

West Ashby Parish Council News

November -December 2023

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Speeding on Main Street

The PC have written to the County repeatedly this year and asked for a full review of Main St / Louth Road in response to continued concerns of villagers over speeding. We've collected a wealth of speed data; it doesn't make for good reading. Even in the middle of the village, where speeds should be lowest there is a significant problem, and the volume of traffic is very high.

The County's Richard Fenwick, Head of Highways has responded and agreed that there is a case in reviewing the white lining as part of the next programme of works and that he will meet on-site with the Parish Council to discuss the merits and likelihood of other proposals we put forward. Speeding vehicles makes life unpleasant for us all and presents an unacceptable danger. We shall keep everyone updated and won't stop pressing for some action. We are also liaising with Horncastle Town Council who have concerns over Louth Road where it remains 40mph.



A new 30mph limit is being progressed for the south side of the village up to our white entrance gates which we hope is a step in the right direction. Please do keep an eye out for this coming into force as enforcement will be happening.

Lastly, as part of our focus on highway safety a plea not to park vehicles on pavements in the village; they are dangerously narrow anyway especially for those with scooters, buggies or children and we do not want people being forced into the road.

Barrel Planters



There's been a great response to the first two planters installed outside The Grove and next to the bench outside The Beeches. People from other villages have commented on how good they look..... well people in the pub in Hemingby anyway. The aim of brightening up the village and giving more of a sense of place (which assists in reducing traffic speeds) seems to be having some effect!

Given the success two more planters, one at the corner of Church Lane and one on the corner of Manor Lane have just been put in which we think look splendid. Special thanks to Robert Ward of Belchford for contributing towards the plants!

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Always worth checking out as he does have some of the best plants and baskets!

Bulbs

On the subject of making our village the prettiest parish in all the land we want to give a massive thank you to John from The View who kindly donated crocus blubs. We have started to plant these and hopefully next Autumn you should really see the results!



If anyone wants to help plant some bulbs do let the clerk know as Rob has also just managed to secure 250 more! Also, if you have any ideas for brightening up or improving the village, then let a councillor know as we are always keen for suggestions and helpers, although the one above disappeared after 30 minutes as it was too hot .. those days have now long gone!

Water, Water ... everywhere

After Anglian Waters efforts at making us the new Venice this year we then had the Autumn floods. We understand that there will be an inquiry into the recent flooding in Horncastle and surrounds. We shall let you know what we hear as and when.

Still on the subject of water, we have also reported the running water down Docking Lane to the

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County and Anglian Water ... who must be sick of us by now so hopefully they will get it sorted.

PC Councillor Vacancy

If anyone fancies joining the PC we do have a vacancy. If you are interested, please speak to a councillor about what's involved. We think we are a fun bunch, and we all want to make a positive difference to the village so if that's you – let us know.

Upcoming Events

2 December – Christmas Tree Lighting – meet in the churchyard at 4pm, pray for dry weather, carols and maybe a little tittle to warm us up.

10 December - Pub Xmas Quiz – team of 5ish, £3 per person, kick off at about 6:30. All proceeds go towards the Church. This month it is the term of the Elliots to be the Xmas quiz elves!

22 December – Christmas Carols Service at the Church – 6pm – maybe a trip to the pub after for those in need of refreshment after all that signing?

Other happenings

Girls With Spirit

Meets every first Wednesday of the month in the West Ashby Arms from 7pm – all welcome for a catch up /social.

Manure

Free well-rotted manure available, please ask Karen (Lapwater Cottage - 522 437 / 07 770 792 697)

Logs

There is a village syndicate for log buying – if interested then please ask Rob (Chapel View 07 384 555 207)

Recycling

The Church can recycle printer cartridges, crisp packets, blister packs, stamps, milk bottle lids – please help if you can – all in the porch.