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# Parish News

## HELPING EACH OTHER DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME

Even the youngest and fittest of us can fall foul of the need to separate ourselves from our neighbours and friends. If you have or do need to “self-isolate” through direct or indirect contact with COVID-19 then our villages have taken their own approach. At the time of going to press:

**Lound** - As many of you are aware, Lound has a WhatsApp group '*Lound Alerts*' to communicate between its residents. If there is anybody living in Lound who is not currently on the group and would like to join it, **please drop your name and telephone number through the letter box at Oak House** on the corner of the crossroads. A number of residents in Lound have already generously posted their availability to help with shopping, medicines, etc for anyone self-isolating or unable to leave the house for any reason.

**Toft** - Letters have been put through each house door giving offers of help.

**Manthorpe** - Letters have been put through each house door giving contact details of offers of help. Also, consideration is being given to forming a village WhatsApp group.

**Edenham & Grimsthorpe** - Steam Action would like to help where we can with prescriptions, pick up of essential items or just a friendly chat! Please call Pat on 01778 591004 who will then pass your message on to a Steam Action member. If anyone would like to help with these pickups, please text Lucie on 07715843387.

**Witham on the Hill** - Letters have been put through each house door giving offers of help.

**Benefice WhatsApp Group** - Fr Ed has started a WhatsApp group. Open the link below in your smart phone browser to join his WhatsApp Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hsmadcmde6rCjOz57Fa3qE>

**St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill** - **FOOD BANK COLLECTION** - The local Food Bank will see an increased demand at this time with so many people with their livelihood in jeopardy. Please, if you feel able, buy

something extra that could go to the Food Bank and put it in the plastic box in church. Core goods are: Squash and UHT fruit juice, UHT milk, sandwich spreads, instant packet soups, sponge puddings, tins and packets of custard, ketchup, gravy powder, toilet paper, washing up liquid, washing powder, deodorants, toothbrushes, shampoo. If any goods need collecting from you please phone:

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**Edenham Village Hall Committee** asks residents to support the funding raising for village hall refurbishment, and a chance to win 1 of 5 FITBIT & Google Nest Mini Bundles, by logging on to [www.lotterysk.co.uk](http://www.lotterysk.co.uk).

**CONDOLENCES** to family, friends and neighbours of Jessie Hales who passed away on 21 March aged 98. A local lady who lived in Witham on the Hill for many years.

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**COVID 19 (Coronavirus)** Readers will be very aware that the current crisis caused by the COVID 19 pandemic is causing many changes and restrictions on us. **PLEASE DO NOT believe** everything you read in **social media**. Much of it is not accurate and often untrue. Two useful websites are the NHS and the HSE. These websites give up to date and reliable information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>  
<https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/coronavirus.htm>

1. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature. **If you have these symptoms**, however mild, **stay at home** and do not leave your house **for 7 days** from when your symptoms started. You **do not** need to **call NHS 111** to go into self-isolation. **If your symptoms worsen** during home isolation **or are no better after 7 days**, **contact NHS 111 online**. If you have no internet access, you should **call NHS 111**. **For a medical emergency dial 999**.

2. Wash your hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and hot water, particularly after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose, or

after being in public areas where other people are doing so. Use hand sanitiser if that's all you have access to.

3. To reduce the spread of germs when you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, or your sleeve (not your hands) if you don't have a tissue, and throw the tissue away immediately. Then wash your hands or use a hand sanitising gel.

4. Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces using your regular cleaning products to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

At the current time and based on our understanding of what is known of COVID-19 and other similar respiratory viruses, it is likely that older people and those with chronic medical conditions may be vulnerable to severe disease. As more information emerges, recommendations may change.

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## **100 years ago this month**

### **April 1920**

The War Memorial. - As we write the Cross is in the course of erection, and promises to be very striking and beautiful. We hope to describe the ceremony of consecration next month. The hour was altered to 7 o'clock, to enable a larger number of parishioners to attend.

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# The Vicar Writes

Just a few days ago we all had plans. You may have been planning something for Mothering Sunday or the Easter holidays. Here at the Vicarage I was preparing to print out the 'Holy Week Services' rota (nicknamed 'the mother of all rotas') in an attempt to pin down volunteers to read, pray and (somewhat reluctantly) to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday. Since then we've had to close the Regional House, cancel the programme for the next three months and suspend all our activities. The guidance issued by the hierarchy of the Church of England became successively more restrictive through the week to the point where all Sunday and weekday services have now ceased, only five people can attend a wedding and funerals are limited to close family, no organist, no verger and no one over seventy (with everyone sat two metres apart). I'm no longer permitted to visit people under seventy or anyone with a vulnerable health condition. Like so many people I have to find new ways of doing things and for me that means new ways of serving the Church. So, we've set up a Benefice WhatsApp group (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hsmadcmde6rCjOz57Fa3qE0>) and we've been experimenting livestreaming Morning and Evening Prayer via the Regional House Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/edenhamregionalhouse>) and filming the Eucharist for uploading to YouTube.

If you know anyone who would welcome a phone call then do please drop me a line (01778 591358). It's all very different. The worst thing by far is not being able to be with people or to welcome them here to the Regional House. Serving the Church and community through recording or streaming services can only ever be half of what I do; I have to find a way of serving people in a practical and tangible way too! I'm open to any ideas or suggestions you might have!

I was reminded of this whilst preparing some sermon notes for a recording today. A Scribe once asked Jesus 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no

commandment greater than these.’ The first part of Jesus’ response was taken from the book of Deuteronomy and was repeated by pious Jewish folk every morning and evening. In some sense it was Israel’s creed; loving God with heart, soul and strength. The second part of Jesus’ answer came from Leviticus chapter nineteen, ‘You shall not take vengeance... but you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ So, what was special about what Jesus said? Well, many before him had taught the importance of loving God and the need to treat others well, but no one had ever really fused them together in the way that he did. It wasn’t that Jesus set a new standard for us, rather he highlighted the truth that love for God and love for neighbour were mutually inclusive and could never be separated or divided.

In the current climate, and with many of us retreating into social isolation, loving our neighbour becomes even more of a challenge. The great danger is that we risk adopting an ‘everyone for themselves attitude’ to the extent that our ‘neighbours’ all but disappear. But that cannot be reconciled with what Jesus taught. We must continue to show our love, care and regard for others in any way that we can. That might start with taking only what we really need at the supermarket or offering to queue for others at the pharmacy. It could also mean giving away some of what we have because the need of others is greater. Sadly, it may also mean being responsible by limiting social interaction (even within families). The coronavirus pandemic challenges all, but it also provides us with the opportunity (and the need) to act on what we believe in new and different ways; to demonstrate in a changing world that love of God and love of neighbour are always two sides of the same coin. Let us pray that in these testing times God may not find us wanting but rather acting responsibly and praying intently in response to his great love for us.

With every blessing,

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Fr Edward



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# Dates for your Diary

**MANY OF THE EVENTS PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.**

**ALSO THERE ARE NO CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES DURING APRIL**

**Of the events listed below, the organisers have asked me to remind readers that this is a rapidly changing situation. Please ask the organisers nearer the event for an update.**

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

**Thursday 21 May, 6pm, Swinstead Village Hall - Swinstead Parish Council meeting.** Followed by the **Annual Parish meeting at 7.30pm.** The Annual Parish Meeting is open to all electors of the Village who have the right not only to attend but also to speak on any matter of local interest. For more information please contact C Hatch (Clerk) Swinstead Parish Council (01476 552053) [swinsteadparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:swinsteadparishcouncil@gmail.com)

**Monday, 8 June 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill - WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM.** After the meeting, a social session with refreshments – bring an interesting article or topic to discuss.

**Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery** It is with regret that the Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery will remain closed until further notice.

**Steam Action** Unfortunately, all VE Day plans for Friday 8th May at Edenham Village Hall have been put on hold. As have any spring/summer events. Our next event will be the Veg and Produce Show on Saturday 12th September. (Open to all who receive The Three Towers) We have included the schedule in this months Parish Mag, so if you're self isolating there's plenty of crafts to be getting on with! We hope to see everyone soon at our next community event.



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# Steam Action 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Produce Show

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2012 | Edenham Village Hall

## Who can enter?

Residents of villages who receive The Three Towers

Relatives of those who live in Edenham Parish

Eligible members of Steam Action

Pupils of Edenham School, Edenham Pre-School and Pillarwood Farm  
Pre-School.



## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

6-7pm - Please bring your entries to the hall

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

8.30-10.30am - Please bring your entries to the hall

2pm - Viewing and refreshments

3pm - Presentation of trophies

3.30pm - Auction of produce

- \* 25p per entry
- \* Winners trophies are given but need to be returned before next year's show
- \* Scoring - 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points & 50p prize money, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point
- \* Show secretaries Nikki Gunn 01778 591197 & Lucie Wilson 01778 591426

**Section A** – Flowers (Grown by the exhibitor for at least 2 months)

1. One rose (any variety)
2. Vase of six roses (any variety)
3. Vase of mixed flowers cut from open border (any variety)
4. Tallest Sunflower (judged on premises)
5. Flowering pot plant
6. Vase of five dahlias
7. Vase of five chrysanthemums
8. Vase of sweet peas
9. Foliage pot plant
10. Hanging basket (judged on premises)
11. Cactus or Succulent

**Section B** – Decorative (Completed in the last 12 months)

12. Arrangement of flowers (not to exceed 24" overall)
13. Wreath
14. Button hole used for a wedding (man or woman)
15. A collage of leaves or fruits (maximum size A4)
16. A flower or foliage arrangement in an unusual container
17. Arrangement of flowers, fruit or vegetable not to exceed 12" overall
18. Arrangement of garden materials (no purchased blooms)
19. One vegetable and one bloom (open to any interpretation)
20. Greenery arrangement not to exceed 18" overall

**Section C** –Fruit and Vegetables (Grown by the exhibitor for at least two months)

21. Box of mixed vegetables (maximum box size 18" x 12")
22. Cucumber
23. Three potatoes any colour
24. Three quality carrots with 3" tops

25. Pepper (any variety)
26. Three onion sets
27. One large onion
28. Three greenhouse tomatoes
29. Three pods of runner beans
30. Unusual shaped, or sized, fruit or veg
31. Pair of marrows, courgettes, squash or pumpkins
32. Five shallots
33. Three beetroot
34. Tied bunch of three herbs
35. Three dessert apples
36. Three cooking apples
37. Bowl of dessert fruit

**Section D** – Homemade (Completed in the last 12 months, wrapped in Clingfilm)

38. Homemade beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)
39. Jar of curd any flavour (must have cellophane top)
40. Jar of jam any flavour (must have cellophane top)
41. Jar of marmalade any variety (must have cellophane top)
42. Jar of chutney any variety (must have cellophane top)
43. Jar of piccalilli (must have cellophane top)
44. Victoria Sponge (jam filled, sprinkled with castor sugar)
45. Six squares of flapjack
46. Showstopper (baked item with WOW factor)
47. Four fruit scones
48. One rich fruit cake
49. Savoury quiche in foil container
50. Apple pie in foil container
51. Loaf of bread
52. Decorated chocolate cake
53. Bake off cake (recipe to be published)
54. Five pieces of Shortbread
55. Five decorated cupcakes

- 56. Lemon tray bake
- 57. Six sausage rolls

**Section E – Handicrafts (Completed in the last 12 months)**

- 58. Drawing or Painting (oil or watercolour)
- 59. Sewing machine item
- 60. Wood crafted item
- 61. Hand knitted or Crocheted item
- 62. Item of patchwork
- 63. Wind chime
- 64. Article of embroidery or cross stitch
- 65. One Christmas themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A4 size)
- 66. Upcycled / recycled item (included explanation)
- 67. Item of paper craft

**Section F – Children Under 7 years (key stage 1)**

- 68. Item of cookery
- 69. Vegetable model
- 70. Drawing or painting based on  
Pantomime characters
- 71. Photograph of an animal
- 72. Miniature garden (maximum size 12" x 18". Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
- 73. Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
- 74. Creative use of a toilet roll

**Section F - Children 7 – 15 years (key stage 2 and 3)**

- 75. Item of cookery
- 76. Vegetable model
- 77. Drawing or painting based on  
Pantomime characters
- 78. Photograph of an animal
- 79. Miniature garden (maximum size 12" x 18". Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
- 80. Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
- 81. Creative use of a toilet roll

**Section G – Photography (Taken within the last 12 months with the exception of class 82) (Maximum size of photo 7" x 5")**

- 82. Recreated photo (include old and new photo – see rules for example)
- 83. Bridges
- 84. A landscape
- 85. A Historic Building
- 86. How you spent your “self-isolation”

**Section H – Disaster**

- 87. Planned entry that ended in disaster

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4. “Not for sale” cards are available on request and should be placed with any item  
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5. The judge’s decision is final.
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# Clerk's Notes of Parish Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at the Toft Hotel.

## **Present**

Cllr. Richard Stephenson (Chairman), Cllr. Richard Hartley, Cllr. Mrs S Renner, Cllr. J Dawson Clerk- Rosemary Trollope-Bellew and C.Cllr Robert Reid

Members of the public - 4

## **Public Forum - 7.30pm**

Residents enquired about HGV's using Wilsthorpe Road to Manthorpe, Lound bridge and single track road from Toft, flooding at Toft Y junction.

## **Meeting commenced at 7.40pm**

**Chairman's opening remarks** – Cllr Stephenson welcomed all those present.

**Apologies** - None.

**Declarations of Interest** – None

## **Minutes of Parish Council & matters arising**

It was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr. Renner that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 be accepted. All agreed. **Action Cllr Stephenson.**

## **Highways**

Cllr Stephenson reported on the community speed watch presentation organised by the Clerk. It was agreed that no further action was required on the basis that it was felt that sufficient support for teams to man the required apparatus would not be forthcoming. It was agreed to monitor the situation for any further future action should circumstances change.

It was decided that Cllr Stephenson would speak with Graham Butler from the Road Safety Partnership about re-active speed signs. **Action RS/Clerk.**

Cllr Stephenson reported that he and the Chairman of Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council had met with Meynells and it had been agreed that all their HGV's would be using Bourne Southern by-pass in the future. They would also support the effort of the Parish Council to apply for a Road Traffic



Order for the Wilsthorpe/Manthorpe road.

White lines had been approved for Witham on the Hill Cross roads, no date given.

Residents were informed that they could report a highways fault online at <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

It was suggested that the parish ask for the verges to be cut upto the 30mph speed limit on the Wilsthorpe Road. **Action Cllr Hartley.**

## **Planning Applications**

S19/1902 Mr G Lyon Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension Location: Kerbeck Wilsthorpe Road Manthorpe **Approved 11.12.19**

S19/1066 Mr James Brown: Extension and conversion of farm building to form 3 dwellings and erection of a dwelling at Pond Meadow, Toft. **Approved 06.12.19**

S19/1275 Applicant: Mr M Robinson Proposal: Change of use of agricultural buildings to kiln drying and log storage and housing of biomass boilers (retrospective) Location: Toft Lodge , Stamford Road, Lound, PE10 0JY, **Approved 05.11.19**

S19/1237 Acorus-Prior notification relating to change of use of an agricultural building to class B8 storage under class R of pt 3, Toft Lodge. **No Information**

S19/0852 Ryefield, Manthorpe-erect one & half storey detached dwelling, detached garage-outline planning. **Approved 06.09.19**

S19/1376 Mr & Mrs Wilcockson Proposal: Demolition of an existing conservatory and erection of a single storey extension, along with landscaping Location: Manthorpe House . **Approved 09.10.19**

## **Financial Report**

Balances to date:-

Current Account - £3,984.23, Savings Account - £1,061.05, Building Society - £22,994.55 = **Total £28,039.83**

Building Society Interest rates to be reduced from 0.02% to 0.01%.

It was agreed that the parish precept would remain at zero.

Clerk reported that all the rents had been received.

### Payments

1. Manthorpe Butcher-fireworks £64.70
2. Richard Blanchard-fireworks £150.00
3. Richard Stephenson-fireworks £15.80
4. St Johns Ambulance-fireworks £115.20

It was proposed by Cllr Hartley seconded by Cllr Dawson that the items 1-4 be paid and approved that item 5 had been paid in November under delegated powers.

5. G Plews-playing field maintenance £500.00

### Parish Property

Jasmine Cottage-rent review. Clerk to forward information to Cllr Dawson.

#### **Action Clerk.**

Playing Field- Grass cutting review. It was agreed that Cllr Dawson would communicate with Richard Harris for 2020 season.

It was agreed that 3 quotations were required for new play equipment.

#### **Action RS**

Bus Shelters-Manthorpe/Toft. It was agreed that maintenance would commence in the spring.

Defibrillators – It was agreed that training would be arranged separately to parish council meetings. **Action Cllr Renner.**

### Correspondence

- 1.LCC Schools consultation Nov-Jan 2020. Cllrs 25.11.19
- 2.Environment Agency-flood warning advice. Cllrs 25.11.19
- 3.South Kesteven Local Plan 2011-2036 - Notice of Publication of the Inspector's Report. Cllrs 13.01.20

**Report from Outside Bodies** – Cllr Reid reported that the County Council were set to increase their share of the community tax by 3%, Debbie Barns would be the new Chief Executive.

### **Village Concerns**

Personal gifts for work done on behalf of the parish - The clerk reminded councillors that they were unable to give individual gifts.

Concern was expressed about the right of way No 5, across Toft Golf Course, had been moved, therefore altering the route. **Action Clerk.**

It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Dawson to purchase the BT Kiosk at Manthorpe for £1.00, ideas required for its use. **Action Clerk**

VE Day Celebrations on 8<sup>th</sup> May, It was agreed to gauge interest from parishioners before further action was taken. **Action Cllr Stephenson.**

It was agreed that the Annual Fireworks Party continued but more volunteers were required. The chairman thanked Robert Reid for providing soup.

**Any Other Business** – items to be placed on next agenda

VE Day, Fireworks Party 2020, BT Kiosk – use

**Date of Next Meeting** – The Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Toft Hotel, 7pm

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Our visitors were Rosemary & Tony who came in traditional canal dress to tell us of the history of Grantham Canal. It was designed by William Jessop and the building of the canal started in 1793. It was completed in 1797, having been dug by hand! The Duke of Rutland at Belvoir had his own wharf & railway line to the castle. The canal was mainly used to transport coal from Nottingham. The decline of trade began in the 1850s due to the growth of railways. The Canal was closed in 1936 but water was kept for agricultural use. It was also put to recreational use, even ice skating in the hard winter of 1947. In 1968 it was declassified and proposal to fill it in was quickly rejected when the Grantham Canal Society was set up. A 20-mile stretch of the canal is dry and not navigable. It is owned by the Canal & Riverside Trust but a lot of repair work and maintenance is done by volunteers. In 2010 a trip boat was purchased; it takes 10 people and can be privately hired. Members and volunteers always welcome.

Raffle winner was our guest Tony.

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## SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at:  
18.30hrs on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

**Public Forum:** Three members of the public attended the forum and were most welcome. During the 15-minute forum the following points were raised:

Mrs Underhill reported that the Village Hall had been under some scrutiny recently with representatives from various organisations, including Lincolnshire Fire Service and SKDC's Environmental Health Department. These organisations had carried out appropriate checks at the Village Hall with the result that they all met the appropriate standards. Mr G Brown has also spoken with the Licencing Authority who confirmed the Village Hall was in full compliance.

Mrs Underhill asked what an EGM was, also what was discussed at the SPC EGM on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Cllr Cunningham explained that an EGM was an Extraordinary General Meeting and it was called due to a motion being discussed at a meeting around having the Village Picnic last September. However, as the subject was not on the agenda at the Parish Council Meeting, the EGM was called to allow Councillors to discuss and vote on the subject.

Mrs Underhill also raised the question around who made the decision as to how many Councillors served on the Parish Council and if it was possible to increase the current number. Cllr Adams explained that the number was calculated dependent on the number of Residents within the Village. The Clerk to the Council also explained that they had investigated this before, and whereas we can increase the number of Councillors to Seven, the process takes approximately 2 years.

Finally, Mrs Underhill stated that she was looking forward to welcoming the new Parish Council Appointed Trustee to the Village Hall Committee.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were agreed as an accurate record and signed.

**Clerk's Report:**

Finance **report** was presented and accepted as an accurate record.

**Statistics** from the 30mph speed sign for Creeton Rd, High Street and Bourne Road were passed to the Councillors. Vehicles travelling in excess of 30mph, Creeton Rd = 45 (Road closed for most of December) High St = 931, Bourne Rd = 1378.

**Correspondence** received from the Parish Litter Picker confirming her last day as the 20<sup>th</sup> February. The Councillors asked the PC to write and thank Mrs Osbourn for all her hard work and enclose a £50 voucher as a token for all she has done for the Village.

**Letter received** from Grimsthorpe Estate acknowledging SPC correspondence of the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020, confirming the request to scour out the culvert in Creeton Rd - work to be confirmed. Also, the Estate has instructed a local contractor to cut back the hedge at the top of Forstedd Hill. (Work now complete).

In the same correspondence, the Estate advised, it had been contacted by the occupiers of the allotments at Swinstead regarding the maintenance of the hedge that surrounds the site. Cllr Lynch advised the meeting that when the site was previously the football field it was the football body who took responsibility for the maintenance of the hedge and, as such, the responsibility now falls to the allotment owners. (Parish Clerk to confirm this to the Estate and Allotment owners.)



**Letter received** 27<sup>th</sup> Jan from the Secretary of the Village Hall requesting the name of the one Appointed Trustee from the Parish Council be advised at the PC earliest convenience.

**Letter received** from Gareth Davies MP, requesting the Chair of the PC to attend a Parish Summit at SKDC offices on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. (Cllr Cunningham to attend).

**Two planning applications were received:**

**Application No 520/0284** Replace three windows within front elevation of Listed Building, 14 High Street, Swinstead, NG33 4PA. This was unanimously approved by the PC.

**Application No 520/0306** To install solar panels on both properties at 7 Macham Close. This was unanimously rejected by the PC as it was felt to be completely out of character with the Village and surrounding properties.

**E-Mail received** from Lincolnshire County Council Highways confirming results from the SPC enquiry as to the ownership of the Ash Tree at the entrance of High Street Swinstead. Highways, having carried out a Land Registry Search, confirmed the tree is part of the property boundary and the responsibility of the property owner. (PC to write to the property owner to advise).

**New Website Training**

The PC attended a training course for the New Parish Council Website. This is due to LCC having to bring their website and all those they are responsible for in line with new accessibility laws. The new Parish web site should be completed within the next two months. PC will keep you informed.

**Planter signage**

Two quotes were received and discussed; it was agreed by all present that six signs are to be purchased at a cost of £175 + vat. The black lettering to read “Welcome to Swinstead” and “Please Drive Slowly”

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## **Chairman's Report:**

**Muir Housing,** Parish Clerk asked to contact Muir Housing regarding gifting land to SPC. It was agreed that they would be given to the end of this financial year to either gift the land or the Parish Council would claim back costs incurred for ongoing maintenance.

**New Estate Flooding.** Work to resolve the flooding appears to have been put back due to pressures of workload with the recent flooding across the County. County Councillor Bob Adams to investigate and report back.

**Speeding Car.** The Chairman advised he has received a complaint from a resident of a car speeding from Croake Hill through the High St, turning into the car park of the Village Hall and speeding back again. Once the car owner has been identified a letter will be sent from the Parish Council to the owner, a copy of which will be sent to the police.

**Village Picnic.** The Chairman raised the subject of the Village Picnic that proved very popular last year. All present welcomed the decision to repeat the event again this year, date to be confirmed.

**Events:** Councillors discussed VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May. The V for Victory symbol at the junction of Park Rd and Bourne Rd is to be decorated. More information in the forthcoming Parish Council Newsletter.

**Highways:** Cllr Lynch raised the issue of the blocked culvert at the junction of Bourne Rd and Forstedd Hill. He asked the PC to contact Grimsthorpe Estate and local farmers to establish who is responsible for the maintenance and arrange for it to be cleared to prevent further flooding.

## **Parish Council Appointed Trustee to the Village Hall:**

Cllr Cunningham explained that he and Cllrs Dermody & Darling had met with the Village Hall Committee at the end of 2019 and had volunteered their services to the committee, with the belief that having 3 Councillors on board would be a welcome boost and allow both the PC and VHC to work closer together.

However, the VHC did not welcome having 3 Councillors on board and were openly hostile and unfriendly to the Councillors at the Village Hall Committee meeting they attended in January 2020. Therefore, the Chairman proposed that there be no representative of the Parish Council to the Village Hall Committee.

The Parish Clerk confirmed he had spoken with LALC (Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils). They advised that although there is no obligation for a Parish Council to be represented on a VH committee, in their opinion it is best practice. The Parish Clerk also asked LALC if he, as a non-voting member of the Parish Council, could be the Appointed Trustee, which he is happy to undertake. LALC were happy with this arrangement as the Parish Clerk is impartial.

The Chairman therefore called a vote to determine whether the Parish Council should send a representative from the Parish Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Dermody; the vote was 3 to 2 in favour of the proposal not to have an appointed trustee.

**New Parish Cleaner:** Two applications were received for the position of Parish Litter Picker. After discussion, the successful applicant was Mrs G Clarke.

**Matters Arising:**

Cllr Lunn to advise the Councillors on how many new fruit trees will be required to replace the damaged ones in the Jubilee Orchard.

Cllr Bob Adams requested help regarding the continual problems with the gravel lorries. He asks that if anyone observes lorries speeding or driving in an inappropriate manner, to try to note the registration and company name so that he can contact the companies direct, at County Council level.

**Date of the next meeting:** Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 - 18.00hrs Swinstead Village Hall. Followed by the Annual Parish Meeting (Annual Town Meeting) 19.30hrs.

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# Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting

10th March 2020

## Open Forum Meeting:

The Chairman welcomed the three members of the public to the meeting, Mr & Mrs M Smith and Mr K Alder.

Mr Kevin Alder who has applied for the vacant position of Street cleaning, Kevin introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his working life/ experience.

Mrs Pat Smith, Edenham Village Hall committee, raised concerns that there is still an outstanding issue in relation renewing of the property lease from Grimsthorpe Estate and associated costs. Parish Clerk to follow up the outstanding issue on behalf of the Village Hall committee.

Mrs P Smith also highlighted the LotterySK, which gives you a chance to win £25K, from every £1 spent the village hall refurbishment programme benefits 50p.

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](mailto:edenham.pc@gmail.com) – or contacting any of your current councillors.

## Commencement of Parish Council Meeting

**Apologies for absence** - Cllr A Martin

**Approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 January 2020** - Minutes approved by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Cranfield, minutes signed by the Chairman.

## Parish Council Meeting.

**Street Cleaning Vacancy** - As mentioned in the open forum Mr Kevin Alder applied for the Street cleaning role. All Councillors agreed that Mr Kevin Alder be offered the position. Parish Clerk to confirm the offer and progress employment contract.

**SID Update** - the unit is currently in position near Copy Lawn Farm. It is also

confirmed that the new Highways sign that had previously been blocking the unit by Pillarwood has now been removed by the Highways Dept.

**Road Condition - Tumblerow Farm/Scottlethorpe Road** - Cllr Hill (LCC) confirmed on 23/01/2020 (email to Parish Clerk), that Highways have fixed potholes that were previously reported and that jetting has been scheduled for the blocked pipe near Tumblerow Farm. Cllr Hill also confirmed that there are currently no plans to do any major works on the road but it will be patched as necessary to keep it safe.

Further discussions at this meeting by the Parish Cllrs confirmed that whilst some potholes have been patched the road condition has further deteriorated due to the recent wet weather. There is a large area on the road side which is badly eroded near Tumblerow Farm, this is giving cause for the safety of vehicles and people using the road. It was agreed that this be raised with LCC and reported via the 'Fix My Street App'.

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 .

**Gigabyte Voucher Scheme** - Cllr Clarke confirmed that Open Reach have been contacted to ask for costs for fibre connections for three business and seven residential properties, this is estimated to be £45k, there are grants available which can also be progressed towards this cost. This is work in progress and Cllr Clarke will feedback at the next meeting.

**Parish Assets - Update on outstanding assets (Grimsthorpe)** - Cllr A Wilson confirmed that the assets in Grimsthorpe are in good condition, Parish Clerk to update the asset register.

**Anglian Water Work - Grass verges damage around Church Lane** - Anglian Water has been contacted, however, there has been no feedback from it. Parish Clerk to chase Anglian Water for a reply.

**Councillor Resignation and Vacant Councillor Position** - Following the





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resignation of Cllr A Martin at the meeting on 14th January 2020, the Chairman highlighted that Cllr Martin has given a considerable amount of time and support over many years to the Parish Council. This was further acknowledged by all Cllrs.

The Chairman and Cllrs agreed that the position for a Councillor in the Parish be placed on Parish Council notice boards and website.

**Hedge/Tree trimming near the BT Exchange in Grimsthorpe** - The Chairman reported that the trees around the area have grown very tall and the roots are causing problems with the adjacent wall, which is damaged/fallen over. It was agreed by the Cllrs that BT, land owners of this area be contacted by the Parish Clerk to ask for action to be taken in relation to the trees and the damaged wall.

**Local Security - implementation of a 'No Cold Calling Zone'** - Information was provided to Cllrs in advance of this meeting to give an overview of the scheme and the requirements for implementation. The scheme is aimed at deterring cold calling, which benefits vulnerable people making them feel more secure in their home. The scheme is run in conjunction with Lincolnshire Trading Standards and Lincolnshire Police. All Cllrs were in agreement of starting the process for implementing the scheme. Information on the processes that must be followed will be supplied to all properties in due course.

## **Planning Matters**

**Application S20/0146 - Featherwell Farm Grimsthorpe** - Parish Cllrs visited the site on 4th March 2020, plans were reviewed by the Cllrs. Cllrs have no comments to add to the application.

**Application S20/0355 - Brudeene, 30 Scottlethorpe Road Erection of porch and internal alterations.** Plans have been reviewed by Cllrs, there are no comments to add to the application.

Full details for the above-mentioned planning applications can be found on South Kesteven planning application website.

## **Financial Matters:**

### **Expenditure**

LALC Annual Membership - £84.36

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## **Correspondence**

**House of Commons** - Parish Council Summit Invite Friday 20th March 2020.

**The Reverend Anthony Barnes Charity** - confirmation letter and cheque.

Parish Clerk confirmed receipt of the cheque to the Charity.

**Admin Matters** - None

## **Matters for the next meeting**

**Cllr Bradley** - Consideration for flower beds/displays in the village.

**Cllr Cranfield** - Refuse and unwanted items collections/removal.

**With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.58 hrs.**

## **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Edenham Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12th May, in Edenham Village Hall, commencing immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting which commences 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.

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