a much larger tree next year. He is also looking forward to several community events during the coming months, some of which will appear in the forthcoming Parish Newsletter.

Matters Arising:

Cllr Lunn advised the grass at the Jubilee Orchard will be cut and the hedges cut back as soon as the weather permits.

Cllr Lynch asked the Clerk to contact Harry Coups regarding the blocked culvert in Creton Road as the

flooding is causing damage to the road. Also, to speak with the tenant farmer in Forstedd Hill, with a view to cutting back hedges which are overgrown.

Cllr Dermody advised he is still trying to set a meeting with the Neighbourhood Planning Officer. Cllr Adams said he would speak with the individual concerned to make sure Cllr Dermody was contacted.

Cllr Adams provided an interesting overview of the forthcoming year at Lincolnshire County Council, in terms of budgets, new Highways contractors (Balfour Beatty), pothole repairs, blocked drains and the like. Two things Cllr Adams mentioned will be of benefit to all of the residents, broken street lights can be reported by anyone to, Caroline Baker 01476406403 or at <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/> There is also a new app you can download from the app store called "FIX MY STREET". The idea is, if you see a problem with the roads in our area, you take a photo via the app, it

will automatically provide the GPS location and send the details direct to Highways who will record the information and deal with the problem. Marvellous!!!

Chairman suggested monthly Parish Council meetings commencing from the start of the new Parish Council year May 2020. This would enable the Council to ensure that swift action was being taken on issues requiring attention and give the Residents of the Village further opportunities to raise any issues or concerns that they may have. The Councillors were in general agreement and this will form part of the Agenda at the next meeting.

Date of the next meeting, 12th March 2020, 18.30 Swinstead Village Hall. (Members of the public most welcome).

Witham on the Hill WI

Speakers 2020

- 4 February - Annual meeting - Speaker from "Don't Lose Hope"
- 3 March - Grantham Canal - Rosemary Gibson
- 7 April - Mutts Nutts Dog Rescue - Terry Cook
- 5 May - Sophisitacake – Cakemaker to Royalty - Dawn Blunden
- 2 June - Lincolnshire Sheep - Liz Noble
- 14 July at Carlby Village Hall - Police Matters - Steve Seabrook
- 4 August - Summer Games & Supper
- 1 September - Concert - Jennifer Louise Brown
- 6 October - Stage Make Up - Andy Donnelly
- 3 November - Ikebana -Patricia Yates
- 3 December - Christmas Party



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Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting - 14th January, 2020

Open Forum Meeting: All parishioners are reminded that the Open Forum at each Parish Council meeting is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with their councillors. Details can be obtained by contacting the parish clerk at edenham.pc@gmail.com – or contacting any of your current councillors. **(Please note new email address)**

Parish Council Meeting:

i. - Street Cleaning. - This task is currently completed by Mr L Clayton (outgoing Parish Clerk), who has kindly agreed to continue doing this until the end of the Financial Year (May 2020). His work has made a huge difference and therefore it was agreed that this should continue in the future. If anyone is interested in taking on this role after May 2020, please contact the Parish Clerk at edenham.pc@gmail.com for more details.

ii. - SID Update – Currently at Edenham (near Pillarwood). A new Highways road sign is now obscuring the unit in this location. The Highways Dept. has been contacted; correspondence received back from

them in relation to the new signage. In the short term it was agreed that this location will not be used until changes to the signage has been made by the Highways Dept.

iii. Highways defects etc. previously reported to LCC by Parish Cllr's - Parish Clerk to contact Cllr M Hill (LCC) to ascertain progress on Scottlethorpe Road conditions by Tumblerow Farm. A reminder that the following websites are available to everyone,

LCC Website (<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>) holds information on Lincs Highways such as planned works/ road closure etc along with an online defect reporting system that anyone can use to report things such as potholes, damaged road signs, street lighting faults (please use website - especially for potholes!!). The 'App' 'FixMyStreet' also allows you to report using your mobile .

Financial Matters:

Cheques signed prior to the meeting

i. - HMRC PAYE 3rd Qtr. 2019/20 - £78-60p

ii. - Clerks Salary 3rd Qtr. 2019/20 - £314.14p

iii - Mrs A Whadcock – reimbursement for refreshments

during the carol singing event -
£58.82p

Parish Clerk: The Chairman and Parish Cllr's thanked Mr L Clayton for his work and support during his 20+years as Parish Clerk. Mrs C Sands is now in position as Parish Clerk.

Christmas Tree and Carol Singing: Cllr Cranfield reported that the evening was again a success and was enjoyed by all despite the awful weather conditions. Special thanks go to Grimsthorpe Estate and the Forestry Team for donating and installing the Christmas tree, Steam Action Team (Carols), and Heath Cranfield (use of field and installation of tree lights).

Chairman and Cllr's agreed that the Carol Singing event take place in December 2020.

Parish Assets: The Parish assets have been checked and found to be in sound condition, with only minor DIY required, e.g. ivy removal.

Other Business:

Cllr A Martin - Served advance notification of his intention to stand down as a Parish Cllr in May 2020.
Cllr P Cranfield reported that Edenham Parishioners have raised

concerns about the damage/condition of the grass verges in Church Lane and associated area. It has been observed that this coincides with the large vehicles attending the sewage plant whilst recent works were being completed. It was agreed that Anglian Water be contacted by the Parish Clerk.

Local Crime - Parishioners are reminded to be observant in their local area and pass on any details of suspicious vehicles or activities that you see to the Police telephone number 101.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Edenham Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 10th March 2020 in Edenham Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

Future Council Meetings: Council Meetings take place on the second Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov in Edenham Village Hall at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Jane's seasonal recipe

We are still eating pumpkins! These little squares are delicious – adapted from a Lidl recipe.

PUMPKIN, PECAN & WHITE CHOC BLONDIES

275g pumpkin (or butternut squash)

175g soft butter

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

200g light brown sugar

1 egg

225g plain flour

125g white choc

100g pecans

Chop pumpkin into chunks & cook in microwave until soft (approx. 15mins). Mash & leave to cool. Beat butter, vanilla & sugar until pale smooth & creamy. Add egg, beating well. Stir in pumpkin, flour, chopped choc & pecans. Spoon mixture into greased & lined 8x12in baking tin. Bake 180c for 40mins. Cool in tin for 10 mins. Cool on a wire rack. Cut into squares. Can be served cold as cake, or warm with cream or ice cream.

PARISH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
2 nd February Candlemas		10am Joint Benefice Parish Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer
9 th February 3 before Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	11.15am Parish Eucharist
16 th February 2 before Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist
23 rd February Sunday before Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	11.15am Parish Eucharist
26 th February Ash Wednesday	9am Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes	7.30pm Sung Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	2pm Edenham School Ash Wednesday Service

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