

WILLINGHAM by STOW PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER 2021

- The Parish Council is made up of 7 elected Councillors, one of whom is chosen as Chairman during the Council's Annual Meeting.
- The Parish Council represents and serves the whole community and is responsible for the services it provides following consultation with parishioners (e.g. Annual Parish Meeting/Parish Meetings etc.), it establishes policies for action and decides how money will be raised and spent on behalf of the community. It is responsible for spending the money raised lawfully and without risk and for achieving the best value for money.
- It also maintains the public footpaths within the village on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council, as well as the grassed area on the corner of Grange Lane & High Street.
- The Parish Council owns the land operated and maintained by the Playing Field Committee, and contributes to the cost of grass cutting there.
- In addition the Parish Council owns the two fields (Parish Fields) at the junction of Fillingham Road and Stone Pit Lane. The grass-keeping of these fields is put out to tender each year
- The Parish Council currently provides and maintains Willingham Cemetery (Marton Road), grass cutting in the church yard & public seating within the Parish



Willingham Parish Council Final Accounts as at 31/03/21

Summary of Receipts and Payments

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Precept	11,000.00	General Admin	4,449.08
Grass Cutting Agreement	288.88	Grounds Maintenance	2,970.00
VAT return	170.66	S137	190.00
Interest	0.92	VAT	194.15
Cemetery revenue	2,150.00	Property Maintenance	1,003.92
Parish Field Rent	135.00	Grant Funding	3,500.00
Grants	10,000.00	General Reserves	300.00
	<u>23,745.46</u>		<u>12,607.15</u>

Account Reconciliation

Opening Balance 31/03/20		
Account 90765678		5,782.87
Account 20183679		<u>2,012.39</u>
Sub Total		<u>7,795.26</u>
Add receipts		23,745.46
Deduct Payments		<u>12,607.15</u>
Closing balance 31/03/21		<u>18,933.57</u>
Bank Accounts	Closing balance	31/03/2021
Account 90765678		16,920.26
Account 20183679		2,013.31
		<u>18,933.57</u>

The balance corresponds with bank statement as 31st March 2021

BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION

to be judged from the roadside end of July/beginning

August

Prize to be awarded at Horticultural Show

Saturday 25th September 2021

Anyone New to the Village??

We have a *Welcome to Willingham* letter with all the information you will need to help you settle in – please contact Dorothy Wain on 788332

YOUR COUNCILLORS:

David Bingham (Chair)	787448
Quincy Connell	788886
David Leak	787813
Michael Bates	787117
Dorothy Wain	788332
Syd Webster (Vice)	788788

Clerk: Mrs Lisa Brooks-Sleight
Email: willinghambystow.pc@sky.com

Garden bonfires—if burned in an uncontrolled manner, may give off smoke which will annoy and be a nuisance to nearby neighbours. Smoke problems from garden bonfires can be minimised by following these simple guidance notes:

1. Compost as much garden rubbish as possible and keep any burning to a minimum.
2. Hedge clippings/other woody cuttings which are unsuitable for composting should be thoroughly dried before being burnt.
3. Do not light a bonfire if the wind is going to cause the smoke or smuts to be a nuisance to anyone.
4. Avoid lighting a fire within an hour of sunset or leaving it alight later than one hour after sunset when weather conditions often cause smoke to hang in the air.
5. Do not leave the bonfire unattended as burning conditions may change quickly with the possibility of either heavy smoke emissions or risk to the safety of nearby structures.
6. Never allow a bonfire to smoulder – extinguish it with soil or water before leaving it.
7. For safety's sake, never add household rubbish to a garden bonfire, particularly items such as aerosol cans or plastics, as explosions or acrid, chemical smoke may result.
8. Be aware of the law concerning smoke nuisance. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 gives a local authority the power to serve an Abatement Notice where it is satisfied that a nuisance has occurred, or is likely to occur or recur, which effectively prohibits further nuisance. If such an Abatement Notice is then contravened, it can result in a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5000).
9. As an alternative to garden bonfires, there is the WLDC Garden Waste Collection Service. Or you may choose to take your garden rubbish to your local house waste recycling centre (tip). Your co-operation in avoiding nuisance from smoke and ash will, I am sure, be appreciated by all your neighbours.

WLDC PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Your Parish Council

- The *ANNUAL MEETING* of the council was held on 6th May where Cllr David Bingham was re-elected as Chairman and Syd Webster as Vice
- Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the *ANNUAL PARISH MEETING* was cancelled, to be held when permitted
- *Grants* last year were given to the Village Hall & Playing Field Committee's and to the church for the Christmas Lights
- All meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the notice board & website along with meeting dates and other council information
- The PC have a new website which is a working process & will be updated over the year.
- Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month (no meetings in January & August) at 8pm in the village hall
- Residents are welcome to all meetings, where, during Public Participation may speak to the council in relation to an agenda item or matters of concern/interest. If you have a matter which you would like the council to discuss, please submit to the clerk a week in advance of the meeting so that it can be added to the agenda

Environment Agency

to report any bad odours please ring the
freephone incident number

0800 807060

Willingham Table Tennis

Willingham Table Tennis is proud to announce that it will be open for the new session. There is a junior group that runs from 7pm till 8 & Adults from 8 till 10 on a Wednesday evening. It will be held in Willingham Village Hall on the High St.

The first of 2 free taster evenings for all age groups will be on September 15th & the other the following week.

We are looking for new members & all abilities are welcome especially new comers to both groups so please come & join us for a friendly game of Ping-Pong, refreshments & sociable banter.

Sam Hunt - 07947 447292

Colin Gil - ca.gill@btinternet.com

Kev Birket - Kev.Birkett@dynexsemi.com

Willingham Show Society.

The committee meets three times a year to organise the annual show which is held on the final Saturday of September. The show has classes for fruit and veg, baking, art and crafts, photography etc both for adults and juniors. Competition is light hearted and we would encourage everyone to enter something into the show in order to keep this annual event prospering. New members for the committee are always very welcome, you do not need to be an expert.

This year is a special one for us – our 75th anniversary. As well as the show we have several other events planned. An evening of entertainment with Kelly Ann on September 25th and then tree planting of 75 trees on the playing fields later in the Autumn. We do hope you will join in.

Sue Faull, secretary, 788092

THANK YOU

- to the resident who maintains the planter on the corner of High St/Grange Lane
- the residents who regularly litter pick around the village
- the residents who cut the grass –footpaths/verges around the village

The Bell Ringers

The bell ringers meet to practise on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm and ring for Sunday Services and other special occasions such as weddings. Bell ringing is a fun hobby which provides a great work out for body and mind. We often meet up with ringers from other churches to enjoy ringing and socialising together. At the moment Covid restrictions do not allow us to teach new ringers because of the close contact that is needed to learn to handle a bell. But as soon as the restrictions are completely removed, we would welcome enquiries from people who would like to find out more about this amazing heritage performing Art.

Sue Faull, Tower Captain, St Helen's Willingham.

The village website

-contains a lot of information about the village and is happy to display events in Willingham to help promotion.

If you didn't receive a copy of the Millennium Booklet which outlines the history of our village, it can be downloaded from the website. You'll find contact information for most organisations and details of the Annual Horticultural Show categories.

You can find that and other information at
www.willinghambystow.co.uk

Use the contacts section to post news of events.

WILLINGHAM BAND

Willingham Band was formed in 1985. It allows local musicians to practise, perform and develop their musical skills .

We also provide musical performances for local events, and during the Christmas period we are kept busy with Carol events, Nativity services, etc.

We are a wind band (woodwind, brass and percussion), and play a wide repertoire including pop, classics and "songs from the shows".

The Band is ideal for experienced musicians, as well as musicians who haven't played for a while, and need to "blow the dust from their instruments". School musicians who would like to play in a real band away from school would also enjoy playing with Willingham Band. We may even be able to lend you an instrument.

We rehearse at Willingham Village Hall, Friday evenings at 7.30

For further information, ring :

Helgi Gudmundson - 01427 788092

Playing Field Committee – PC Summer Newsletter 2021

For many, our village playing field has been an even more important asset during the pandemic, a slightly odd statement given that most of the facilities have been off limits due to the restrictions. However, a visit to the park on the daily walk became a particular highlight for many which underlines just how bored many of us became! The allotments (Gardeners' Gym) were allowed to continue and this provided a welcome break for some.

Many improvements have taken place. In addition to the agility trail and adult gym, we have installed a table tennis table. Drainage work will shortly be undertaken to the football pitch, a toilet is to be added to the changing rooms and a large number of trees are to be planted.

All this requires support, both physical and financial but with several new members joining the committee we can be assured of both.

That said, we will always welcome further helpers and if interested please contact myself 07841 780492

or our chairman, Dave Mann 07808 068067.

AND!!!

DETAILS AND TICKETS TO **MANIFEST 2021!** - 7TH AUGUST

CONTACT DAVE MANN AT chocmk@hotmail.com

'DON'T BE A SQUARE BE THERE!' (profits to playing field)

Ray Didcock Treasurer

restrictive on our lives. It will be a mixture of music, hymns and songs inter spaced with poems, stories and readings . Do come along and join us for this event. Currently we have a communion service on alternate Sundays where you will always find a warm welcome. Times of services are in the parish magazine and on the church notice board. We also would welcome any new choir members or any new bell ringers.

Barbara Bussey and Mary Hutchinson

Church Wardens

Dogs

Thank you to the majority of responsible dog owners around the village who clean up after their dogs but we still have a few who think it's ok to leave their dog mess on the footpaths/public areas
-this is a health hazard!

BAG IT! – BIN IT!

We have **dog bins** placed around the village for your use

PLEASE USE THEM!!

NOT THE TREES!

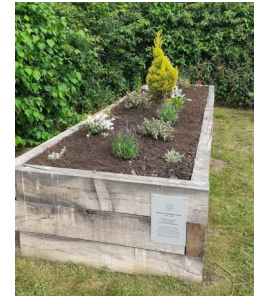
If you have seen someone fail to clear up after their dog, know them, and are willing to give us a statement, then please report the incident on 01427 676676 or online
at <https://west-lindsey-self.achieveservice.com/>

ST HELENS CHURCH

In March 2020 our village church for the first time in centuries became silent. Even during wartimes there never had been, no services, no singing, no sound from the bells and no people inside. A pandemic causing us to virtually be confined to our homes. However our congregation did manage to survive by having services on zoom, dial a sermon and prayer via the telephone. Slowly over the past year restrictions have been lifted at various points and some things began to be allowed. Funerals happened with very restricted numbers initially slowly increasing but still not back to normal. 2020 was also the year where 3 village couples got married in the sight of God but lacking all but their immediate families at the event. Services have now resumed in covid style with social distancing, face coverings and sadly a lack of singing. In more recent weeks the choir have been allowed to sing in small numbers again. The bells have begun to be heard again too as the restrictions have been lifted. We have managed to keep the church open for private prayer at least once a week with a covid cleaning regime in place to manage this. At the end of November our priest in charge Rev Nicola Penn Alison moved to a new post leaving us in vacancy. We have been unable to have our usual fund raising events and our usual income from offertory collections at services, so financially with still the church to maintain it has been a difficult year. It all sounds a bit of doom and gloom but new life is on the horizon. Restrictions are being lifted !! Singing will be heard again by all and we will be able to enjoy sitting with others in church again. It will be so good to have full pews at weddings, funerals, baptisms and fully attended services with a full choir. With this in mind the church is delighted to be a part of the Willingham is Back weekend. On Sunday 29th August at 6.00pm there will be a service of thanksgiving as we see the end of covid being so

The Parish Council received a Covid Grant of £10,000 during the pandemic.

A Memorial Garden & bench have been created, and the PC are looking to extend the cemetery in the near future.

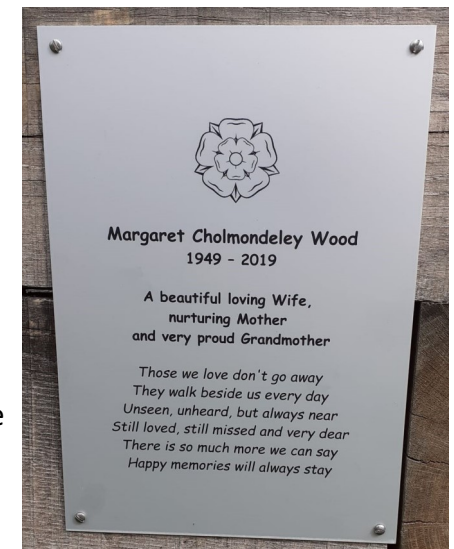


Memorial Garden & bench in the cemetery on Marton Rd. Plaques can be purchased to be attached to the garden.

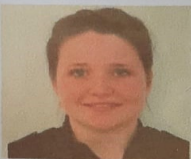
11" x 8" portrait £50

or 6" x 4" landscape £30

The 1st plaque has been attached. Please contact the clerk if you would like to place a plaque on the garden or for any further information



GAINSBOROUGH RURAL SOUTH Neighbourhood Policing Team



PC Rachel Harrison
07976946506



PCSO Glenn Patchett
07973846719



PCSO Melanie
Goodwill -
07973847851

LOCAL PRIORITY

Every three months, we listen to your concerns and look at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. Our priority for the next quarter is:

Speeding in Villages in Gainsborough Rural South.

If you think there is an issue we should be focusing on or have information that might help our current priority, please get in touch at one of our public engagement events or contact us by email or social media.

YOUR neighbourhood | OUR beat

www.lincs.police.uk
(and enter your postcode)

CALL YOUR
LOCAL
POLICE

101

IN AN
EMERGENCY
CALL 999

Lincolnshire
POLICE
policing with PRIDE

West Lindsey District Council—online self service site

Use this site for information regarding bin collection/
fly tipping/litter problems/council tax/planning/
anti-social behaviour –

<https://west-lindsey-self.achieveservice.com/>

Willingham & District Relief in Sickness Charity

Covers the area of Willingham, Kexby, Upton, Heapham, Springthorpe & Corringham It was set up to relieve and provide appropriate services to support those in need of benefit who reside in this area.

We have wheel chairs, commodes, walking aides, toilet seat raisers and shower stools available for loan and we are able to help with the purchase of other medical needs.

The Charity can loan these items to other people that are Patients at Willingham Surgery in the surrounding area.

The Charity donates to each village every year, to hold a senior citizens party.

A Chiropodist service is also available.

If you need help or further details, -

please contact the clerk Lisa Brooks-Sleight - 01427 788440

or Mrs Dorothy Wain - 01427 788332

Are you on Facebook?

The village Facebook page “Willingham is wonderful” is the fastest way to keep abreast of what’s on in Willingham Put it on your smart phone and read about local news and events as they’re announced

WILLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

The village hall after being so quiet during the months of lockdown is now starting to see our community coming back to life again. The committee successfully applied for some grant aid which enabled us to survive not receiving our usual revenue in rental charges whilst still paying our ongoing bills and maintenance costs. We have taken the opportunity whilst it has been quiet to have replaced the leaky roof of the committee room, provide retaining fencing panels to the bankside of the hall, do some decorating and exchange lighting in the kitchen and committee room to be more economical and environmentally friendly. The funding also helped with the costs of making the hall covid secure when we were able to open with restrictions in place. More recently we have managed to secure some extra funding to support the starting up of the halls community use again. We know that many groups suffered with loss of income over the past year so this is being used to support all our organisations and charitable based groups by providing the hall free of rental charges until November 2021. Please do support them in running again and let us know if we can help in any other way. The Village Hall is also supporting the Welcome Back Fun day on the playing field Saturday 28th August. A day for all the community young and old to be together again in true Willingham style. There will be games, music, sport, free entertainment, free ice creams for children and a BBQ for all. Look out for your letter door drop to claim your tickets.

Your village hall committee

Willingham Scout Group

Beavers age range 5years 9 months to 8 years

Cubs age, 8 years to 10.5 years

Scouts age, 10.5 years to 14 years

Explorers, age, 14 years to 18 years

Always looking for volunteers from Leaders to Administrators.

Beavers are full, so please put names on waiting list.

Cubs are also full, so please put names on waiting list.

Scouts a few vacancies.

Explorers a few vacancies

If you wish to join the Adventure

Call Dan Price on 07947 640306

Willingham Winter Festival 2021

After the success of 2019, lockdown restrictions last year meant that the WWF team were unable to plan and execute a Winter Festival. It is hoped that this year Willingham shall once more be holding the festival, again with the Village Hall and St Helens church as the event centres.

Seems strange to be discussing the Winter Festival during July, however it is hoped to commence event planning in the next month. Not yet time to dust off the Christmas Lights.....but its coming.
Paul

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Create your own scarecrow - Open theme:

Use your imagination and make your creations!

Judging will take place on the weekend of
18th/19th September with prizes being awarded at the
Horticultural Show 25th September 2019
Gift Vouchers for 1st,2nd & 3rd

Please register your entry - name & address to
Willinghambystow.pc@sky.com

Lincolnshire County Council

Fault Reporting Service for any highways issues
(streetlights/road signs/pot holes/manhole covers) ,
Noise Nuisances & Reporting Concerns. You can report
these issues by going to the following website
<https://fxmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Friendship club

We are hoping to re-open on Wednesday 1st September at
2-30 in the village hall, this will be a social afternoon , so we
can just catch up and have a natter to everyone, with Tea and
Biscuits and the usual raffle . We welcome new members,
for further details contact Dorothy Wain , 788332

FOXY LADIES

It was very sad to see the closure of the village WI group after
many years contributing to village life. However there seemed a
need for a group to give the ladies in the village an opportunity to
continue to meet socially. Foxy ladies started just 2 months ago
but already has 22 women who have joined the group. We have
enjoyed having the company of each other, shared skills and a
walk along the footpaths to Stow. We have planned outings, the
first being a trip to Doddington Hall this month with theatre and
garden centre visits planned to follow. There are no age barriers
and no strict formalities just having some fun. Meetings take place
on the third Monday of the month in the Village Hall. You would
be very welcome to join us.

For further details call Barbara on 788425 or Ann on 787267.